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"High quality & intimate live music for
a variety of engagements, exclusively in Suffolk"

Frequently Asked Questions...

What equipment do you bring with you?

It's a simple and uncluttered setup - Daniel will bring his digital piano with its own stand & power supply ... a few wires are neatly concealed behind a black cloth drop which surrounds the piano.

Do you require access to a power-point?

Not always! For outdoor Receptions & Breakfasts Daniel brings along a power bank which can supply power to his piano making the setup entirely independent of trailing cables to distant power-points. Where possible, Daniel favours connecting to a venue's power supply (particular for wedding ceremonies) just to gain that extra level of security & control of power to his instrument – if needed Daniel will bring along a 40-metre black extension cable, plenty of reach to any nearby power socket. Daniel has relevant PAT certification for his equipment to be able to pass on to venues.

Can you play outside ... will the sound carry?

Largely yes - with an inbuilt power sound output of 7 watts x 2 the digital piano is best thought of as an acoustic instrument (similar to a string quartet) & is best used in small to medium sized venues ... perfect for secluded Ceremonies in outdoor gardens or woodland areas, Receptions on formal lawns or patios at the back of stately homes & for accompanying Breakfasts & Celebrations inside venues or marquees.

What about weather conditions?

Daniel will try his best to stay with you if your celebration is outside - in particularly hot, sunny periods he will need to look for shade to protect his equipment (& the top of his head) but is unable to play outside if it is raining (including light showers) ... but with that said, as his setup is very portable, he is more than happy to move around as much as possible at short notice (much like the British weather)!

How will you dress on the day?

Daniel will typically dress in an open-collared black shirt & black trousers – in cooler conditions he will wear a suit & tie combination (similar to that of a typical wedding guest).

Do you take breaks through the day & do you need feeding etc?

In an effort to keep your music flowing for the day Daniel aims to keep interruptions to a minimum - if you book him for the whole day (Ceremony, Reception & Breakfast) there are a few moments that naturally allow for a break.

At the end of your Ceremony, your party will typically gather for a Confetti Shot; this allows Daniel a brief period of time to move equipment over to another area to set up ready to play by the time the celebrations continue.

Around 15 minutes before your guests are due to be called to Breakfast Daniel will take a short comfort break & relocate any equipment needed for the rest of your booking. In his experience this is actually quite a welcomed moment to start prompting guests that they are coming to the end of the Reception & to begin getting ready for the Breakfast.

Regarding food - whilst Daniel may play for a long time if you book him for your daytime entertainment, he would never expect to be fed but would accept a kind offer of a dairy-free meal to be taken at the end of the booking.

What do we do about music choices?

It's your special day so it's very much up to you on how involved you would like to be with choosing music for your celebration - for Wedding Ceremonies in particular this is often the time when it is best to choose ... choices are needed for the *Entrance* (known as the *Processional*), *Signing of the Register* & your *Exit* (the *Recessional*) as a newly married couple!

Thinking about *Receptions, Breakfasts & Celebrations* it's your choice about what you would like - some couples like to plan a full playlist for their guests to enjoy whilst they are away having photos taken/greeting friends & family etc. but you may like to choose a shorter list of songs for you to enjoy when you are close by. Other options include suggesting genres to include from Daniel's repertoire list or even to sit back & allow him to play from his pre-selected playlists which he can tailor to the mood of your celebration on the day.

When do we need to make decisions about music ... can we choose something that's not in your repertoire?

All music choices need to be confirmed one month before your date (when your final balance would be due).

Whilst Daniel's repertoire covers a wide range of music from different genres, he is more than happy to add new music to his lists for your day - most songs are arranged for piano & are often findable without cost ... Daniel will inform you of any purchase costs involved.

Daniel says *"I'll certainly go on the hunt to track down an appropriate arrangement to compliment your day ... unfortunately I am unable to play arrangements of Hip-Hop or Dance tracks; these songs are very effective when played in their entirety but are often based around short looping samples that last just a few bars & become repetitive when transferred to solo piano"*.

How do your fees work & can we extend our booking at a later date?

Fees start from £250.00 & include any travel requirements within the fee. Rather than booking by the hour you can book Daniel to play for your *Ceremony, Drinks Reception or Breakfast* or combine elements of the day together ... he is unable to offer a *Ceremony & Breakfast* only combination. To confirm a booking, he will ask for a £50.00 Booking Deposit to be made within two weeks of sending out a contract to you.

If at a later date you would like to amend/extend a booking this is usually possible - if Daniel receives an enquiry for a second booking on your date, he will immediately consult with you to see whether you have plans to extend your booking.

Do you have any further advice?

Daniel says *"the most important advice to give would be to enjoy your day ... it'll go by very quickly (from personal experience of my own wedding in 2023) so I'll do my utmost to keep your music flowing throughout your booking. Remember to confirm all of your information one month ahead of your date so that you can focus on the more intrinsic details that will help towards creating memories that will live with you both for a lifetime!"*

You can find more music choices at
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