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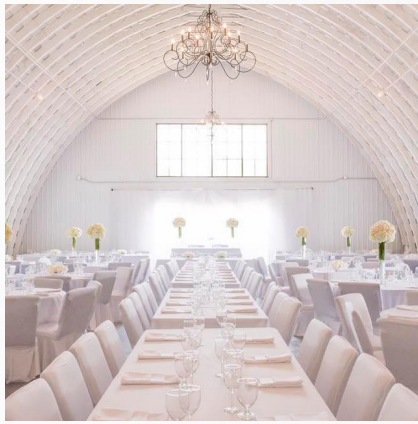
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3 THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING YOUR WEDDING DJ!

By Isaac Lindahl, All Occasions DJ Service

Do NOT play [insert corny line dance here] at my wedding!

The amount of times I've received a "do not play" request from our couples is sadly not surprising. There are dozens of songs that are played-out and boring. As a full-time wedding DJ and MC, I have been asked to play songs like these more times than I care to count.

You may be asking yourself, "Then what do you play at a wedding?" or "Why should we hire a DJ when my friend has Spotify and a boom box?"

What makes a true, professional wedding DJ & MC? The answer to that question doesn't have a one-size-fits-all answer. However, nearly all wedding DJs worth hiring have three things in common. Here's what to look for when choosing your wedding day entertainment:

\$\$\$ PRICE \$\$\$

The saying "you get what you pay for" couldn't be more true when it comes to hiring a wedding DJ & MC. There are hobbyist DJs who only take cash payments, are solo-operations, and don't even have a website. These DJs cost anywhere from \$500-\$1000. If you're on a budget, you can absolutely find an amazing entertainer in this price range, however you'll have a much harder time finding a needle in a haystack.

The next tier of DJs is what I call "The Standard." These guys and gals do a great job and won't break the bank. They meet the bar of what our industry expects. They may not be licensed, insured, or tax-payers. Book with caution when choosing DJs who charge between \$1000-\$1500. The majority of these entertainers will provide a great experience for you and your guests, but don't expect David Guetta.

ENCORE! Full-time, professional wedding DJ's usually charge \$1500+ for their great customer service, planning help, and day-of entertainment. Most of these DJs are legitimate brick-and-mortar companies. Some charge more than others, and offer more than just DJ services. Many companies offer bundle packages that can save you money, so consider adding up-lighting, a photo booth, or a slideshow production when you book your wedding DJ!

The DJs at this tier are 100% invested in what they do. They typically don't hold a second job, which allows them to focus completely on the most important day of your life. They charge more because they're worth it. Also, they have many overhead expenses that the hobbyist DJs don't (professional development, equipment maintenance and upgrades, taxes, office rent, legal music licenses, insurance, online planning programs, etc.).

Find an entertainment option that fits with your budget—you do not want to start off a marriage in a bind because you spent too much on your wedding DJ. However, you also don't want to skimp on the music and MC, and regret that your wedding day was awkward and nobody had a good time. Remember: you get what you pay for.

*** REVIEWS ***

Why waste your time booking with someone who hides their reviews or has none at all? Is that a risk you're willing to take? Whether the DJ you're looking into only has 1 review or 100, at least you're able to see what other couples have experienced. Knowing what others said about the service is an essential part of choosing your wedding day entertainment.

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While everyone in the service industry strives for perfection, nobody is perfect. Some companies have perfect 5-star reviews, but don't let a 4.9-star rating deter you from booking an amazing wedding DJ. COVID-19 is still affecting some of the event and entertainment companies, even in 2022. There are incredible entertainers out there who will blow you away with the amazing service they provide, and they've weathered the storm, because they love what they do!

Do your research and find a reputable company with public reviews. If you can't find their reviews on Facebook or Google, I would recommend looking into other options. Also, ask your friends and family members whom they hired for their wedding. Chances are they still remember their DJ, even if it was years ago (good or bad).

