

The Wedding Singer

Yep, that is me. I've probably done five and will be doing my sixth on March 29th. The first was for my cousin about 10 years ago. I sang at my 2 brother's weddings (one of which is divorced) and my sister's (who is separated (wow... scary thought only 1 out of three is still married)). Then I sang for another cousin's ceremony. Last night, the organist and I met to go over what I am expected to sing on the 29th. Most of the songs I have done before... more or less traditional wedding songs (The Rose, Sunrise Sunset, One Hand One Heart, and Theme from Ice Castles (Through the Eyes of Love)). When I saw the list, I asked the organist why we were singing so few. We will need to add at least one to the Pre-ceremony list; there were two and I have been known to have as many as five. We must be going to rush those guests into the church in a hurry. Even with the organist playing between the two songs, it would take no more than 10 minutes to get through it all.

As for the songs themselves, I have sung "The Rose" during at least 3 weddings. I have been in two different productions of [*Fiddler on the Roof*](#), so "Sunrise Sunset" is familiar (but at a Catholic wedding seems strange). "One Hand One Heart" from [*West Side Story*](#) is about as traditional as "The Bridal March." The Ice Castles theme is probably the most unfamiliar to me but I have been to enough weddings to have heard the piece more than once. I have always wanted to do "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" but maybe for my own. At least they are all in English.