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Wedding/Event Musician

Electric & Acoustic Violinist

Creating personalized
wedding ceremonies for
over 15 years

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Shawn Boucké is a freelance musician in the Metro Detroit area. He also offers private violin, viola, cello, and double bass lessons virtually from his studio and in person at the Detroit Violin Company

Shawn graduated from Central Michigan University (*Cum Laude*) with a Bachelor of Music Education in 2004. The following year he was hired as a private violin instructor at McCourt's Musical Instruments/The Detroit Violin Company in Waterford, and as a long-term guest orchestra director in the Waterford School district.



In 2020 Shawn graduated (*Summa Cum Laude*) with a Master of Music. Shawn currently is performing at weddings as a violinists and has a private studio with students from around Oakland County, and the Metro Detroit area.



Shawn is first and foremost a great person. He sincerely cares about your event, in this case our wedding, and asks thoughtful and thorough questions. He is willing to give suggestions, but never at the expense of what you want to do, and he reiterates that regularly. He played beautifully during our ceremony and afterward during our cocktail hour and it really added such an elegant touch to

our day. Thank you for everything Shawn!

-Rich Phillips (Posted on WeddingWire on 5/7/18)



I have **no extra fees** for specialty music on the violin. I have played traditional weddings with classical music as well as non-traditional weddings with music ranging from pop music to TV themes. New clients are not restricted to song on this list but should use this as a guide. I encourage couples to be creative and make their wedding day a personal as they wish.

Here is a list (in no particular order) of many of the songs I have **already** performed on the violin.

Traditional

Canon in D (Pachelbel)
Bridal Chorus (Wagner)
Wedding March (Mendelssohn)
Jesu, Joy of Mans Desiring (Bach)
Rondeau (Mouret)
Ave Maria (Schubert)
Traumeri (Schumann)
Meditation from Thaïs (Massenet)
Prelude to Suite 1 (Bach)
Air on G (Bach)
Ave Maria (Gounok)
Largo from Winter (Vivaldi)
Nocturne Op.9 No.2 (Chopin)
Rondeau (Purcell)
Salut d'Amour (Elgar)
The Swan (Saint-Saëns)
Trumpet Tune (Purcell)
Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)
Wachet Auf (Bach)
Spring (Vivaldi)
Sheep May Safely Graze (Bach)

Non-Traditional

A Thousand Year (Christina Perri)
Marry Me (Train)
Somewhere Over the Rainbow (IZ)
All of Me (John Legend)
Perfect (Ed Sheeran)
Best Day of My Life (American Authors)
Viva La Vida (Coldplay)
God Gave Me You (Blake Shelton)
Iris (Goo Goo Dolls)
Can't Help Falling In Love (Elvis)
I'm Yours (Jason Mraz)
Latch (Sam Smith)
Marry You (Bruno Mars)
Bless the Broken Road (Rascal Flatts)
She's Everything (Brad Paisley)
Thinking Out Loud (Ed Sheeran)
House of Gold (Twenty One Pilots)
You & Me (Dave Matthews Band)
Themes from: Harry Potter
Themes from: Star Wars
Themes from: Game of Thrones

This is NOT the only music to choose from and I will arrange and work to perform any song that you would like to have played.

Wedding/Event Packages

MOST POPULAR!

Ceremony Violin Music	Cocktail Package <i>Fully customized 1.5 hours of music</i>	Performance Package <i>Fully customized ceremony plus added service</i>	Encore Package <i>The most comprehensive service</i>
Preparation and performance of fully personalized ceremony music.		X	X
Performance before and after the ceremony for guests (Up to an hour before and 20 minutes after)		X	X
Performance for cocktail hour.	X		X
Phone/Email consultations	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Special Music Requests	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Solo Acoustic or Electric Violin	\$400	\$490	\$575

I hope to keep my packages and rates straight forward and easy to understand. I do not “micro-transaction” events because I do not want couples to feel like they are limited in their choices for music. There are unlimited options for music. Any music purchases or arrangements are covered in any of the packages.

There is no time limit on the length of the ceremony itself. I work my music around your wedding. You should not need to arrange your wedding around the musician.

Outside of a 50 mile radius of zip code 48329 an additional \$0.50 per mile round trip is required. Hotel accommodation would be necessary for any event outside of a 150 mile radius.

