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There's an Act for That

Booking a band or DJ is all about finding a pro who specializes in the musical style you're looking for. When it comes to bands, one size does not fit all; and the best DJs are known for creating a specific party atmosphere. We asked planners **Xochitl Gonzalez** of Always a Bridesmaid, **Loulie Walker** of Loulie Walker Events, **Leslie Price** and **Eyal Tessler** of In Any Event, **Melina Dreyfuss** and **Dawn Van Dyke** of DM Events, and **Soraya Jollon** of Soraya Weddings & Celebrations to recommend acts for a variety of musical tastes.

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If you want... A JAZZ-CLUB FEEL

Leslie's pick: Bon Musique "This band plays French jazz à la Edith Piaf and classics by artists like Billie Holiday." elanartists.com

Melina's pick: Baby Soda "With their hipster look and eclectic jazz repertoire, this group is great for ceremonies and cocktail hours." babysoda.org

If you want... HIP STRINGS

Loulie's pick: Rock and Soul Orchestra "This group combines string and rhythm instruments to perform arrangements of songs by artists like Rihanna and Pearl Jam." hanklane.com

Eyal's pick: La Femme Classique "An electric violin trio that melds classical music with a modern vibe." lafemmeclassique.com

If you want... A TOP-TIER COVER BAND

Loulie's pick: Kevin Osborne Band "Kevin's the real deal—he's even toured with artists like Billy Joel." henrymarksagency.com

Leslie's pick: Project Orange "The group for couples who want to avoid the typical 'wedding band.' The lead singer reminds me of Lenny Kravitz." grooveevents.com

Xochitl's pick: The Nerds "They play everything from Michael Jackson to Nirvana to Bell Biv DeVoe, and they come with a DJ who fills in when they take breaks." the-nerds.com

If you want... LATIN MUSIC

Soraya's pick: Mariachi Citlalli "This group's professionalism and energetic performance of traditional mariachi music bring authenticity to every event they play." mariachicitlalli.com

Xochitl's pick: Nu Guajiro "If you want Cuban party music, you must hire this group. They always get a crowd on their feet, and their rates are very reasonable." nuguajiro.com

If you want... A VINTAGE VIBE

Eyal's pick: The Vintage DJ "Jonathan spins vinyl from the '30s to the '70s on vintage record players—way cool." vintagedj.com

Dawn's pick: Lapis Luna "Singer Shawn Clarke transports you back to the early 20th century, when the voices of sultry jazz singers filled smoky New York clubs." lapisluna.com

Xochitl's pick: George Gee Swing Orchestra "A total class act—their repertoire of classic Big Band and swing standards creates a nostalgic, old-school atmosphere." georgegee.com

If you want... THE NEXT HOT DJ

Soraya's pick: DJ Dhundee "Dhundee is perfect for couples who hate the idea of hiring a 'wedding DJ.' He plays a mix of classic gems, current hits, and underground favorites." djdhundee.com

Leslie's pick: Generation Events "DJ Jason Fioto always rocks the party—he's especially good at getting guests of different generations all on the dance floor together." generationevents.com

Xochitl's pick: DJ Elwood "Sean's personal taste in music leans toward old-school R&B and '80s hits, but he works with couples to create playlists that reflect their style." djelwood.blogspot.com

If you want... CLASSICAL MUSIC

Soraya's pick: Michelle Gott "Michelle is a classically trained harpist; she's ideal if you want traditional ceremony music or dreamy music for a cocktail hour in a garden." michellegott.com



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