

## FAQ

Q. How do I choose my musical selections?

A. Once I have received your contract, we set up a time for your music consultation. We have a demo CD with some of our selections and I also encourage you to go on-line or to the library and check out some wedding c.d.'s. I will be happy to play for you any pieces that you would like to hear and help you decide. You are only responsible for the "core" pieces, which are on your contract. They include seating of the Mothers, Bridesmaids and flower girl/ring bearer, Bride, unity candle or any special piece during the ceremony, and the recessional. We have a book of prelude music that consists of light classics. We do take requests given ample time to find the music and rehearsal. A small fee may be applied if we have to buy the music. If you can bring us the sheet music that would be most helpful!

Q. How well do the instruments project?

A. For wedding ceremonies, our sound carries very well and there is no need for amplification. If the room is resonant (old wood buildings, mansions, churches) our sound will carry even better. For outdoor weddings you will still be able to hear us, but some sound will be lost. We understand that and therefore play as loudly as we can. The Fiddles&Faces Quartet typically does not perform outside.

It is important to have us positioned close to the front, usually on the Bride's side, so that you can hear us and we can see. We get our cues from watching the wedding party enter. We stand for the ceremony so that our sound projects, and therefore don't need chairs and we bring our own stands and lights.

Q. Do we attend the wedding rehearsal?

A. No. In order to keep costs down, we do not participate in the rehearsal. Our policy is to be on location 30 minutes prior to the start of the contracted time in order to go over any last minute details.

The rehearsal is mainly for the wedding party to figure out who stands where, and the order of who comes in and where they go. We have done countless weddings and can fit our music to match how fast or slow you walk in. As long as we can see you, we can tailor the music to match what is going on. Only upon special request, we will send out one musician to the rehearsal, if scheduling permits, at a flat rate of \$60/hour.

Q. Do I tip the musicians?

A. That is up to you, but it is greatly appreciated!

Q. What kind of instruments do you play on?

A. Very old and valuable Italian violins. Most musicians spend their entire lives paying for their instruments. The cost of our violins range from \$20,000 to \$500,000. That is why we have to be so careful when we play outside. Not only does the humidity and temperature affect the instrument, but direct sunlight is terrible on the instrument. We carry insurance on our violins, but they are one of a kind and irreplaceable.

Q. Will there be any travel expense?

A. Travel is free when the destination is less than 25 miles away. A travel fee of \$25/per musician is applied if the destination is 25-50 miles away. A travel fee of \$50/per musician if the destination is more than 50 miles away.

We use Map Quest to figure distances and our starting point is the downtown post office. The address is 850 Twin Rivers Drive Columbus, OH 43216.

Q: Can I just book the music without the makeup for the wedding?

All wedding packages are inclusive. The cost is the same whether you use the make-up service or not. If you have made other arrangements for make-up, you can still use the free one hour consultation for rehearsal dinner, bridal shower, or any special occasion where looking great is a must. The free consultation is good for up to a year from the date booked.

Q. Which package should I choose for my wedding?

A. For a typical wedding, the one hour silver package should be sufficient. We typically do thirty minutes of prelude music, fifteen to twenty minutes of ceremony music, and we finish the hour with postlude music.

Q: What kind of set-up is required for the musicians?

A. We bring our own stands and lighting, and we stand while we play. However, if you would like us to sit during the ceremony, please provide two armless chairs.

Q. Can we video and/or audio record Fiddles and Faces?

Yes, if only for personal use. Permission from Fiddles and Faces must be obtained prior to all recordings.