IMPRESSION

Last, but perhaps most importantly, go with your gut instinct. I recommend meeting with the DJ you want to book before signing a contract or making a payment. In today's world, online transactions are commonplace and widely accepted, but this is one industry and service that should be an exception to that practice.

If you don't meet the person who will be seen and heard by all your guests, or you book someone before saying a single word to them on the phone, how do you know they are a good fit for you? I ask anyone who inquires about my services to, at a minimum, have a phone consultation with me before they book. This allows them to at least hear my voice (the voice that will be talking over a microphone at their wedding), and allows me to get a vibe for their enthusiasm about the entertainment aspect of their wedding day.

I've had consultations that I refer to other DJs simply because I want them to have the best match possible, and I may not be what they're looking for. I also get a majority of my bookings from past events—meaning that the client I'm working with has either met me or seen my work already.

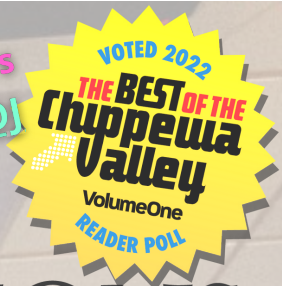
If you take nothing else from this article, remember this one thing: meet your DJ before you book them! You want the person in charge of the fun and the atmosphere of your event to complement your personality and vision for your wedding. When you make your final decision, go with your gut. If it doesn't feel right, keep looking. There are plenty of amazing performers out there. Take your time to find the right one.

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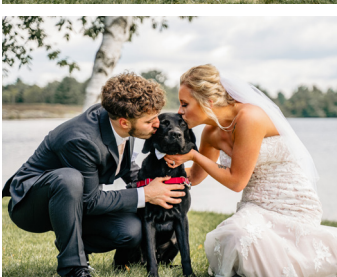
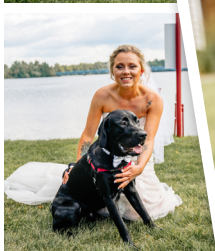
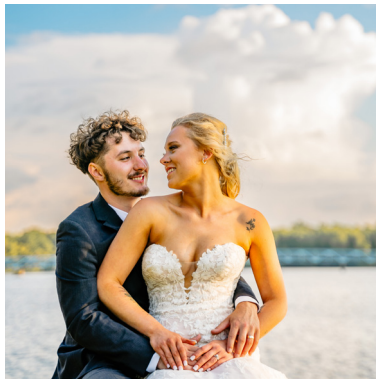
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Tuxes: Mens Warehouse

Jewelry: Diamond earrings from Kohls
and rings from Rogers and Hollands

Hair: Savanna at Allure Salon

Makeup: Aly Wedward (Beauty by Aly)

Flowers: Hobby Lobby (made by Bride)

Venue: Eastbay Lodge

Decorations: Amazon

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The wedding workbook

Renee Barth
Photography

wedding countdown

12-18 Months Before

- _____ Determine wedding style
- _____ Select location and reserve dates for ceremony and reception
- _____ Decide on budget and expense sharing
- _____ Begin compiling guest list
- _____ Select your attendants
- _____ Select caterer
- _____ Select reception entertainment

9-12 Months Before

- _____ Register at bridal registries
- _____ Reserve rental supplies
- _____ Visit officiant to discuss ceremony plans
- _____ Choose gown and accessories
- _____ Choose bridesmaid dresses and accessories
- _____ Select and book ceremony musicians
- _____ Select and book florists
- _____ Select and book photographer
- _____ Select and book videographer
- _____ Discuss honeymoon plans

4-6 Months Before

- _____ Select men's formalwear
- _____ Order wedding invitations and stationery
- _____ Finish compiling guest list
- _____ Check marriage license requirements
- _____ Select baker and order wedding dessert
- _____ Reserve accommodations for out of town guests
- _____ Help mothers select dresses
- _____ Make final floral decisions
- _____ Arrange wedding day transportation

