**Choosing Your Music**

**General questions and suggestions**

* CAN I LEAVE IT TO YOU? Yes if you don’t want to choose specific songs, just let us know the styles you prefer- e.g. Upbeat, mellow, pop, jazz, classical etc. and we can judge what songs best fit the atmosphere on the day ☺
* WHEN DO I NEED TO LET YOU KNOW OUR CHOICES? Please email these to Amy by ONE MONTH before the event if possible
* WHERE TO FIND OUR SONGLIST? A full, up to date repertoire list can be found here - [www.endymionstringquartet.com/repertoire.htm](http://www.endymionstringquartet.com/repertoire.htm) The Quartet plays all the music listed on the repertoire list. Trio pieces are marked TR
* CAN YOU ARRANGE A QUARTET SONG ON YOUR LIST FOR TRIO? Yes, It would be an extra £10
* HOW MANY SONGS SHOULD I PICK? Please see the ceremony music guide below for wedding ceremonies. If you are not sure how many songs will fit in the time you have booked us to play, approximately, 1 song is 5 minutes and we usually take a 10-15 minute break per hour. E.g:

1. 1 hour 12 songs
2. 2 hours 20 songs
3. 3 hours 30 songs

* EXTRA REQUESTS? If you would like a song that is not on our repertoire list, we charge £10 per song to cover the cost of buying the music of the time spent arranging it
* WILL MY SONG BE SUITABLE FOR YOU TO ARRANGE FOR STRING QUARTET/TRIO? When choosing a song that we don’t already have, please bear in mind that it won’t sound like the original song as we don’t have drums and electronic synthesisers. If the song is purely based on this and doesn’t have a distinctive melody, it probably won’t work well on strings. Songs based on electronic effects, with repetitive synthesised effects, don’t work well at all! Please read this article on choosing pop music for string quartet of you have any doubts about a song: <http://www.chamber-players.com/pop-music-string-quartet.htm>
* ENTRANCE SONG DETAILS? Please ask if you want us to play the piece a certain speed/style or start at a particular section. For example, some people like us to play Pachelbel’s canon a little faster.
* CAN YOU ACCOMPANY US SINGING HYMNS? We are able to play for hymns if you wish-please see our songlist for a list of the hymns we play. [www.endymionstringquartet.com/repertoire.htm](http://www.endymionstringquartet.com/repertoire.htm)

If you have an organist booked already, we won’t usually be needed to accompany hymns.

* CAN YOU ACCOMPANY A SINGER OR INSTRUMENTALIST? Yes but we will need to liase with them in advance to check we have the music in the same key etc. We will also need a rehearsal on the day before the ceremony or event, so you may need to book extra time to cover the rehearsal.

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**Ceremony music guide**

**Song Suggestions**: If you are not sure what to songs/pieces to choose please see the suggestions here: <http://www.endymionstringquartet.com/weddings.htm>

Music as guests arrive : This is usually 20-3o minutes or 4-6 songs. The songs are completely up to you! Classical and Traditional wedding music often works well here, especially in churches but if you want modern/pop/rock/jazz songs, something with a calm, melodic feel is nice, especially if we will be playing in the reception or meal as well as it allows more contrast between the more formal ceremony and the relaxed, fun atmosphere of the reception etc.

Entrance of the bride: ONE PIECE is usually chosen here. This is a very personal choice and it can be traditional or modern. Popular pieces for bridal entrances are Pachelbel canon, the traditional Wagner bridal march or ‘here comes the bride’, Delibes, Elbow One Day Like this, Eva Cassidy Songbird, Bittersweet Symphony- Something with a steady beat that you can walk to works well here

Signing of the register: 2-3 pieces are chosen here. Choose pieces/songs that you feel your guests will enjoy and make them feel relaxed in the middle of the ceremony, just before your big exit.

Exit of the bridal couple: 1 piece. This is the moment you exit together so usually songs which are upbeat and celebratory work best here.

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**Reception/Meal/Corporate event guide**

A selection of upbeat classical, pop, rock, tangos, gypsy or jazz work well here as your guests are relaxing, eating, drinking etc.

We can fit in with different themes such as:

Venetian/Masquerade ball

Football/Sports

Bond

Latin/Spanish/Gypsy/Mexican

Viennese/Waltzes

English Garden party/Afternoon Tea

Vintage/Retro

French/Parisian/Cafe style

Victorian/Edwardian

Medieval

Disney/Hollywood/Movies-many types!

Bollywood/Indian

Irish/Scottish

Black tie/elegant/cocktail party