

## The Sedona String Quartet FAQs

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### What is a string quartet?

A string quartet is a musical ensemble of four string players – usually two violin players, a violist and a cellist – or a piece written to be performed by such a group. The string quartet is one of the most prominent chamber ensembles in classical, with most major composers, from the late 18th century onwards, writing string quartets. Joseph Hayden is credited with “inventing” the string quartet in late 1700s.

### How long does the quartet play during my event or wedding ceremony?

The Sedona String Quartet will provide three (3) hours of musical performance for your event or wedding ceremony for our standard rate.

A three hour performance at a wedding ceremony will include 1.5 hours of music for the **Prelude** (music for the guests to arrive by) and 1.5 hours of music for the **Ceremony** (and Postlude which is the music for the guests to leave by). A three hour performance at an event will include two 1.5 hour performances with a 15 minute intermission.

### What is the attire for The Sedona String Quartet?

The dress code is normally formal: men in tuxedos / women in black. For some occasions, like a morning funeral service, dark suit and long tie will be more appropriate.

### Are you willing to play outdoors?

Yes, we are - within reason. Our main concerns are the safety of the instruments and being able to perform well. i.e.. We must be in full shade and there cannot be any precipitation. The quartet requires only 4 upright chairs without arms in an area ideally ca. 8 by 8 feet

### Do you also play for wedding receptions?

Yes - we often play during the cocktail hour and/or for dinner, and frequently the whole of the reception. An additional fee is required to perform at the Reception.

### My wedding ceremony and the reception are in two different locations. How do you charge for that?

In a situation like this, which is quite common, we charge our standard rate for the Ceremony and an additional fee for the Reception including a fee for the travel to be determined on an individual basis.

### Is there going to be music before my ceremony?

We offer prelude music 1.5 hours before the start of the ceremony. This music helps greatly to set the mood for your guests as they are waiting for the wedding ceremony to begin.

### How far in advance should we book your quartet? Is a deposit required?

We encourage you to book as early as is feasible, since the majority of spring and summer weekend dates book up rather quickly during January each year. Don't hesitate to call on short notice however. We have often been able to accommodate even very late bookings because of a previous cancellation.

A \$200 deposit is required at the time of contract to reserve a date. The remainder of the balance can be paid by check or credit/debit card before or at the event. Dates are reserved on a "first come, first served" basis – The Sedona String Quartet reserves the right to cancel or refer another string quartet if there is a scheduling conflict.

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### How many pieces of music do I need for the wedding ceremony?

It is possible to have six musical selections for the wedding ceremony. The Sedona String Quartet offers the following wedding ceremony music services. Included are music examples for each of the sections of the ceremony requiring music.

#### **Prelude** (1.5 hours of music)

The String Quartet No. 19 in C Major, KV. 465 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
The String Quartet in A minor, Op. 132 by Ludwig van Beethoven  
The American String Quartet, Op. 96 in F major by Antonín Dvořák  
The String Quartet No. 14 in D minor by Franz Schubert

#### **Ceremony** (1.5 hours of music)

**1. The Seating of the Family.** This first musical selection is for the seating of the Grandmothers, one for the seating of the Mothers of both families.

Air on the G String by Johann Sebastian Bach  
Serenade by Franz Joseph Haydn

**2. Attendants.** The second musical piece is for the Bridal Party (Minister, Grooms men, Brides Maids, Flower Girls, Ring Bearer, etc.)

Largo from The Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi  
Liebestraum by Franz Liszt

**3. Bride's Processional.** This is the music for the entrance of the Bride.

Wedding March by Richard Wagner  
Ave Maria by Franz Schubert

**4. Interlude.** Very often there is a short meditational piece, the lighting of the Unity Candle, for example.

Aria from Xerxes by George Frederic Handel

**5. Recessional.** This musical selection is for the exit of the Bridal Party.

Trumpet Tune by Henry Purcell  
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Johann Sebastian Bach

**6. Postlude.** This is music for the guests to leave by. Often, the Minister will make an announcement between Recessional and Postlude.

Rondeau by Jean-Joseph Mouret  
Entrance Of The Queen Of Sheba by George Frederic Handel  
Canzonetta from Quartet, Op.12 by Felix Bartholdy Mendelssohn

### How will you know when to start the music for the ceremony?

All we need is a signal from your Wedding Coordinator or other designated person to end the prelude music and begin the music for the wedding ceremony. Also, we arrive half an hour before prelude begins and go over the details with the appointed person to confirm the plan to begin the ceremony music.

Thank you for considering The Sedona String Quartet. Call (928) 600.2355 for more information.