# 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:	Cocktails:	Dinner:	Dancing:
Morton Arboretum-Fragrance Garden	Morton Arboretum- Sycamore Room	Morton Arboretum-Sycamore Room	Morton Arboretum- Sycamore Room
4100 IL-53	4100 IL-53	4100 IL-53	4100 IL-53
Lisle, Illinois 60532	Lisle, Illinois 60532	Lisle, Illinois 60532	Lisle, Illinois 60532

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 lpye@mortonarb.org



# Chrissy Ratajczak and Brian Bourdeau Wedding 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: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJKSf5tWvWc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJKSf5tWvWc</a>

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: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03JSm7eqI8I">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03JSm7eqI8I</a>

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

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

# Chrissy Ratajczak and Brian Bourdeau Wedding 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

# Chrissy Ratajczak and Brian Bourdeau Wedding 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

 $\mathbf{07:30}\ \mathbf{pm}$  - 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 if 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) <a href="https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=nKaWQxlTsRM">https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=nKaWQxlTsRM</a>

**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) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKaWQxlTsRM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKaWQxlTsRM</a>

**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.

# 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**

**Bouqet 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

# Chrissy Ratajczak and Brian Bourdeau Reception 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

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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

<u>Click here</u> 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@felixandfinger s.com

Password:FFPlayer88

# **Player FAQ**

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