

Blue Lunch Wedding FAQ

Does Blue Lunch play weddings?

Yes, we do about 10 or 15 weddings per year. We like to think of ourselves as the “wedding band for people who don’t want a ‘wedding band’”.

What kind of music do you do at weddings?

Well, we play Blue Lunch music. For weddings we lean towards the dance music side of our repertoire. We also lean towards songs people might have heard before. That includes soul, Motown, and a bit of New Orleans funk. We do stay away from things like the *Electric Slide* and the *Chicken Dance*.

Will you learn a special song for our bridal dance?

Yes, if it’s something that’s “do-able” with our instrumentation. That includes most standards. If it’s something that’s really obscure, we might ask you to provide a copy of the song, by disc or mp3 or perhaps the sheet music.

What if we want you to play something on cd?

No problem, there’s one built into our sound system. We can also use it to play cds for dinner music and music through the breaks.

Speaking of breaks, do you take breaks, and how long do you play for?

We’re only human, and we do have to break sometime. But we don’t play sets for any set length. No “forty on, twenty off” stuff. Every wedding has its own rhythm to it, and if people are really having fun dancing, we’ll play until it feels right to stop. As far as total playing time goes, four hours is about our limit. That’s about as long as people can dance anyway.

Will you do announcements? Can we use your microphones for toasts?

Of course. Just get us the names, and how you want them said (ie; “John and Mary Smith”, or “John Smith and Mary Jones”). We always bring along a wireless microphone that you can use for toasts and speeches.

Uncle Stosh is coming and he’d be very unhappy if you didn’t play a polka. And can you do Hava Nagila?

We can knock out an acceptable polka, and we do a mean *Hava Nagila*. The musicians in Blue Lunch are the top musicians in this area and there isn’t much we can’t do, within reason, of course.

Since you’re not a standard wedding band, I’m a little nervous about hiring you. Can you guarantee us that our guests will dance?

Well, there are no guarantees in life, but I will tell you that we have NEVER played a wedding where people didn't dance. I will add that we've done several multiple weddings for families, that is, we've played for one daughter's wedding, then done one for another daughter a few years later.

We want to do things a little differently at our wedding. Can you work with us on this?

Of course. Every wedding is a "custom job". Some people want a lot of "wedding stuff", (ie, garter-toss; father-daughter, mother-son dances, bouquet toss, garter toss), some people don't. We'll work with you to give you what you want. We'll talk, or meet if you like, to work out all the details. At your wedding, all you should have to do is have fun.

How much do you cost? And how do I pay you? Do you require a deposit?

Since every wedding is a custom job, we price accordingly. Cost factors include distance, location, date and time. Once we work out a fee we'll send you a contract, by US mail, fax or e-mail, and you'll return it with a 25% deposit. A lot of bands ask for 50% but we feel 25% is sufficient and appropriate. You'll pay us the balance at the end of the wedding. Even with eight musicians we've found we're cheaper than a lot of dj's and "wedding bands". We should always talk at least twice, once when you book us, and again a couple of weeks before the wedding. That way we can deal with any unforeseen items that may have come up.

My aunt Tilly would like to sing a song at my wedding, and cousin Marvin would like to play the drums on one song. Is that alright?

It's usually ok with us if it's ok with you. It would probably help if we knew what they wanted to do beforehand. We've done a few weddings for musicians where their whole band had a "reunion" right there at the wedding. As I said, the important thing is that you have fun. It's your wedding.

I have some other questions. Stuff you didn't cover in this FAQ. Can we discuss them?

Sure. Just give me a call or drop me an e-mail.. Our e-mail is: bfrank53@bluelunch.com My phone is 216/409-9400.

How 'bout Bar Mitzvohs and Bat Mitzvohs. Do you do those?

We've done a few. Usually we're hired to play for the adults while the parents have hired a dj for the kids.