

James Holbrook and Ellie (Leibovitz) Wedding

General Information (Entertainment)

Performers

- Jim Gritschke - jim@felixandfingers.com - 8474319899 (Piano)
- Michael Sherman - msherman@felixandfingers.com - 5135181471 (Piano + Ceremony Pianist)

Entire Wedding Day Time Frame

10/19/2024 - 04:30 pm - 11:00 pm CST

Locations

Ceremony:

The Wilds at Red Oak
Nature Center
1400 N River Rd

North Aurora, Illinois
60542-1250

Cocktails:

The Wilds at Red Oak
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Dinner:

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Dancing:

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Parking: We believe there is a loading dock and golf cart to help load and unload equipment. There is parking on site.

Load-In

This wedding requires an outdoor setup.

Rain Plan: The venue has an outdoor patio where the reception and cocktail hour will be held, barring inclement weather. The ceremony and cocktails are in the SAME area.

Duelers Load-In:

You can start loading in at 02:00 pm.

Contacts

Day-of-Contact

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Day of Coord
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Wedding Planner:

JD Ostergaard
JD Ostergaard
(312) 714-2233
jdostergaard@gmail.com

Venue Manager:

Iesha Gordon
The Wilds at Red Oak Nature Center
(630) 982-7418
igordon@fvpd.net
<https://www.foxvalleyweddings.info/wilds/>

Upgrades

- Mini-shells
- Live Ceremony



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Ceremony Information (Entertainment)

Ceremony Time Frame

04:30 pm - 05:00 pm CST

Ceremony Setup

Setup: DJ set up inside, ceremony setup outside

Sound System Needs

The officiant (Liz Fay) will require a handheld microphone with stand. Liz Fay is expected to arrive around 03:30 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 be providing live music so have a keyboard set up.

Ceremony Attendance

Number of people in attendance: 130

Seating Music Begins At: 04:00 pm

Wedding Party Size: 8

Wedding Traditions: The ceremony will be non-denominational, but we will be incorporating the Jewish tradition of breaking the glasses at the end of the ceremony.

Ceremony Music

Live Seating Music: Taylor Swift instrumental music

Recorded Wedding Party Processional Music: Wildflowers by Tom Petty

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2OFxeg4spU>

The last person(s) to walk down the aisle before the main entrance will be two flower girls.

Recorded Ceremony Processional Music: Simply the Best by Noah Reid

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75gd1TKz39k>

Recorded Ceremony Recessional Music: For Once in My Life by Stevie Wonder

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3qi3E40aWE>

Other Wedding Music: play some twinkly stuff during the planting ceremony

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Cocktail Information (Entertainment)

Cocktail Time Frame

05:00 pm - 06:00 pm CST

General Cocktail Information

Expected number of guests for cocktails: 130

Location of the Couple at this time: Taking photographs

Music (Recorded) for cocktails: Conversation, dinner party music



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Dinner Information (Entertainment)

Dinner Time Frame

06:05 pm - Guests find seats
06:10 pm - Wedding party introductions
06:15 pm - Dinner is served
06:45 pm - Speech - Jorie Leibovitz
06:50 pm - Speech - Nick Simon
06:55 pm - Speech - Steve Leibovitz
07:00 pm - Speech - Bride and Groom (give James the mic)
07:05 pm - Cake cutting
07:10 pm - First Dance
07:15 pm - Father/Daughter Dance (Steve Leibovitz & Ellie Leibovitz)
07:20 pm - Mother/Son Dance (Lois Holbrook & James Holbrook)
07:30 pm - Dueling Piano Show
07:45 pm - Announcements
09:00 pm - Photographer will be leaving
09:30 pm - DJ Show
10:30 pm - Bar closes
Social: Cards on table.
Our Seating: There will be a table set aside

06:10 pm Wedding Party Intros

Intro Music: n/a just a shoutout

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Introduce the newlyweds as James and Ellie

06:15 pm Dinner Is Served

Dinner Type: Buffet

06:45 pm Speech

Jorie Leibovitz - Sister & Maid of Honor to Ellie

06:50 pm Speech

Nick Simon - Best Man to James

06:55 pm Speech

Steve Leibovitz - Father of the Bride

07:00 pm Speech

Bride and Groom (give James the mic) - selves

07:05 pm Cake Cutting

Announce Cake Cutting: Yes

Song: [Something Tells Me](#) by BAILEN

07:10 pm First Dance

Dancers: James & Ellie

Song: Beyond by Leon Bridges(Live)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELPOCJvDz3w>

Special Instructions: Fade out appropriately around 2.5 minutes.