2-4 Months Before

- _____ Start addressing invitations
- _____ Confirm ceremony plans with officiant
- _____ Plan rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- _____ Arrange for decorations
- _____ Finalize honeymoon plans
- _____ Plan ceremony music with musicians

1-2 Months Before

- _____ Mail invitations to arrive 4-6 weeks before wedding
- _____ Confirm details with all contracted services
- _____ Have final gown fitting
- _____ Have final fittings for attendants
- _____ Get marriage license and blood tests (if necessary)
- _____ Purchase gifts for attendants
- _____ Get your accessories ready: ring pillow, candles, guest book, etc.
- _____ Maintain record of gifts received and mail thank you notes immediately
- _____ Confirm pre-nuptial dinner arrangements

2 Weeks Before

- _____ Confirm rehearsal time and date with all wedding party members
- _____ Arrange name and address changes on bank accounts, credit cards, drivers license, etc.
- _____ Contact guests who have not yet R.S.V.P.'d
- _____ Keep up with thank you notes

1 Week Before

- _____ Provide final guest count to caterer
- _____ Plan seating arrangements
- _____ Confirm honeymoon reservations, pick up tickets
- _____ Pick up wedding attire and check fit

Wedding Day

- _____ Rings and marriage license
- _____ If pictures are being taken before the ceremony, the entire wedding party should be ready two hours before
- _____ Bring all accessories and an emergency kit including spare stockings, sewing needs, safety pins, etc.
- _____ Give officiant's fee to best man for presentation after the ceremony

pre-wedding details

Invitations & Stationery

Stationery _____

Phone _____

Order Date _____

Date Ready _____

Notes _____

Stationery Checklist _____

Items _____

Price _____

Quantity _____

Save the Date _____

Invitations _____

Wedding Announcements _____

Programs _____

Response Cards _____

Place Cards _____

Escort Cards _____

Table Cards/Menus _____

Guest Book _____

Rehearsal Dinner Invitations _____

Thank You Cards _____

Napkins _____

Favors _____

Other _____

Favors

Favor Item _____

Favor Item _____

Store From _____

Date Ordered _____

Date Ready _____

Notes _____

Wedding Rings

Jeweler _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Description of Ring _____

Price _____

the bride

Bride's Checklist

Bridal Shop _____	Phone # _____
Fitting Date _____	2nd Fitting _____
Final Fitting _____	Pick-up Date _____
Dress Description _____	
Accessories _____	
Headpiece/Veil _____	Price _____ Date Ready _____
Bra/Bustier _____	Price _____ Date Ready _____
Stockings & Garter _____	Price _____ Date Ready _____
Shoes _____ Size _____	Price _____ Date Ready _____
Jewelry _____	Price _____ Date Ready _____
Wrap/Cape _____	Price _____ Date Ready _____
Other _____	Price _____ Date Ready _____
Something Old _____ Something New _____	
Something Borrowed _____ Something Blue _____	

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3. How many weddings will you shoot on my wedding day?

If they say more than one, ensure there is adequate time in between each wedding.

4. Have you ever shot at my venue?

If they haven't, ask if they would be willing to go do a site visit.

5. Do you bring your own lighting?

The answer should be a resounding "Yes!". If they do not, expect a detailed answer as to why they work without their own lighting.

6. Do you work from a shot list?

If they do, ask to see this list. If they do not, follow up by asking if you can provide a specific shot list for them.

7. Can I request certain images are taken at the wedding?

If yes, ask how they will ensure to capture these images.

8. How many hours are included in your package?

Typical wedding photography needs to start at least two hours before the ceremony

9. How much does an additional hour of coverage cost?

10. Do you bring a second shooter?

There are so many moments missed (the bride's face as she sees her groom, and grooms face as he sees his bride for the first time) because there is only one shooter.

11. How many images can I expect to see from my wedding?

On average photographers take between 1,200 and 1,500 images at a wedding, but typically brides only see 150 to 400 of those!

12. Do you have a limit to the amount of images you will edit?

The answer to this should be "No".

13. How long does it take to see proofs from my wedding?

14. Do I receive a disc of images, or do I have to order all prints through you?

15. How much are prints?

16. Is an album included?

If so, ask to see a sample of the album.

17. Will you use my images in any advertising?

18. Will you request the photography guidelines from the ceremony and reception locations?

19. What will you and your second shooter wear?

20. What is your plan if you are ill or there is an emergency and you can't photograph my wedding?

21. How much is the deposit?

22. When is the balance due?

23. What is your cancellation policy?

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bride's attendants

Bridal Shop _____ Consultant _____ Fitting Date _____

2nd Fitting Date _____ Final Fitting _____ Phone # _____

Dress Description _____ Style _____ Price _____

Shoe Description _____ Style _____ Price _____

	Size	Shoe Size	Pick-up
Maid of Honor _____	_____	_____	_____
Bridesmaid _____	_____	_____	_____
Bridesmaid _____	_____	_____	_____
Bridesmaid _____	_____	_____	_____
Bridesmaid _____	_____	_____	_____
Bridesmaid _____	_____	_____	_____
Flower Girl _____	_____	_____	_____

bride's mother

Store _____

Consultant _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

Description _____

Fitting _____

Pick-up _____

groom's mother

Store _____

Consultant _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

Description _____

Fitting _____

Pick-up _____

groom's attire

Fitting Deadline _____ Bridal Shop _____ Phone # _____

Fitting Date _____ Final Fitting _____ Pick-up Date _____

Package Includes _____

Accessories _____

Style/Color _____

Sizes: Coat _____ Trousers _____ Shirt _____ Shoes _____

groom's attendants

Style/Color _____

	Coat Size	Trousers Size	Shirt Size	Shoes Size
Groomsman _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Groomsman _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Groomsman _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Groomsman _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Groomsman _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Usher _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Usher _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Usher _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ringbearer _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

fathers

Style/Color _____

	Phone #	Coat Size	Trousers Size	Shirt Size	Shoes Size
Bride's Father _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Groom's Father _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Special Men _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

rehearsal dinner

Date _____ Time _____

Site _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Contact _____ Menu Price _____

Guest List

Guest Name _____ Invite Sent _____

Guest Name _____ Invite Sent _____

Guest Name _____ Invite Sent _____

Guest Name _____ Invite Sent _____

Guest Name _____ Invite Sent _____

Guest Name _____ Invite Sent _____

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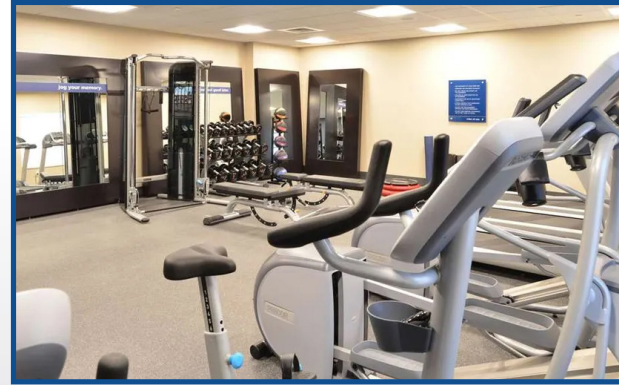
Guest Name _____ Invite Sent _____

Guest Name _____ Invite Sent _____

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the dessert

Bakery _____ Address _____
 Phone _____ Contact _____
 Consult/Sample Date _____ Date Ordered _____ Date Promised _____
 Price _____ Number Served _____
 Delivery Info _____

Other Confections

Store _____ Address _____
 Phone _____ Contact _____
 Consult/Sample Date _____ Date Ordered _____ Date Promised _____
 Price _____ Number Served _____
 Delivery Info _____
 _____ Cupcakes _____ Cookies _____ Candies _____ Pies _____ Ice Cream
 Notes _____

the ride

Company Name _____ Phone _____
 Contact/Driver _____ Limo _____ Carriage _____
 Pick-up Time _____ Length of Rental Time _____
 Capacity _____ Price _____ Additional Price/Time _____

What's Included

- ☐ Bachelor(ette) Party
- ☐ Bride and Groom to Ceremony
- ☐ Bride and Groom to Reception
- ☐ Bride and Groom to Hotel
- ☐ Others to Ceremony
- ☐ Others to Reception
- ☐ Other Transportation

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music

Ceremony

Musician 1 _____

Phone _____ Price _____

Musician 2 _____

Phone _____ Price _____

Songs

Processional _____

Ceremony _____

Recessional _____

Reception

Musician 1 _____

Phone _____ Price _____

Musician 2 _____

Phone _____ Price _____

Notes



Musical Selection

Bride and Groom First Dance _____

Wedding Party Dance _____

Parents Dance _____

Dollar Dance Songs _____

Other Entertainment

Photobooth _____ Flipbooks _____

Other _____

Company _____

Phone _____

Contact _____

Date Ordered _____ Time On _____

Date Promised _____

Price _____

Details _____

photography

Studio _____

Phone _____

Contact _____

Price _____

Take List to Photographer: Discuss Which Stops Are Posed, Candid, in Color or Black and White.

Before Ceremony

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bride Alone | <input type="checkbox"/> Bride and Bridesmaids | <input type="checkbox"/> Groom and Both Parents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bride and Her Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Fixing Hair/Makeup | <input type="checkbox"/> Groom and Best Man |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bride and Her Father | <input type="checkbox"/> Groom Alone | <input type="checkbox"/> Groom and Groomsmen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bride and Both Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Groom and His Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bride and Maid/Matron of Honor | <input type="checkbox"/> Groom and His Father | |

At Ceremony

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guests Outside the Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Saying Vows | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guests Being Seated | <input type="checkbox"/> Rings Exchange | <input type="checkbox"/> Getting into Car |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giving Away the Bride | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Girl/Ring Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groom Watching Bride Coming
Down the Aisle | <input type="checkbox"/> The Kiss | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar During Ceremony | <input type="checkbox"/> Recession Up the Aisle | |

Before Reception

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bride and Groom's
Hands | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Arrangements | <input type="checkbox"/> Bride with Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Picture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bride and Groom | <input type="checkbox"/> Groom with Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

At Reception

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bride & Groom Arriving | <input type="checkbox"/> Tables | <input type="checkbox"/> Cake/Desserts | <input type="checkbox"/> Throwing Bouquet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Going into Reception | <input type="checkbox"/> Place Cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting Cake Toasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receiving Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Favors | | |

Videography

Studio _____

Phone _____

Contact _____

Price _____

the reception

Date/Time _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Food Service Time _____

Contact _____

Cost _____ Deposit _____

Cancellation Terms _____

Does the Facility Provide . . .

Catering Service? _____

Servers (how many)? _____

Liquor? _____

Bartenders? _____

Access for Decorating? _____

Tables & Chairs? _____

Dance Floor? _____

Ample Power Outlets? _____

Security? _____

Handicapped Access? _____

Adequate Parking? _____

Valet Parking? _____

Cleanup? _____

Representative During? _____

Notes

Dinner/Reception Music

Group _____

Contact _____

Phone # _____

Playing from _____ to _____

Types of Music _____

Musicians Attire _____

Need Early Setup Time? _____

Cost _____ Deposit _____

Balance Due When? _____

Notes

Dance Music

Band/DJ _____

Contact _____

Phone # _____

Playing from _____ to _____

Continuous Music or Breaks? _____

How Often? _____ How Long? _____

Overtime Policy _____

Types of Music _____

Musicians/DJ's Attire _____

Early Setup Time _____

Is Leader/DJ Going to Emcee? _____

Cost _____ Deposit _____

Balance Due When? _____

catering

Caterer _____ Address _____
Phone # _____
Service Date/Time _____ Contact _____
Reception Location _____ Price _____

Cost

Per Person _____ x # Guests _____ = \$ _____

Menu

Does the Cost Cover . . .

