

DJs of Distinction

How to use the Music Library to prepare for your party.

Some points in this guide may not apply for theatrical and staged events, please call us to discuss these kinds of events separately.

Thank you for taking the time to download our music library. Please take a moment to read these notes on the best way to use the extensive list of music and how to prepare for your party.

Firstly please observe that this music library catalogue is very large. It would be inadvisable to hit the Print button on your computer and walk away for a coffee. The size of the file means you could be printing in excess of 650 A4 pages. Best we preserve some trees!

We strongly suggest that you use the catalogue as a guide only. There are several reasons for this; firstly nothing substitutes for a discussion with your DJ. Even if you've got a pretty good idea as to how your party might sound, give your DJ a call. You might find after a discussion that your DJ can make some useful suggestions you hadn't yet considered.

While all of our DJs have prior access to all of the tracks in this list, they most certainly won't have all of them there at your party, again a discussion with your DJ will avoid any party night disappointment by ensuring your DJ has time to source anything you simply "must have" that he/she doesn't already have

Some things you should keep in mind when preparing for your party:

- Have you catered for all age groups in attendance?
- Have you discussed with your DJ about allowing requests from the crowd?
- Have you allowed for scheduling over-runs (Speeches going overtime etc)?
- Have you allowed the DJ flexibility to change the music should the party be a bit flat?
- Have you programmed enough "Party favourites"
- Have you discussed your music requirements with your DJ?

Also bear in mind there may be some songs that while they sound great in the car, don't translate well to the dance floor.

In terms of selecting music for your function I suggest that you go through the music library and use it as a guide, something to jog your memory. By all means make a list of things that you'd like to hear bearing in mind the points above. Be aware that it may be impossible for your DJ to play everything on your list due to a number of factors and this is where your discussions with the DJ can guide you.

We suggest to customers that they give the DJ 5-10 "Must have played" songs and any number of songs beyond that, subject to the understanding that the songs that aren't on the "Must play" list may not get played at all.

One final note about selecting music for your party: In our experience presenting a DJ with a track list that equals the amount of time allocated for the party, with no scope for changing the list and no requests allowed DOES NOT WORK.

If this is what you want to do, have 100% control of the music from start to finish with no opportunity to change the music throughout the night and no requests then we suggest you hire a juke box, after all this is essentially what you'd be asking the DJ to do – perform a "Human jukebox" function. We don't book Human Jukebox functions!

In our 20+ years experience we have never seen this approach work successfully. Even an experienced DJ wouldn't do this at for own party.

So now you've got some homework to do. We hope the above guide is helpful and that you have a great celebration.

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