

Chrissy Ratajczak and Brian Bourdeau Wedding

General Information (Entertainment)

Performers

- Katrina Nilsen - katrinanilsenmusic@gmail.com - 9792290892 (Piano)
- T. Duncan Parker - duncan@felixandfingers.com - 2174945079 (Piano)

IMPORTANT: Food Allergy Information

- T. Duncan Parker has the following food allergies: Seafood, Mushrooms, nuts, apples

Entire Wedding Day Time Frame

06/29/2024 - 05:30 pm - 12:00 am CST

Locations

Ceremony:

Morton Arboretum-Fragrance
Garden
4100 IL-53

Lisle, Illinois 60532

Cocktails:

Morton Arboretum-
Sycamore Room
4100 IL-53

Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dinner:

Morton Arboretum-Sycamore
Room
4100 IL-53

Lisle, Illinois 60532

Dancing:

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Parking: Lot P21 for Fragrance Garden

Load-In

This wedding requires an outdoor setup.

Rain Plan: Ceremony will be outdoors, weather permitting. Ceremony will be at Sycamore Room in case of bad weather. The ceremony and cocktails are at the same venue but NOT in the same area.

Duelers Load-In:

You may start loading in for the ceremony and cocktails at 04:30 pm.

Contacts

Photographer:

Elena Rusu
Red Barn Studio
(312) 912-5004
redbarnbride@yahoo.com
<https://www.redbarnweddingstudio.com/>

Venue Manager:

Paula Haggerty
Morton Arboretum- Sycamore Room
(630) 719-4622
phaggerty@mortonarb.org
<http://mortonarb.org>

Other Service-Related Contacts

Catering manager:

Lisa Pye

(630) 725-2027

lppe@mortonarb.org



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Ceremony Information (Entertainment)

Ceremony Time Frame

05:30 pm - 06:00 pm CST

Ceremony Setup

Setup: To the left of Arbor, for easy access to power

Sound System Needs

The officiant (Ben Kolber) will require a handheld microphone with stand. Ben Kolber is expected to arrive around 04:30 pm. **Important:** Remember to find out what the officiant's last words will be before the recessional music begins!

No readers will need a microphone.

You will NOT be providing live music and do NOT need your keyboard.

Ceremony Attendance

Number of people in attendance: 47

Seating Music Begins At: 05:10 pm

Wedding Party Size: 4

Ceremony Music

Recorded Seating Music: Instrumental versions of popular songs

Recorded Wedding Party Processional Music: Blackbird (instrumental)- Guitar Tribute Players

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJKSf5tWvWc>

The last person(s) to walk down the aisle before the main entrance will be Maid of honor/ best man.

Recorded Ceremony Processional Music: One Hand, One Heart- instrumental- The O'Neill Brothers Group
Please start the song at 0:38 seconds if possible

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03JSm7eqI8I>

Recorded Ceremony Recessional Music: Here Comes the Sun- instrumental Matt Carlson

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHv2g-P6cWs>

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Cocktail Information (Entertainment)

Cocktail Time Frame

06:00 pm - 07:00 pm CST

Load-In

You must load in equipment at 03:45 pm

Please Note: Instructions sent by venue manager (Paula Haggerty)

General Cocktail Information

Expected number of guests for cocktails: 47

Location of the Couple at this time: At cocktails

Music (Recorded) for cocktails: Oldies- motown, beach boys, etc

The logo for Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos features two stylized pianos facing each other. Below the pianos is a banner with the text "FELIX AND FINGERS" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath the banner, the words "DUELING PIANOS" are written in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.

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DUELING PIANOS

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Dinner Information (Entertainment)

Dinner Time Frame

06:55 pm - Guests find seats

07:10 pm - Wedding party introductions

07:15 pm - Cake cutting

07:16 pm - Announcements

07:30 pm - Dinner is served

07:35 pm - Speech - Cana Snow

07:40 pm - Speech - Erik Jensen

08:30 pm - First Dance

08:33 pm - Father/Daughter Dance (Tom Ratajczak (brother) & Chrissy Ratajczak (sister/bride))

08:34 pm - Mother/Son Dance (Pam Bourdeau & Brian Bourdeau)

08:35 pm - Dueling Piano Show

11:00 pm - DJ Show

11:29 pm - Photographer will be leaving

11:30 pm - Bar closes

Our Seating: If weather is good, can sit at tables on the covered patio. If weather is poor, tables will be set up in a room adjoining the Sycamore Room

07:10 pm Wedding Party Intros

Intro Music: You Make My Dreams Come True- Hall and Oates

1 - Eileen Ratajczak (Rat-uh-check)

1 - Elizabeth Ratajczak (Rat-uh-check)

2 - Cana Snow (Cay-nuh)

2 - Erik Jensen

Introduce the newlyweds as The newlyweds- Chrissy and Brian

07:15 pm Cake Cutting

Announce Cake Cutting: Yes

Song: [For Once in My Life](#) by Stevie Wonder

07:16 pm Announcements

Clinking: It's Great!

07:30 pm Dinner Is Served

Dinner Type: Plated

Please List In Order The Courses That Will Be Served

Course	Notes
Salad	
Entree	
Dessert	

07:35 pm Speech

Cana Snow - Maid of Honor, friend of bride

07:40 pm Speech

Erik Jensen - Best man, Friend of Groom

08:30 pm First Dance

Dancers: Chrissy & Brian

Song: Stand by Me by Ben E King(Recorded)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwZNL7QVJjE>

Special Instructions: Fade out appropriately around 2.5 minutes.

