

Blame it on the boogie

Your A-Z guide to wedding entertainment

A

IS FOR ACOUSTIC

Nothing creates a romantic atmosphere quite like the sounds of an acoustic musician. Guitar, piano, you name it, music unplugged is the way to go from ceremony, to drinks reception and wedding breakfast.



B

IS FOR BAND

Bring the elation and exuberance of a gig to your celebrations with a live band. Many will even go to the extra trouble of learning your song especially for your first dance. Dancefloor full, guaranteed.

C

IS FOR CARICATURE

Book a caricaturist for your drinks reception and guests will have an extra special souvenir to take home and treasure. These talented artists will keep spirits high while you shoot off for your photos.

E

IS FOR EXTRAS

Whether it be a basket of blankets so guests can chill out and chat in your venue's gardens when the sun goes down, or a box of flip flops to soothe those dancing feet, your loved ones will appreciate any added extras to keep them comfortable.



IS FOR DOVES

Weddings are exciting, memorable days, when an abundance of love and creative teamwork come together to give the bride and groom the best start to their married life. The journey to the big day can be filled with challenges and fraught with emotion, so bringing all this together into a fitting climax is every couple's dream – a moment beautifully represented by a dove release.

Lambert's White Dove Release, based in Brighton, supplies two doves in a beautifully decorated cage for you to release, plus up to three extras in a heart-shaped basket, to represent those who are watching over you, with you in spirit. "Watching all five soar and circle, is that moment of completion. 'Fly high, all is well,' is the message they leave," says the supplier's Viv Lambert.

For further information, check out www.lambertsdoves.co.uk

D



F

IS FOR FIREWORKS

What could be more memorable than ending the day with bang? A sure fire way to wow your guests and a further opportunity for spectacular photos. Check out www.aurorafireworks.co.uk



G

IS FOR GLITTER

You can never go far wrong with a dab of sparkle. Add a festival-vibe to your celebrations with a glitter bar for blinged-up beards and glistening cheekbones.

IS FOR INFLATABLES

Brilliant fun for children and adults alike, why not hire a wedding-white bouncy castle. Check out www.brightonbouncycastle.net

IS FOR JIG

Ceilidhs are so much fun they should be illegal! Great for all ages with giggles aplenty.

K

IS FOR KIDS

Keep your mini guests occupied all day with a craft table, or enlist the help of a professional wedding creche company who'll make sure they're all safe, and having a whale of a time with a whole parade of super-fun activities. Check out www.weddingcrecherssussex.co.uk



L

IS FOR LESSONS

For a first dance with a difference book yourselves some lessons and perform a choreographed routine to surprise your guests.



M

IS FOR MAGICIAN

The perfect icebreaker, a magician will get your guests engaging with each other through a shared experience, ensuring plenty of amazed faces with tricks that'll keep them talking all day. Check out www.gregwilliamson.co.uk

N

IS FOR NOSTALGIA

Make the most of your venue's grounds and lay out some vintage garden games. Croquet, giant Jenga and Connect4, hoopla and hook-a-duck. Your guests will have so much fun while they wait for the wedding breakfast they'll barely notice their tummies rumble.



P

IS FOR PHOTO BOOTH

Once booked, never regretted! Goofy times from hours of prop-filled fun in a photo booth, or in front of a selfie mirror, make for a hilarious guest book that'll have you grinning from ear to ear for years to come. We suggest www.lumimix.co.uk



O

IS FOR OWL

Invite some feathered friends to wow the crowds. These clever creatures can act as ring bearers, or entertain as part of a falconry display alongside their avian pals.

Q

IS FOR QUIZ

Pop an icebreaker quiz on the tables to get guests talking over dinner, or host a Mr & Mrs gameshow extravaganza on the dancefloor before the revelries begin in earnest.



R

IS FOR ROOTS

Embrace your heritage with a traditional dance routine or musical act.

S

IS FOR SAX

From a cool Ibiza club vibe, to the smooth sounds of jazz, a live saxophonist can create the ambience of your choice, while adding a fun and interactive edge to your evening bash. We suggest Fuller DJ, based in Haywards Heath, who can be joined by sax players. As a musician himself, he understands the intricacies of playing with other musicians, giving your guests a show like no other. Discover more at www.fullerdj.com

IS FOR TUNES

Sounds Entertainment offers a full wedding service, including hosting. This means they'll make all of your announcements, play background music during your wedding breakfast, introduce your speeches and furnish speakers with a radio microphone. After introducing your first dance, you and your guests will be treated to a party to remember as they bust some moves on a dazzling LED dancefloor.

If you prefer a band, Sounds Entertainment is able to supply a variety of sounds and styles, including cover bands. Want more? No problem, perhaps a singer to serenade your guests during your wedding breakfast, drinks reception, or ceremony. What about a magician to astound guests, and a photo booth for laughs and memories? Sounds Entertainment has it all!

For further information, head over to the website www.soundsdisco.com

U

IS FOR UNIQUE

Personalise your day by filling it with what you love and making it uniquely you. Fans of RuPaul's Drag Race? Why not hire a drag performer to make a surprise appearance. If you love to sing, prepare a super-romantic surprise performance for your new husband or wife. Perhaps, you're a member of a choir – can you organise for them to sing at your ceremony?

V

IS FOR VOCALIST

Employ the soothing tones of a solo vocalist to bring that special something to your ceremony as you walk down the aisle or sign the register. They can also add an air of sophistication to your drinks reception.

X

IS FOR X-PERTS

Ok, we cheated here! But in all seriousness, your professional entertainers are experts in their field. Be sure to tap into their wealth of knowledge and experience with a pre-wedding meeting. Nobody knows how to fill a dancefloor like they do.

W

IS FOR WAITERS

For the ultimate surprise singing waiters are often hilarious, brilliantly entertaining, and will, without doubt, provide a talking point far beyond the day itself.

Y

IS FOR YAKETY-YAK

If your guestlist is filled with folk who haven't seen each other for donkey's years, sometimes less is more. They'll love time to catch up, so consider periods of downtime or chill out zones away from all the action.

Z

IS FOR ZZZ

Time for bed, but no need to let the evening fizzle out. Be sent off in style with a sparkler guard of honour as you bid farewell.