40% is due upon signing of a contract with the rest not due until a week before the event/wedding. For non-wedding events please contacting me for more information.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How far do you travel?

Currently I do not have a limit on distance of travel, but for further venues there is an additional travel fee.

Do you perform live or make CDs to be played?

I will only perform live.

What music options are available?

I have played weddings ranging from traditional, to Harry Potter themed. No music is out of the questions. I encourage couples to be creative and make their wedding personal to them. I have no extra fees for specialty music. I want to make sure you have the music you want at your event.



Where can we hear you play?

There are multiple videos and audio samples on my website but I try to meet with every client virtually or at my studio in Waterford, MI so they can hear music live/in person.

Do you have any reviews from past clients?

I have a testimonials page on my site where you can read reviews, and am 5-star rated on WeddingWire as well as TheKnot.

Hey, didn't you used to DJ?

Yes, I used to DJ as well as play for ceremonies. I still do DJ from time to time but I have decided to focus my time more on violin playing as that is what my passion truly is.

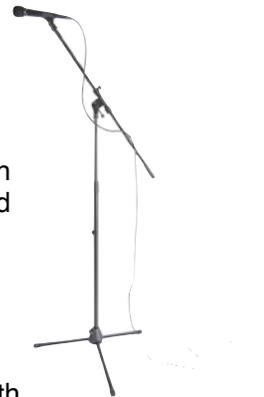
What is the best way of getting ahold of you?

The contact form on my website, or direct email is the best way to get ahold of me.



What equipment do you bring?

For ceremonies where I play the violin I will be my electric and acoustic violin (one to use depending on what you choose and another as a backup if something fails to work properly). I will also have my own music stand, amplification equipment, and a battery pack if needed. I can also bring a handheld microphone with a stand for the officiant upon request. (Example image to the right)



Are lapel microphones available?

No. The reason is mainly that with that sort of equipment there is someone that needs to attach them to anyone who would need it and control the sound which is usually the same time I would normally be playing for the ceremony (Before and after).

What set up time is needed

I usually can set up in a matter of minutes, however I like to arrive a couple hours early to make sure all of my equipment is working and that I am set. If I am performing ceremony and cocktail hour there may be 15 minutes needed for transitioning unless I am able to set up at both locations ahead of time.

Is tipping required?

No. Although any tips are appreciated I will not ask for it and I will never put out a tip jar at your wedding.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you have. After performing at weddings for over a decade I would be happy to help clear up any questions you might have relating to music or any other parts of the wedding day.

Testimonials

Shawn did a wonderful job performing at my wedding ceremony. He learned our music, had several consultation and planning phone calls with me (I'm out of state)--even performing our songs over the phone to make sure I felt comfortable with how they sounded. My parents were impressed and grateful that Shawn continued to play until the last guest left the reception--what a classy touch. I am so glad I chose Shawn to perform at our wedding. If I could do it all over again, I would choose him again!

-Megan Perkins (Posted on WeddingWire on 1/17/18) ★★★★★

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Shawn performed at our ceremony at Meadowbrook on May 18, 2018. Everything was flawless. He was wonderful to work with, always very responsive when I had a quick question. My guests loved the music and we've received so many compliments! Thank you Shawn!

-Lauren Johnson (Posted on TheKnot on 5/20/18) ★★★★★

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It's hard to find a starting point to say enough good things about Shawn because he did a phenomenal job. Leading up to our wedding he made the process incredibly easy, asked the right questions, and made it a point to understand what we envisioned for the wedding. On the big day, he was set up well in advance and did a final check before getting started. During the wedding and reception, Shawn did his thing without needing much from us, and it turned out awesome. Our guests loved the music, but they loved the electric violin even more. Our guests especially loved it when Shawn played the violin while [Guests during the reception were] dancing during some of the songs. He made our entire evening easy and incredibly fun, so I would highly recommend him to anyone looking for a unique addition to their wedding. Oh yeah, I also have to thank Shawn for playing me down the aisle to the James Bond theme. It was a dream come true! Thanks again Shawn!



-Scott Isenga (Posted on WeddingWire on 1/28/17) ★★★★★

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Shawn was absolutely amazing and wonderful to work with. He did everything we asked and more. I would HIGHLY recommend Shawn to anyone looking for that special touch to add to their wedding day (or any other event)!

-Alisha Bockstanz (Posted on TheKnot on 6/24/17) ★★★★★