

# CHALINDA ENTERTAINMENT

## HOW TO HIRE A DJ FOR YOUR EVENT

There are a number of ways to find quality entertainment. The **first**, and probably the best way, is to hire someone you have seen at another event where you were a guest. If the DJ did a great job, ask for their business card and hire them.

The **second** is to ask friends or family members that have had great entertainment for their event.

The **third** way is to call various Entertainment companies, or DJ companies, and find out which will do the best job for YOU! You want to find the right person, not the right price. With these questions, you should have no problems finding the best DJ for your event.

### **1. Are you available?**

This seems like such an obvious question, however, some people only know one question to ask: "How much?" Find out if he has your date available. If not available, ask for recommendations for another DJ.

### **2. What type of events do you specialize in?**

This question will help you find someone experienced in the type of event you are planning.

### **3. How will you coordinate my event, and how will you make it FUN?**

A quality DJ will coordinate your event from beginning to end, instead of "just playing music". They will give you suggestions on how your event can be perfect and unique, as well as incorporate your ideas.

### **4. Will you meet with us to plan our event?**

ALWAYS meet with your prospective DJ before signing any agreement! This is VERY IMPORTANT! A DJ who does not offer to meet with you does not care about the success of your event. They are probably more concerned with getting your money! Make sure the DJ you meet is the one who will be performing at your event. If you choose a entertainment company with multiple DJ's, have them put the name of your DJ on the signed agreement. Not all DJ's are the same, so you should find a DJ you can trust, and one with which you have a good personality match.

## **6. Can I call any references?**

A professional DJ will supply you with recent references to contact. This will usually be the best way of giving you the confidence that this DJ will do an outstanding job.

## **7. Finally, how much do you charge for my event?**

Some DJ's have a flat rate for their service, while others have packages with lighting, extra microphones, and other extras. The most important item a DJ will offer is SERVICE. A full light show and 18" bass speakers are great, however, they WON'T make your party a success by themselves! You need a GREAT DJ behind the equipment to make your party a success!

## **MORE TIPS ON FINDING A QUALITY DJ**

- Do not ask a DJ to "see them at another reception". Wedding receptions are private events, and should be kept that way. Would you like someone you don't know coming to your reception? At another event, your DJ may do something you dislike. However, it may be exactly what that bride & groom requested for their reception. Peeking in on another party does not give you the full spectrum of what your DJ offers. Besides, the only way to truly see how the DJ will handle all aspects of the entire event would be to stay for the duration.
- Listen to what your DJ says during your meeting. An experienced DJ will listen to your desires, offer suggestions, and help you plan your entire reception the way you've already envisioned it. They will know what sequence of events occur and how to work with your other vendors insuring a GREAT party. Your wedding day should be the way YOU desire it, and your DJ will facilitate your reception as you desire.
- A professional DJ will not "bad mouth" another DJ service by specific name. Doing so shows that they lack integrity and professionalism. Speaking "down" about a specific company also shows the DJ service lacks character and class, and you may want to consider using another service.