08:33 pm Father/Daughter Dance

Dancers: Tom Ratajczak (brother) & Chrissy Ratajczak (sister/bride)

Song: You've Got a Friend by James Taylor(Recorded)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKaWQxlTsRM>

Special Instructions: One song for father/daughter and mother/son.

Father daughter dance will be with brother (not dad)

08:34 pm Mother/Son Dance

Dancers: Pam Bourdeau & Brian Bourdeau

Song: You've Got a Friend by James Taylor(Recorded)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKaWQxlTsRM>

Special Instructions: One song for father/daughter and mother/son

Other Dinner Information

No Change

Dinner Music: Recorded Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Tony Bennett, Michael Buble, etc

Meet And Greet After Dinner: No

Other Details: Speeches to happen after salad is dropped.

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Chrissy Ratajczak and Brian Bourdeau Reception

Reception Information (Entertainment)

08:35 pm Dueling Piano Show

11:00 pm DJ Show

Must Play Songs:

Only The Good Die Young - *by Billy Joel (Live)*
Let Your Love Flow - *by The Bellamy Brothers (Live)*
Signed, Sealed, Delivered - *by Stevie Wonder (Live)*
The Best - *by Tina Turner (Live)*
Hey Jude - *by The Beatles (Live)*

Possible Fight Song(s):

University of Notre Dame

Songs To Avoid:

Of the examples, don't play proactively, but anything is ok if someone requests it

Explicit Lyrics: A few strays are fine

Other Details

Bouquet Toss: None

Garter Toss: None

Last Song Of Night: God Only Knows- Beach Boys

Tipping: No

Alcohol/Bar

Bar In Same Room As Dance Area: Yes

Type: Open

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Miscellaneous Information (Entertainment)

No Of Guests: No Change

Children

Approximate Number Of Children: 2

General Age Range: Both are 11

Wireless

Details:

Please Provide The Name Of The Connection And Password

	Wireless Name		Password
public wifi		public wifi	

Other

Honeymoon - Denmark and Norway

Wedding Colors - Blue

Performer's Attire - Cocktail (Women: an above-the-knee hem is appropriate, or an evening pantsuit. Men: suit, tie optional.)

Performance Expectations - 3 - A mix of interaction with both traditional requests and dance songs.

This number represents a sliding scale between 0 and 5. 0 leans towards traditional bar show with lots of dueling piano banter and comedy. 5 represents a wedding show with little talking and non-stop dancing.

Departure And Load-Out

Shuttle Details - Shuttles will be leaving to drop guests at the Chicago Marriott Naperville. Still need final call with shuttle. Will provide shuttle times before the day.

We must be packed up and out of the venue by 01:00 am

Chrissy Ratajczak and Brian Bourdeau Timeline (Entertainment)

Full Timeline

03:45 pm - Load in (ceremony/cocktails)
04:30 pm - Arrival Time (musicians)
05:10 pm - Guests Arrive For Ceremony
05:30 pm - Ceremony Begins
06:00 pm - Cocktails Begin
06:55 pm - Guests find seats
07:10 pm - Wedding party introductions
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11:29 pm - Photographer will be leaving
11:30 pm - Bar closes
12:00 am - Reception Ends

Reminders:

- Turn down the lights in the room (especially before first dances)
- Make sure the couple and their parents are present
- Communicate with vendors (like Photographer and Videographer), make sure they're ready
- Double check your sound board settings, speaker settings, lights, mics on, etc.

Emergency Contacts

Below is the order of contact to follow:

1. National Entertainment Director

Shawn Grindle - (412) 860-0544

2. Logistics Manager

Tina Naponelli - (815) 382-4341

If they are unavailable:

3. COO

Bre Podgorski - (818) 823-5799 (text only)

4. CEO

Mike Potts - (815) 245-3623 (text only)

The "No" List

- No blessing
- No WedPics
- No meet and greet
- No bouquet toss
- No garter toss
- No special songs per heritage
- No tipping
- No send off
- No after party

Gear Check List:

- Keyboard (with power cable and sustain pedal)
- Microphone
- Stands (Keyboard Stand, Music Stand, Mic Stand, Light Stands, Speaker Stands)
- Speakers (with power cables)
- Monitors (Players may bring their own. All monitors must use the Main Send, no independent mixes)
- Lights (With power cables and pedals)
- iPad (charged, or with charger)
- Mixing Board
- EIF/Questionnaire
- Pencils/Forms/Tip Jar/Gaff Tape
- Freddy
- Stool
- Cables (Power/Patch/XLR/DJ Cable)
- DJ Headphones
- Mini Shells
- Rockin Roller
- Extra Mic
- Clothing: Shirt/Pants/Socks/Shoes/Belt/Tie/Undershirt
- Business Cards

Rig Setup/Operation Scribd

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code.



Scribd is a great resource for locating sheet music (ie. First dances, ceremony music, special requests). Please feel free to use our account.

Username:info@felixandfingers.com

Password:FFPlayer88

Player FAQ

Have other questions? Chat with our [AI Support](#)

