

CHICAGO BRIDE

Top 10 Wedding Hit & Miss Play List by bandleader Alex Donner

While the church, reception, guest list, attire and even cake may be the initial priorities, it is the music that can literally “make” or “break” a wedding. The big question of course is “what to play or not to play?” Relying on a seasoned bandleader such as Alex Donner to create the perfect playlist can alleviate unneeded stress and make a wedding a Number 1 “hit”!

For over quarter of a century, Mr. Donner has selected appropriate songs and remained a staple at thousands of lavish weddings where guests enjoy a mélange of Top 40, R&B, Rock, Soul, and big production ‘70s Disco music, even classic American Standards that the Baby Boomers enjoy.

Mr. Donner knows that as the musical director he not only chooses the songs but sets the mood for the newlywed’s and their guests. He knows first hand that bandleaders have two choices; 1) play it safe with the couple’s favorites and wedding “hits;” or his choice 2) create a unique musical masterpiece mixing multiple eras and songs that are refreshing and not overplayed. At each and every reception, Donner says his primary goal is to “make magical moments;” times when the couple and their guests kick up their heels on the dance floor to the right tune, at the right time, and performed in the right way. Below is Mr. Donner’s Top 10 timeless “Hits” and “Misses”:

Tried & True Favorites:

1. At Last
2. Don’t Stop Believin’
3. I Gotta Feelin’
4. In the Mood
5. My Girl
6. What a Wonderful World
7. Raise Your Glass
8. The Way You Look Tonight
9. You Shook Me All Night Long
10. Let’s Stay Together

Avoid at all Costs:

1. The Chicken Dance
2. Jeremiah was a Bullfrog
3. The Monster Mash
4. If You Wanna Be Happy for the Rest of Your Life (Make an Ugly Woman Your Wife)
5. Love Stinks
6. Like a Virgin
7. What's Love Got to do With It
8. Go Away Little Girl
9. Achy Breaky Heart
10. 50 Different Ways to Leave Your Lover

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Alex Donner, dubbed the "Latter Day Lester Lanin" by the New York Times, leads his band in R&B, Rock and Disco, while staying true to his society roots. The face of music that people love has transformed into an mélange of genres, and thankfully Alex gets it. Mr. Donner has built a solid reputation over the last 25 years as a singer and bandleader of renowned status. His talented band has played at such Big Apple landmarks as The Plaza Hotel, Carnegie Hall, the Guggenheim, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York Botanical Garden, the Royal Scandinavian Yacht Club in Connecticut, and the Whitney Museum. Additionally, he has performed for charitable organizations including the American Cancer Society, Animal Medical Center, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Ford Foundation, and Southampton Hospital. Counted among their listeners have been President George Bush, Donald Trump, Rudolph Giuliani, Tony Bennett, Natalie Cole, Susan Lucci, Kevin Klein, Ytzhak Pearlman, Lou Dobbs, Bill and Adair Beutel, Queen Noor of Jordan, the King and Queen of Sweden and Kitty Carlisle Hart.