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I would first like to congratulate you and your fiancée on your announcement to exchange your wedding vows. Whether your wedding date is just around the corner or over a year away you will soon be faced with many decisions for planning that perfect day. At **SoundQ Productions** we would honor the opportunity to help you make your special day truly memorable.

The first step is a simple one. After reviewing the information in this packet, you may wish to look further into our services. If you do, please call our office and make an appointment for an event planner to sit down and discuss your needs and expectations.

To get started, we have included below a condensed version of many of the things that may occur during your wedding reception. We are by no means limited to this format. We work with banquet halls, caterers, photographers, and many other professionals like the ones that you may have hired for your reception. It is our responsibility to not only provide entertainment but to ensure everything runs smoothly and on schedule. Each of our MC/DJ's are trained to coordinate each aspect of your reception. They will ensure that each aspect of your reception goes as planned so that you have nothing more to do than enjoy your time spent with family and friends celebrating your special day.

Cocktail Music

At your scheduled start time, or when your first guests arrive, we begin playing your preferred style of music. For a touch of elegance, **SoundQ Productions** can arrange for an experienced soloist and/or musician/keyboardist to provide light music, arias, and other musical selections during this time. Because your guests are spending this time conversing, we keep the music low key and our volumes unobtrusive.

Bride and Groom Arrive

Usually the photographer will take the bridal party for pictures after the ceremony. When the photographer has completed his photo session with the bride and groom at the reception hall, your entertainer will line the bridal party up for proper introduction. This usually immediately proceeds dinner service.

Bridal Party Introductions

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About 4 weeks before your reception, you will again meet with your MC/DJ to discuss name pronunciation of your bridal party, attendants, and the placement of these attendants within the order of introduction. At the reception hall your Master of Ceremonies will take charge of organizing your attendants in proper order and getting them prepared for introductions. As your attendants make their way into the banquet room, they may form a greeting line, or go directly to the head table.

Receiving Line

This option is usually established during the cocktail hour. The bride, groom, parents and specific friends or family line up and greet the guests as they arrive at your reception. This is a great time to say "thank you" to all of your guests for attending your special day.

Blessing

Once your bridal party attendants are at the head table, your MC/DJ will ask a guest (someone selected prior to the reception; a parent, friend, relative, minister, etc.) by name to say the blessing. Once the blessing is complete, your Master of Ceremonies will now introduce the person who is giving the toast.

Toast

The best man usually does this. We coordinate with the caterer or banquet facility to ensure that each guest has a glass of champagne or wine. The best man will have a wireless microphone so he will be heard clearly throughout the room. With prior arrangement, sound effects (drum roll, horns, etc.) can be played to precede or close the toast. It is not uncommon for the Maid of Honor and/or parent to use this moment to say a few words as well.

Cake Cutting

This may take place immediately before, during, or after dinner. Your music selections for the cake cutting can either be background music or traditional. The bride cuts the cake. We will coordinate with your photographer or videographer as to the proper time to begin the music for this traditional moment.

First Dance

The bride and groom select this song prior to their wedding date. This song should be well thought out, and define something special about the two of you. This dance can take place either after the cake cutting, or it may take place when the bride and groom are introduced. We will supply you with an extensive list of appropriate music to choose from or you can pick your own special song. If we do not have what you want, we will obtain it, if still in print, at no charge to you.

Parents Dances

After the bride and groom have danced their first dance as husband and wife, they may want to dance with their parents. If these dances are planned the bride will first dance with her father, and then the groom will follow by escorting his mother to the dance floor for their special dance together. At times there are instances where someone else may dance in the place of either parent. This moment will be planned in advance of your wedding day by you and your reception planner. Decisions on the selections of music to play and how the selections are mixed together will also be discussed.

Wedding Party Dance

Once the parent's dance is complete, the bride and groom may want the entire wedding party to come to the dance floor for a wedding party dance. There are many options and configurations of how these dances may be performed. Your SoundQ wedding planner will help you decide what is right for you.

Let's Dance

After the formal dances are completed, we will invite everyone to join in on the dance floor. At the beginning of the reception, we usually play a lot of popular music to get everyone involved in dancing, usually a mix of oldies works best, but we are always open to requests and suggestions. Throughout the evening we are not only interested in what you would like to have played, we also want to know the songs that you do not want to hear. However, please take into consideration the music preferences of your guests before eliminating song titles.

