

Ryan Smith Cello Music

Wedding & Event Music based in Albuquerque

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Serving all of New Mexico and beyond, since 2018



What does Ryan Smith Cello Music do?

With 100+ songs made with wedding ceremonies and cocktail hours in mind, Ryan works with planners and couples to make their day personal and uniquely beautiful.

The first thing to know is he brings much more than a solo cello. It's ensemble sound from one musician! A sonic experience with the heart and soul of fully live music.

Ryan is a multi-talented musician with 30 years of experience. **He arranges, records, and mixes his own backing tracks to blend beautifully in performance with his live cello.**



Photo by Jared Kellogg Photography

You can read dozens of his five-star reviews [here](#) to see why brides have called Ryan Smith Cello Music “a self-contained musical miracle.”

Stream the Music!

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Q&A

What types of couples hire you? What kind of weddings?

Couples who hire me are usually music lovers, and sometimes are musicians themselves.

I perform for intimate ceremonies, up to the largest of ceremonies and receptions. I have a cello mic, and bring my own PA system that can be used on or off grid. (I can perform at any wedding.)

The vibe I create is beautiful, enjoyable, novel, and heartfelt.

How long will you perform before the ceremony?

I'll start 45 minutes before, so the earliest guests arrive to live music. When requested, I'm flexible to start sooner, or later (with no change in cost).



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What songs will you perform?

You can give me as little or as much input as you'd like, and I'll make sure to bring elegance while keeping you and your guests entertained.

Specify songs, genres, and/or general moods you have in mind for the different parts of your day, or simply choose your ceremony songs and trust my experience to select the rest. Any way you go, you're going to have beautiful, memorable wedding music. Also, you'll be able to listen to any of my 100+ songs to find the songs that best fit your style.

To make the planning process as smooth as possible for you, I'll provide an easy-to-use planning guide. The main purpose of the guide is to offer song suggestions for each part of your ceremony, but it also has perusable information that you'll find helpful as you dream up the music for your special day.

*"Ryan was the perfect addition to our wedding day! He was so responsive and very quick to answer all our questions. He was **SO thorough with all the details and the music set he played [before the ceremony] was phenomenal!** He was so professional and ensured that our special day went seamlessly! I would highly recommend Ryan and his service to everyone considering it!" - Mezzy H.*

Do you learn songs by request?

Yes! Often for an entrance, or other special moments during the ceremony.

All genres are welcome, and I can do any song on cello. Options are:

- a beautiful, recognizable solo cello melody
- live cello + backing track (downloaded, or a commissioned original backing track)
- as a DJ would play them (from a high quality file, not Spotify)
- as a DJ, but with a custom live cello part blended in!

Additional song requests will be fulfilled to the highest standards. The cost varies from \$20 - \$200 per song, and is typically in the lower half of this range.



Photo by Matt Blasing Photography

Is there anything else we might need to know?

Where to listen. The master list of recordings is on [YouTube](#). While I haven't posted all of my songs, I'll be happy to record any of them for you as we work together.

I can provide ceremony sound. I offer top notch ceremony sound for your Officiant and vows, on or off grid, free of charge.

Song changes. During wedding ceremonies, songs are cued to the action. Like a DJ with a fader, I use a foot-controlled volume pedal to gently fade off my accompaniments as I cadence the cello. Lovely.

Transition to cocktail hour. Often, cocktail hour is in a different location than the ceremony. If so, I have a separate PA system I'll set up so that my transition is timely. Usually about 5 minutes.

Rehearsal. I don't attend rehearsals, but you'll find rehearsal is easy and effective with a convenient YouTube playlist I'll provide. I'll also provide any tips that relate to your wedding and venue.

Performing in weather. Yes, in all but the most intense weather. I'll have a canopy in my vehicle, and it has weights and sides so I'm ready for anything. Also, direct sun is not a problem, although shade is preferred on summer afternoons.

Mileage. Outside of the Albuquerque metro area, travel is \$.50/mile both directions. For example, Taos is 125 miles from Albuquerque, so the mileage is \$125.

Agreement. An e-signed agreement, with all the details expressed clearly, reserves your entire date (for maximum flexibility on your timeline).

Payments. When booking you'll receive two invoices. A \$300 invoice for the deposit, and an invoice for the final payment (due one month before your wedding).

Let's Connect

You're welcome to ask any questions, or schedule a meeting with me!

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Book a complimentary [Zoom meeting](#)

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