



Elegant Music Services

MUSICAL MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME



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About Elegant Music Services

Elegant Music Services was founded in 2003 by violinist Nancy Maio, who draws upon her nearly 20 years of experience as co-owner and exclusive music consultant of Syrinx Inc. to provide the highest quality live music ensembles in classical, jazz, ethnic, society orchestra, big band, and variety band styles.

Elegant Music Services utilizes the talents of over 75 professional musicians to assemble the perfect group to fit your event. The client only has to provide us with the kind of sound they are looking for, which determines the types of musicians that will make up the group, and a budget, which will determine the number of musicians in the group, and we will do the rest. For events that require specific music, we will also provide you with a music consultation to help you to choose the appropriate selections and to personalize your event. Our extensive music library makes it possible to fulfill most requests, and if we do not have the music requested, we will go the extra mile to locate it.



Music Offerings

Groups that we provide can be divided into 2 categories: small ensembles, and bands and orchestras.

Small Ensembles

These types of groups can be various sizes and instrument combinations.

To assemble a group, decide how many musicians that you would like to have...

- Solo Choose any instrument
- Duo Choose 2 from list A or 1 from list A and 1 from list D
- Trio Choose 1 from list A, 1 from list B and 1 from list D
- Quartet Choose 1 from list A, 1 from list B, 1 from list C and 1 from list D
- Quintet Choose 2 from list A, 1 from list B, 1 from list C and 1 from list D

...than go to the heading (A, B, C, D) under the style of music that you are looking for.

Classical

A	B	C	D
Violin	Violin	Viola	Cello
Flute	Viola	French Horn	Bassoon
Trumpet	Flute	Trombone	Piano
Oboe	Clarinet	Timpani	Guitar
Piano	Trumpet	Vocalist	Accordion
Organ	Oboe		Harp
Guitar	Guitar		Bass
Accordion			Trombone
Harp			Tuba
Bagpipes			

Jazz

A	B	C	D
Piano	Trumpet	Drum	Bass
Accordion	Sax	Vocalist	Guitar
Guitar	Flute	Piano	
Trumpet	Violin		
Sax	Accordion		
Flute	Guitar		
Violin	Clarinet		
Clarinet	Trombone		
	Vocalist		

Celtic

A	B	C	D
Violin	Violin	Drum	Guitar
Flute	Flute	Violin	Mandolin
Whistle	Whistle	Flute	
Accordion	Accordion	Whistle	
Pipes	Pipes	Accordion	
Mandolin	Mandolin	Pipes	
Banjo	Banjo	Mandolin	
	Drum	Banjo	

Other Ethnic - Contact our office

Bands and Orchestras

- Orchestra
 - The Elegant Society Orchestra – The only one of its kind in Southeastern WI!
 - Gorgeous 8 piece combination including 2 violins, cello, bass, drums, sax, accordion, and vocalist. This is the smoothest of the smooth!
- Big Bands
 - The Nick Contorno Orchestra – Impressive 12 or 16 piece dance band with or without vocalist. The band to call for that really big event.
 - The Crawford Family Band - 5 pieces plus vocalist perform traditional jazz standards.
 - Jerry Grillo and the Fever Band – 3 pieces plus vocalist present jazz standards with a kick! Familiar tunes played by fabulous musicians in an entirely new way.
- Variety Band
 - If you are looking for a rock and roll band, country or bluegrass band, swing band, or ceili band Elegant Music Services has the group to fit your event and get your guests out on the dance floor all night long.

If you do not see exactly what you are looking for here, please call our office. Our offerings are expanding all of the time.

Rates

Rate Schedule: Receptions/Private parties/Corporate events for Jazz, Classical, and Ethnic Groups.

	Solo or Vocalist	Duo	Trio	Quartet	Quintet	Sextet
Ceremony or 1 hour	180.00	340.00	500.00	660.00	880.00	980.00
1.5 hours	215.00	385.00	570.00	760.00	955.00	1120.00
2 hours	245.00	430.00	635.00	850.00	1045.00	1255.00
2.5 hours	277.00	475.00	700.00	940.00	1160.00	1390.00
3 hours	310.00	520.00	770.00	1030.00	1270.00	1525.00
3.5 hours	345.00	565.00	840.00	1120.00	1385.00	1660.00
4 hours	375.00	610.00	905.00	1210.00	1495.00	1795.00
4.5 hours	410.00	655.00	970.00	1300.00	1610.00	1930.00
5 hours	440.00	700.00	1040.00	1390.00	1720.00	2065.00

Travel/Mileage - .55 cents per mile outside Milwaukee and Racine Counties

Rates for Orchestras and Bands:

- The Elegant Society Orchestra \$2000.00 – 3.5 Hours
- The Nick Contorno Orchestra 12 piece \$3000.00 – 3.5 Hours
- The Nick Contorno Orchestra 16 piece \$3800.00 – 3.5 Hours
- Mariachi Voz de Mi Tierra 8 piece \$1000.00 for a ceremony or cocktail hour.

