

# Play Lists

## Introduction

This page contains many “play lists”- lists of songs related by topic. You can use these when planning the music for your special occasion. However, remember that these are just samples of play lists. This is NOT all the music I can play for you, nor is any list mandatory. Almost all occasions draw from more than one list. Each of my performances is tailored to your musical needs and wants. In planning, start by reading ALL the essays at this site. Additionally, I will always help you finalize the details by phone, email, or a free personal interview. Once you've examined these Play Lists, go on and read the Pricing essay which is next on my site.

## Wedding Ceremony

Weddings are VERY personalized, often containing favorite music of the couple, musical duets with vocalists or instrumentalists, etc. I always insist on a free personal interview with the couple to plan their music.

## Christmas Party

### Sacred Music

Silent Night  
Joy to the World  
Oh, Holy Night  
Away in a Manger  
We Three Kings  
Angels We Have Heard on High  
Oh, Come All Ye Faithful  
The First Noel  
What Child is This?  
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear....and many, many more

### Secular Music

Jingle Bells  
Sleigh Ride  
Winter Wonderland  
Oh, Christmas Tree  
The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)  
Deck the Halls  
It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas  
We Wish You a Merry Christmas  
Blue Christmas  
Jingle Bell Rock....and many, many more

Note that Christmas parties can become even better with a sing-along. I have lyrics sheets which can be

passed out to everyone.

### **St. Patrick's Day Party**

Danny Boy  
When Irish Eyes are Smiling  
I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen  
My Wild Irish Rose  
The River Shannon  
Galway Bay  
The Rose of Tralee  
Brennan on the Moor  
Sweet Rosie O'Grady  
Mother Machree  
Come Back to Erin  
Cockles and Mussels  
Peg O' My Heart  
The Kerry Dance  
An Irish Lullaby....and many more

Note: St. Patrick's Day often results in a sing-along. I can bring lyric sheets for attendees.

### **4th of July Party**

The Star Spangled Banner  
America  
America the Beautiful  
You've a Grand Old Flag  
The Yankee Doodle Boy  
God Bless America  
This is My Country  
This Land is Your Land  
When Johnny Comes Marching Home  
Dixie  
Military Anthems from all services  
Battle Hymn of the Republic  
Washington Post March  
Stars and Stripes Forever  
Hail to the Chief

### **Western Party (Note: NOT a “country music” party)**

Cool Water  
Tumblin' Tumbleweeds  
Wagon Wheels  
San Antonio Rose  
Back in the Saddle Again  
Happy Trails  
Deep in the Heart of Texas

Jambalaya  
Ghost Riders in the Sky  
La Paloma  
Adios Muchachos  
La Cucaracha  
La Raspa  
Cuando Caliente el Sol  
Arkansas Traveler  
Turkey in the Straw  
Oklahoma  
Oh What a Beautiful Morning  
June is Busting Out All Over

### **Dinner Party**

I am using the term “Dinner Party” to include every type of party which isn't celebrating a holiday or built around a theme. Dinner parties are “mix and match” based on the mood to be set and the age and “rowdiness” of the party goes !

### Light Classical

Note: I am primarily a popular music player. If you need an entire performance of classical music, I would be happy to recommend someone competent. What follows are well known classical themes (“popularized versions”) which can be used as desired to assist the mood.

Prelude in C - Bach  
Für Elise - Beethoven  
Ode to Joy - Beethoven  
Moonlight Sonata Theme - Beethoven  
Trauermusik - Schumann  
Nocturne - Chopin  
Canon in D - Pachelbel  
Polovetsian Dances Theme - Borodin  
Clair de Lune - Debussy  
New World Symphony Theme - Dvorak  
Finlandia - Sibelius  
Liebestraum (Dream of Love) - Liszt

### Romantic Ballads

Unchained Melody (love theme from “Ghost”)  
Ebb Tide  
Love Me Tender  
If I Loved You  
Red Sails in the Sunset  
Embraceable You  
Somewhere in Time (love theme from that movie)  
As Time Goes By  
My Heart Will Go On (love theme from “Titanic”)

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes  
I Wanna Be Like You - The Beatles  
Michelle - The Beatles  
The Rose  
Nights in White Satin  
A Time for Us (from the movie "Romeo and Juliet")  
Star Dust....and approximately a zillion more

#### Broadway and Movie Music

Music of the Night ("Phantom of the Opera")  
All I Ask of You ("Phantom of the Opera")  
Memory ("Cats")  
As Time Goes By ("Casablanca")  
The Shadow of Your Smile ("The Sandpiper")  
A Time for Us ("Romeo and Juliet")  
Over the Rainbow  
Summertime ("Porgy and Bess")  
Moon River ("Breakfast at Tiffany's")  
The Rose  
You'll Never Walk Alone ("Carousel")  
I Could Have Danced All Night ("My Fair Lady")  
On the Street Where You Live ("My Fair Lady")  
Unchained Melody ("Ghost")  
Somewhere, My Love ("Dr. Zhivago")  
Can You Feel the Love Tonight? ("The Lion King")  
Somewhere in Time  
The Music of Goodbye ("Out of Africa")  
People ("Funny Girl")  
My Own True Love ("Gone With the Wind")  
Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head ("Butch Cassidy")  
Getting to Know You ("The King and I")  
My Heart Will Go On ("Titanic")  
On a Clear Day (You Can See Forever)....and batches more.

#### The Standards: Older (1910's - 1950's)

Note: A "standard" is a popular song which has stood the test of time. My own definition of "standard" is a tune that has become popular with more than one generation. Standards form the vast majority of pieces people request. Many of them originate with Broadway and movies and remain well-known long after their show or movie has been forgotten. This is especially true of these older standards. Keep in mind that a full list of standards would be hundreds of songs long. Below are twenty of the very most requested older standards.

Deep Purple  
Star Dust  
Embraceable You  
Autumn Leaves  
As Time Goes By

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes  
The Glory of Love  
Always  
Ain't Misbehavin'  
Blue Skies  
I Had to Be You  
Me and My Shadow  
My Blue Heaven  
Old Man River  
Tea for Two  
Sentimental Journey  
All the Things You Are  
My Funny Valentine  
September in the Rain  
Stormy Weather

Standards: Newer (1960's - 1980's)

Note: As radio, record players, and television brought us more and more music, newer standards began to come from popular entertainers. Broadway and movies still produced huge numbers of popular songs, but artists like Elvis and The Beatles began to make their mark as well. Here are twenty more tunes which are newer standards.

Can't Help Falling (in Love With You) - Elvis  
Love Me Tender - Elvis  
In My Life - The Beatles  
Yesterday - The Beatles  
Michelle - The Beatles  
PS. I Love You - The Beatles  
Piano Man - Billy Joel  
Just the Way You Are - Billy Joel  
Fire and Rain - James Taylor  
You've Got a Friend - James Taylor  
Time in a Bottle - Jim Croce  
Moondance - Van Morrison  
Longer - Dan Fogelberg  
Both Sides Now - Joni Mitchell  
Can You Feel the Love Tonight - Elton John  
Tiny Dancer - Elton John  
Your Song - Elton John  
Nights in White Satin - The Moody Blues  
Georgia - Ray Charles  
Whiter Shade of Pale - Procol Harum