Anniversary Dance

This special dance can be done in many ways. One way we have found successful is to invite the bride and groom to the dance floor. We then invite all of the married couples in attendance to join the bride and groom on the dance floor. Once every married couple is dancing to a slow song we ask for anyone who has been married for one day or less (usually it's the bride and groom, unless one of your guests got married that day & we didn't know about it!!) to please make their way to the side of the dance floor, so that we may form a circle around the dance floor with other guests who will soon be eliminated. Other guests are eliminated by five year intervals, until we end up with the couple that has been married the longest. We then ask the bride and groom to join this couple. A nice touch to this dance that we have seen is having the bride and groom present this couple with either roses or champagne (the bride and groom may already be aware who this couple will be through their invitations).

Dollar Dance

The dollar dance is a tradition that many families enjoy. Your MC/DJ will announce that a Dollar Dance is about to take place and encourage guests to participate. A couple, usually the best man and maid of honor, collect a dollar from each guest who wishes to dance with the bride or groom. They are usually permitted to dance about

a minute with the newlyweds until the next guest is allowed to cut in. Your entertainer will continue to keep music playing with the same tempo until the dance is complete.

Bouquet and Garter Toss

At this moment your entertainer will ask the bride and groom to make their way to the dance floor for the Garter & Bouquet toss. Your photographer will probably pose you before the music begins for this ceremony. We first ask all eligible (non-married) ladies to the floor. We then play the pre-chosen "bouquet toss music.". Once the groom has removed the garter your entertainer will ask for all single gentlemen to make their way to the dance floor. Again, specific music will be played and the groom will toss the garter. This entire activity will be coordinated by your MC/DJ. We will ensure that pictures, videos and all aspects of these events proceed seamlessly to the enjoyment of all.

Bride and Groom Farewell Dance

If the bride and groom plan to leave prior to the end of the reception this dance is a nice way to announce your departure. Before this dance, your MC/DJ will ask all guests to form a circle around the dance floor to which our bride and groom can dance within.

SoundQ's Creative Ideas

Kiss Box

A Kiss Box is used during dinner when your guests "clink" their glasses to get you to kiss. Each time they begin clinking their glasses we randomly pull out a name from the Kiss Box. It is now up to the selected couple to "teach" you their method of kissing to keep the flame of love alive throughout your marriage. The kiss box can be great fun and occasionally X-rated!

A Song With the Word "Love" in It

This is also done during dinner when you guests clink their glasses. As soon as the clinking starts we will announce to you guests that you will not respond to the clinking of glasses. Instead if your guests want you to kiss they have to sing a line from a song with the word "love" in it. Your MC/DJ will go around to your tables with a wireless microphone encouraging your guest to take part in the fun. If your wedding is during the holiday season singing part of a Holiday carol is great fun too!

Putter Around

If you, your fiancée or special guests are golf enthusiasts this is a fun challenge to get the Bride & Groom to kiss. We lay out a golf mat on the dance floor and propose to

your guests that golf is a game of wager. If they would like to make a wager with the Bride & Groom they can do so by attempting to putt a golf ball into the cup. If they do, the Bride and Groom have to kiss each other. If the golfer misses, the Bride and Groom may pick any guest in the room for the challenger to kiss.

Bridal Bouquet Forever

When the wedding is over, take your bridal bouquet to a flower-drying specialist who can professionally dry and exquisitely frame your bouquet forever!

Guests Autograph the Wedding Couple

Have your engagement photo or other professional shot blown up and framed with matting around the picture. Place this at the door of the reception hall. Have your family and friends sign around the wedding couple.

Candid Shots

Purchase disposable cameras, one for every table at the reception, and include instructions requesting your guests to take candid photos. Have the cameras collected at the end of the reception and have the film developed.

We Are Open to Anything You Can Think Of!

If you have something special you would like to do, we will find a way to include it in your special day. We will also permit your guests to come up with ideas of their own as long as they are in good taste and will be a pleasant remembrance of the day. When in doubt, we usually check with one of the parents of the bride or who ever you designate before including a guest's suggestion.

We hope your wedding day will be a special and blessed event that you will remember for the rest of your lives together. If there is anything we can do to help make it perfect, just ask. We pride ourselves on providing service, laughter, good times and wonderful memories.

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