Additional Rate Information:

- Harp Rate \$300.00 for the first hour, \$100.00 per hour after
- Sound System Rental \$100.00

Getting Started - Ceremony Music

A Music Consultant's Primer

It is your special day and all of the details really do make a difference. One of the most important details for a wedding ceremony is the music. The types of music selection and the instruments used to perform those selections can completely change the tone of the whole ceremony and make it truly memorable. Some common groupings include all strings, all brass, trumpet or flute plus strings, harp, guitar, and even traditional Celtic groups with or without bagpipes. However, most brides and grooms find that hiring musicians and choosing music for the ceremony takes them into uncomfortable and unfamiliar territory. As a professional violinist and music consultant, I would like to offer some basic advice.



First of all, be sure to hire professional musicians. People who would not even consider hiring students to prepare their food or take photographs often do not think twice about calling up a high school to find musicians. This is often a big mistake, because even when they have reached a somewhat high level of performance, students lack experience, do not have knowledge of the ceremony, and they have less access to the music needed to perform the ceremony. Elegant Music Services, LLC uses only professional musicians, has a large library of music, and offers many different types of groupings for any occasion.

If you are getting married in a church setting, be sure to contact the church's music ministry to find out what possible rules and regulations that there may be about the types of music allowed and whether or not you are allowed to bring in outside musicians. Some churches require you to pay for the music minister whether or not that person performs at the ceremony. Some churches require that all of the musicians be from that church. Other churches do not allow any non-religious or non-classical music during the service. Once you know what you can and cannot do, it is much easier to proceed.

After choosing the type of ensemble that will be performing, then you can choose the specific music for each place in the ceremony that you will need music. It is not a good idea to choose music first and then choose musicians to fit the music. You may listen to wedding music recordings to get ideas, but keep in mind that no small ensemble, no matter how good they are, will sound the same as a full symphony orchestra on an edited recording. On the other hand, no recording can give you goose bumps the way that a live organ, trumpet, strings, and timpani combination can.

The places where you will need music are as follows: the prelude, the processional, the service music, the recessional and the postlude. Most ceremonies start out with 15-20 minutes of prelude or pre service music. Everything that is performed before the processional falls under this category. It is not necessary to choose specific music for this or to list any selections in the program unless you are having a special selection for the seating of the parents or the lighting of the family candles. After the prelude, comes the processional. You can either choose to have separate music for the attendants and the bride or one song for the entire wedding party. Unless you are in a church setting where they prohibit 2 processions, either one works well. Brides who have a smaller wedding party or a short aisle are better off with a single processional. Processional music is either slow and lyrical (like Canon in D) or a fanfare (like Trumpet Voluntary). Either type is beautiful and reflects the personal style of the bride.

The type and length of the ceremony determine the music during the service. A full Catholic mass can have up to 11 selections. A Catholic plain service and most Protestant services have between 1 and 4 selections. A civil service normally has 1 selection, and a traditional Jewish service has no music during the service. The music ideally serves or enhances the spoken text. It is easier, but not impossible to choose music after the details of the service and where music might be inserted have been determined with the person who will be performing the ceremony. If you are writing your own ceremony, it is important to remember that each music selection performed during the ceremony should be balanced out by spoken text. Too much music can turn your ceremony into a concert and remove the focus away from where it truly belongs.

Finally there is the recessional. The rule is, "slow in, fast out," so this is the ideal place for something really upbeat to put the finishing touch on your celebration. The musicians should continue to play postlude until the guests have milled away from the ceremony area.

Elegant Music Services Booking Form

Current Date _____

Date of Service _____

Name _____

Business Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

How did you hear about EMS? _____

Event 1: Time _____ Hours _____

Location _____

Group Requested _____

Event 2: Time _____ Hours _____

Location _____

Group Requested _____

Fee _____

Mileage _____

Other _____

Total _____

Special Requests: