



## The Cocktail Hour

The Cocktail hour is usually immediately after the ceremony, and is the time that the bridal couple takes their pictures while their guests mingle and socialize while enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

To carry with the good theme of appreciating your guests and giving them an extraordinary night, having live music continues to take your wedding to the next level. (Especially if you are having a DJ for the reception, mixing things up a bit by having live music for your cocktail hour breaks up the ordain and enhances your night).

Music is necessary for ambiance. The ambiance creates the mood in the room. The mood shapes the feelings and experience of your guests. Having good music creates good times and memories.

What kind of experience do you want your guests to have during the cocktail hour? Master Musicians offers many different ensembles and instruments so that you can personalize this hour to fit the wedding theme or your unique style.

To aid you in your decision on what type of ensemble to choose from, first think about the mood you desire. Do you want your cocktail hour to be upbeat and lively or do you want the music to be subtle and more for background charm?

If you desire an upbeat flare, then we suggest:

Flamenco guitar (with or without an additional percussionist or dancer)

Steel Drums

Jazz Ensemble

Pianist/Keyboardist

Guitar or Saxophone with Background Tracks

Jimmy Buffet style guitarist

Classic Rock style guitarists

Alternative Rock style guitarist

If you desire low-key background music, then we suggest:

Classical Musicians

Jazz Ensemble

Blues Band

Reggae One-Man band/ensemble

Old school R & B

Pianist/Keyboardist



## Points to Consider

Points to consider are the size of the room and the number of guests you are having. During a cocktail hour there is that background white noise of people talking, drinking, eating, moving... a solo violin cannot carry over the hum a 100 people create, while the louder saxophonist can. If you are concerned about this, please talk to one of our Master associates who can assist in guiding you in making the perfect choice.