07:15 pm Father/Daughter Dance

Dancers: Steve Leibovitz & Ellie Leibovitz

Song: My Darling by Wilco(Recorded)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Tp2cxQ-rhQ>

Special Instructions: 2 is good at most

07:20 pm Mother/Son Dance

Dancers: Lois Holbrook & James Holbrook

Song: Stuck With You by Huey Lewis & The News(Recorded)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J08ZwySCoJ8>

Special Instructions: 2 minutes is good

07:45 pm Announcements

Clinking: Sing A Song With The Word 'Love' - If your guests want you to kiss, they need to stand up at their table (by themselves are with a group) and sing a phrase of a song that contains the word 'love.' This is the most popular alternative to clinking.

Tables Released By: Wedding Coordinator

Other Dinner Announcements:

Announce when smores are open to be made around 7:25pm.

After cake cutting buffet is still open to people can grab seconds.

Other Dinner Information

No Change

Dinner Music: Live Folk music and R&B

Meet And Greet After Dinner: Yes

Social Websites To Share Pictures: Cards on table.

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Reception Information (Entertainment)

07:30 pm Dueling Piano Show

09:30 pm DJ Show

Must Play Songs:

Love On The Weekend - by John Mayer (Live)
...I Won't Say (I'm In Love) - by Susan Egan, Cheryl FreemanLaChanze, Vaneese Thomas, Lillias Thomas, Disney (Live)
Dreaming In Electric Blue - by Dave Barnes (Recorded)
I Wanna Dance With Somebody - by Whitney Houston (Recorded)
HOT TO GO! - by Chappell Roan (Live dedicate to gigi)
Never Gonna Give You Up - by Rick Astley (Recorded)
Dance The Night - by Dua Lipa (Recorded)
A Bar Song (Tipsy) - by Shaboozey (Recorded)
Break The Rules - by Charli xcx (Recorded)
Espresso - by Sabrina Carpenter (Recorded)
Gigi Kaufman - 1st Grade - Its Her Bday - by ()

Songs To Avoid:

YMCA
Explicit Lyrics: Let 'em fly!

Other Details

Bouquet Toss: None
Garter Toss: None
Last Song Of Night: And We Danced by The Hooters
Tipping: Yes
Tips Go To: Honeymoon Fund
Tip Jar: Yes
Tip Promotion: Pour on the heat

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: 14

General Age Range: Newborn to 15 years old

Wireless

Details:

Please Provide The Name Of The Connection And Password

| | Wireless Name | | Password |
|-----|----------------------|-----|-----------------|
| TBD | | TBD | |

Other

Wedding Colors - Fall colors

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

Performance Expectations - 4

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

After-Party - Announce the following details:

After party at the hotel lobby bar of the Chicago Marriott Naperville, where the wedding room block is. Everyone is invited who would like to join.

Shuttle Details - 9:00 PM Guest Pick Up

10:00 PM Guest Pick Up

11:00 PM Final Trip to Hotel

We must be packed up and out of the venue by 11:59 pm

James Holbrook and Ellie (Leibovitz) Timeline (Entertainment)

Full Timeline

- 02:00 pm** - Arrival Time (musicians)
- 04:00 pm** - Guests Arrive For Ceremony
- 04:30 pm** - Ceremony Begins
- 05:00 pm** - Cocktails Begin
- 06:05 pm** - Guests find seats
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- 11:00 pm** - Reception Ends

The "No" List

- No blessing
- No need for us to release tables
- No bouquet toss
- No garter toss
- No special songs per heritage
- No expected fight songs
- No send off
- No honeymoon

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.

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

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

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](#)

