

Manchester String Quartet



From dinners and parties, to conferences and office launches, the Manchester String Quartet offers a wide selection of background musical entertainment to suit your needs.

The Quartet are perfect for all situations from playing for supermarkets (Sainsburys, Cheadle) to exhibition stalls (CIPFA, GMex).

Their selection of jazz and themes from musicals are a great accompaniment to your meal or drinks receptions, and their more traditional baroque and classical works can add an element of class to your occasion. They also have music that is attention grabbing for your marketing purposes (Ringspun Clothing, Kendals).

The Manchester String Quartet can be flexible to your needs and can arrange specific pieces or tailor the programme to your themes or requirements:

The Quartet has been professionally engaged at over 70 weddings in the last three years and they are happy to tailor their service to your needs.

Don't forget that your special song can be arranged by the quartet and incorporated into the service or reception.

Wedding Packages

Below are wedding packages that we offer. Please enquire about prices and our hourly rates as they vary depending on location and requirements.

For those who are worried about time limits, and we understand that wedding days never run exactly to plan, we have created a number of packages to suit your needs.

Package One Service and Drinks reception Package

Service – as guests arrive (at least half an hour before expected beginning of service)

Bridal entrance

During signing of register

Bride and groom exit

Drinks reception - light and relaxing music to accompany the Champagne .

(Approx 45mins)

Package Two Reception Package

We will be set up and playing at your drinks reception venue once the service is over.

We will then move to your dining area and accompany your meal with relaxing repertoire until the serving of coffee.

Package Three Day Package

This package ensures that you have the ambience of the classical string quartet throughout your special day. It is a combination of package one and two and it ensures a variety of styles of music. (It is also cheaper than booking us per hour, for what could be up to 5 hours of our time).

Service – Classical and Baroque repertoire including all the wedding favourites

Drinks reception – More Jazzy and up beat works as you celebrate your occasion with champagne.

Meal – Lighter, more relaxing romantic pieces to accompany the meal.

We will begin 20mins before start of service as the guests arrive and we will end once the coffee is served at the end of the meal. During the day we will take 3 short (10min) breaks and one longer break (half an hour) - when some light refreshments would be greatly appreciated.

The Manchester String Quartet's wide selection of Bollywood theme tune arrangements can offer an alternative accompaniment to your party or wedding meal/service. They have performed these arrangements at many different functions, in restaurants, such as Sagnam 2 (Didsbury) and as part of civil ceremonies and they are always received with enthusiasm.

Below is the Manchester String Quartet's extensive list of Repertoire in genre order. This list is constantly being updated so do not hesitate to ask about your special requirements. The quartet also offers an arranging service for any pieces not already within their collection.

Wedding Favourites

Bach - Air on the G string
Clarke - Trumpet Voluntary
Handel - Arrival of the Queen of Sheba
Handel - Aria from Xerxes
Liszt - Liebestraum
Mendelssohn - Wedding March
Mouret - Rondeau
Pachelbel - Canon
Purcell - Trumpet Tune
Vivaldi - Largo from the four seasons
Wagner - Wedding March
Wagner - Bridal Chorus

Classical

Bach - Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Handel - Hallelujah Chorus
Handel - Hornpipe from water music
Handel - Zadok the Priest (UEFA champion's league theme)

Pop

Beatles - Good Day Sunshine
Beatles - Hey Jude
Beatles - Yesterday
Beatles - Got to get you into my life
Beatles - All you need is Love
Beatles - When I'm 64
Bratton - Teddy Bears Picnic
Cliff Richard - Congratulations
Embrace - Gravity
Horner - My heart will go on (Titanic)
Lou Reed - Perfect Day
arr. Thorp - I do like to be beside the seaside.
Van Morrison - Have I told you lately that I love you
The Verve - Bittersweet Symphony

Musicals

Andersson - I Know Him so Well from 'Chess'