All Necessary Equipment? _____ Room Setup? _____
China & Flatware? _____ Cake Cutting? _____
Servers (how many)? _____ Setup & Cleanup? _____
Taxes & Gratuity? _____ Other? _____

Liquor

Supplier _____ Address _____
Phone # _____ Contact _____
Pick-up or Deliver? _____ Ice _____
Open Bar From _____ To _____ Wine(s) for Dinner _____
Cash Bar From _____ To _____ Champagne for Toast _____

Other Beverages

Punch _____ Soft Drinks _____
Non-Alcoholic Wine/Beer/Champagne _____

ceremony

Location _____ Address _____
Phone # _____ Contact & Phone # _____
Officiant(s) & Phone #'s _____ Fee _____
Rehearsal Date/Time _____ Arrival Time _____
Ceremony Time _____

Does the Facility Provide

Aisle Runner _____ Canopy _____ Candles _____ Rice/Birdseed _____ Dressing Rooms _____

Items to Bring to Ceremony

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Unity Candle _____ Programs _____ Flowers _____ Decorations _____
Send-off Items (birdseed, bubbles, balloons, sparklers) _____
Other _____



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Item _____

Quantity _____

Price _____

Bride's Bouquet _____

Flowers in Bride's Hair _____

Corsages (Pin On/Wrist/Hand Tied; Mothers,

Grandmothers, Attendants, Honored Guests) _____

Toss Bouquet _____

Memorial Flowers (In Honor of Deceased Relatives) _____

Reception Entrance _____

Guest Table _____

Place Card Table _____

High Top Cocktail Tables _____

Hors d'Oeuvres Area _____

Head Table _____

Centerpieces _____

Buffet Line _____

Dessert Table _____

Ceiling _____

Bar Décor _____

Bathroom Decor _____

Lounges _____

Bridal Suite _____

Maid of Honor Bouquet _____

Bridemaid's Bouquets # _____

Flower Girl _____

Boutonniere (Groom, Groomsmen, Ushers, Fathers,

Grandfathers, Ringbearer, Godparents, Honored

Guests) _____

Ceremony Entrance _____

Aisle _____

Altar Arrangements _____

Unity Candle _____



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Best Western PLUS Eau Claire Conference Center Eau Claire • 715-838-9989	400	•	•	•		•	3
Celebrations at the Gables Turtle Lake • 715-641-0791 celebrationsatthegables.com	280	•	•	•	•	•	6
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Eagles Club Banquet Hall Chippewa Falls • (715) 723-0172 eaglesclubbanquethall.com	500	•	•	•	•	•	43
Eastbay Lodge Holcombe • 715-928-0735 eastbayholcombe.com	400	•	•	•	•	•	15
Fest Valley Events Cadott • 715-289-4401 festvalleyevents.com	400	•	■	•	•	•	40
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Venue	capacity	tables & chairs included	in-house catering/bar	liquor	outdoor facilities	rehearsal dinners	see ad on page
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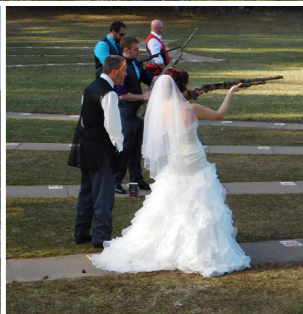


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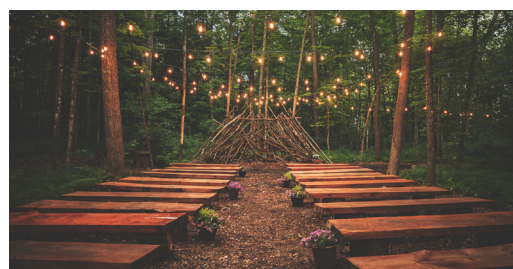
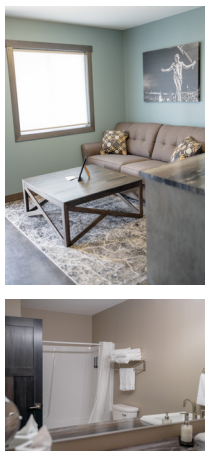
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Grazing Tables Trending Now

By Becky Streeter

One of the biggest trends we're seeing right now for reception food is grazing tables. If you haven't had the pleasure of experiencing a grazing table yet, you are in for a treat. When done well, these tables can truly be a work of art that your wedding guests won't forget.

Grazing tables are full of savory treats for wedding guests to snack on. Tables can feature anything from artisan breads and cheese to meats and seasonal vegetables with dipping sauces. The foods available are not usually temperature picky, so they can be left out for a significant amount of time for guests to enjoy. A grazing table is perfect as a starter before a breakfast reception, as an appetizer for cocktail hour, or a late-night snacking station.

Willow Events & Catering in Chippewa Falls offers amazing grazing tables for weddings and other events. Chef and owner Adam Kazort has more than 27 years of culinary expertise, and a large part of his education and training was focused in hospitality. His desire is to make your wedding food a beautiful experience for all to remember, and he doesn't disappoint.

Each grazing table Chef Adam designs is very unique. The menu you find online is mostly suggestions and can be customized to fit your needs. Grazing tables from Willow Events & Catering often include artisan deli sammies, mixed nuts, dried fruits, fresh fruits, crackers, cheeses, meats, fresh vegetables, and chocolate. However, Adam prides himself on tailoring meals to the client's specific tastes, regional flavor (did someone say Wisconsin comfort food?), and dietary needs—he even does a lot of kosher cooking!

There is definitely an art to grazing tables. Chef Adam often adds a touch of rustic chic to the display by incorporating wooden slat boxes, charcuterie boards, signs, lanterns or pedestal candles, and greenery/ foliage. If you have a specific decoration of your own that you would like to display, Adam would love to incorporate it, just give him a heads up before the event.

Layering is another major component of an eye-catching grazing table. Depending on the location of the event, a table may be all one level or it can have several different tiers. The highest Chef Adam has ever gone was three feet! He states, "A finished grazing table is a flow of color, shapes, and food artistically displayed."

Willow Events & Catering offers services on-site or off-site catering throughout the Chippewa Valley. For off-site locations, tables are usually provided by your choice of venue, however Willow Events & Catering provides disposable plates, napkins and forks at no extra charge. And they bring all the necessary serving utensils and display

items. For on-site events at the center, everything comes with the rentals and purchase of the food.

Each table is \$14 per person with a \$100 deposit at time of booking. The deposit is date-transferable and is also credited on the final bill. If you have a very specific date you'd like to book, contact Chef Adam at least a year in advance. They do occasionally have openings here and there, however, and they are also flexible if you need to change your date. If Willow Events & Catering is unable to accommodate the change of date you need, you can still redeem your deposit by picking up takeout trays or going to one of their monthly wine dinners offered at the center.

Adam truly loves being a part of a wedding celebration. His food and beautiful displaying of it helps bring joy on a much deeper level. "I have learned that the friendships and relationships we build in this life are the only thing we can take with us in the end," Adam says. "They are what we celebrate in the good and cling to in the bad. They give meaning, purpose, and legacy to a life. I feel so blessed that I can come to work and not only build those relationships with our customers but I get to experience my customers' relationships grow stronger and in the process I become a part of their story."

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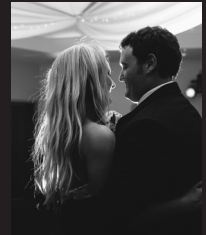
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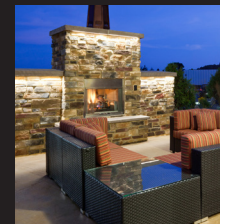
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