Mozart - Der Vogelfanger
 Mozart - Bei Mannern
 Mozart - Eine Kleine Nacht Music
 Mozart - Rondo Alla Turca
 Mozart - Divertimento 1 in D
 Mozart - Quartet K157, 13 in C
 Mozart - Quartet K156, 12 in G
 Mozart - Quartet K155, 11 in D
 Mozart - Quartet K160, 6 in Eb
 Mozart - Divertimento 2 in B
 Mozart - Divertimento 3 in F
 Purcell - Chacony
 Vivaldi - Birdsong from the 4 seasons
 Schonberg - I Dreamed a Dream from
 'Les Misérables'
 Van Heusen - Thoroughly Modern
 Millie
 Arlen - Over the Rainbow from 'The
 Wizard of Oz'
 Bock - Sunrise Sunset from 'Fiddler
 on the Roof'
 Coleman - Big Spender from 'Sweet
 Charity'
 Hammerstein - Edelweiss from 'The
 Sound of Music'
 Lloyd Webber - Don't Cry for me
 Argentine from 'Evita'
 Noel Gay - Leaning on a lamppost
 from 'Fiddler on the Roof'
 Van Heusen - Thoroughly Modern
 Millie

Romantic

Barber - Adagio for Strings
 Brahms - Hungarian Dance no.5
 Debussy - En Bateau
 Dvorak - Slavonic Dance no. VIII
 Elgar - Salut d'Amour
 Elgar - Chanson de Matin
 Gluck - Melody
 Gossec - Tambourin
 MacDowell - To A Wild Rose
 Massenet - Meditation from Thais
 Ravel - Bolero
 Schubert - Unfinished Symphony
 themes
 Schumann - Traumerei
 Strauss - Pizzicato polka
 Strauss - Sperl-polka
 Strauss - Radetzky-Marsch
 Tchaikovsky - Danse Des Marlitons
 (Nutcracker Suite)

Opera Favorites

Bizet - Habanera from Carmen
 Bizet - Prelude to Carmen
 Bizet - Toreador's song from Carmen
 Delibes - The Flower Duet
 Denza - Funiculi Funicula
 Di Capua - O Sole Mio
 Offenbach - Barcarolle
 Puccini - Nessun Dorma from
 Turandot
 Puccini - O mio babbino caro
 Rossini - Galop - Willilam Tell

Christmas

Cowels - A Christmas Medley
 Trad. - Hark the Herald Angels sing
 Trad. - Joy to the World
 Trad. - Angles we have heard on high
 Trad. - A Holy Night

Bollywood

Rafi Song
 Ghar Aaya
 Ho Gaya Hai
 Maine Tujhe
 Tuje Dekha To
 Tum Dilka
 Chand Mera Dil
 Pardesi Pardesi
 Aaj Mera Yaar Ki Shadi
 Humko Humise
 Kuch Kuch Hota Hai
 Too Cheez Badi Hai
 Dil To Pagal Hai
 Ek Ladki ko Dekha
 Suraj Hua Maddham
 Kal ho naa ho - suite
 Monsoon Wedding soundtrack suite
 Ghar aaja Sonya (Shazia mansoor)
 Dheere Dheere (Paheli)
 Balle Balle (Bride & Prejudice)
 Aaye ho meri zindagi (Raja
 Hindustani)
 Dus...Dus
 Saajna vi saajna (Chameli)
 Pyia bhole kuin ye dholi (Parineeta)

"Your wide repertoire made it easy for us all to choose appropriate music both before and after the ceremony. Later in the day we were able to enjoy so many of our favourite pieces (and special requests) out of doors on a lovely summer's evening. Many guests commented on your enthusiasm, pleasant manner and obvious talent, which all added to the happy atmosphere. It has been a pleasure making the arrangements with you and we hope to have the opportunity of hearing you playing together again in the not too distant future. Thank you Manchester String Quartet, the music for our Son's wedding was just perfect"

Wendy & Frank Estcourt

"On behalf of the Management of InterContinental Hotel Lusaka ZAMBIA, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the musical performances you provided over the 2003 Christmas season"

"The Deputy British High Commissioner was also delighted to host a musical evening at her residence for invited guests, which was also a huge success thanks to your outstanding performance"

Ian McLachlan, Hotel Intercontinental, Lusaka

"I just wanted to say thank you so much for playing at my wedding on 6th august 2005 at cottons hotel. You were all amazing, the music was wonderful you made the day extra special, thank you so much. Thanks again, you were fantastic and everyone loved the music we shall definitely recommend you!!"

Thanks. Mrs lacey
