

String Silhouette

Consider a fashionable, very professional chamber music group discreetly playing light classics as your guests arrive. The ambience is perfectly set.

String Silhouette has been one of Auckland's most popular string quartets for weddings. With a repertoire of over 800 titles, we can provide the music for any mood you require. Popular classics and opera, theatre favourites and popular commercial music. The choices are endless.

String Silhouette normally appears as a string quartet, however for smaller venues a string trio or duo is often more suitable. You choose the style that you require, and please ask us for that special piece; if it is not in our library, we can usually have it adapted for a string quartet for you.

You provide the occasion; let us provide the ambience.

Music – a very brief sample of our repertoire :

CLASSICAL

Mozart Divertimentos KV 136, 137 and 138. All the popular string quartets.

Vivaldi The Four Seasons and popular string quartets.

Handel Excerpts from the Water Music and the Royal Fireworks, Arrival of the Queen of Sheba.

Haydn Well known string quartets.

Tchaikovsky The popular Andante Cantabile, a variety of his well known works.

String Quartet works by Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Boccherini, Dittersdorf, Ravel, Debussy, Schumann, Shostakovich and Dvorak.

Transcriptions for string quartet from popular works by all the listed composers along with Elgar (Chanson de Matin, Chanson de Nuit, Salut D'Amour), Liszt (Liebestraume), Grieg, Strauss (all the popular waltzes), Faure (Pavane).

OPERA

Popular chorus and aria selections from Carmen, Die Fledermaus, Don Giovanni, Faust, La Traviata, La Vie Parisienne, Madam Butterfly, Rigoletto, Romeo and Juliette and the Merry Widow.

RAGS AND SWING

Arrangements of all the Scott Joplin rags. Famous charts of Irving Berlin (Alexander's Ragtime Band), Duke Ellington (Take the "A" Train, Sophisticated Lady) and of course many of those lush George Gershwin standards (Someone to Watch over Me, They Can't Take That Away from Me and Summertime).

FILM AND SHOW MUSIC

Music from film and stage is always requested from String Silhouette. We have arrangements from Phantom of the Opera (Music of the Night, All I Ask of You), and all the Lloyd Webber hits - Whistle Down the Wind, Les Miserables and Chess. From recent films - Everything I Do, I Do It For You and My Heart Will Go On from Titanic.

LIGHT AND POPULAR MUSIC

All the Beatles hits, The Power of Love, A Groovy Kind of Love, Hello, Can't Help Falling in Love, The Rose, The Way We Were, No Matter What, Message to My Girl (Split Enz), Always Be My Baby, and Time to Say Goodbye. Many popular songs today adapt well for string groups. Please ask for that special song.

Musicians

String Silhouette draws its players from Auckland's most experienced professional musicians. Our musicians have toured New Zealand backing Shirley Bassey, Ray Charles, Carl Doy and Brian Smith. They have been used frequently for string backings for television advertisements and several recent CD releases. Some of our musicians -

Jane Wright (violin), studied violin at Canterbury University before leaving New Zealand to work extensively with several London orchestras, predominantly the London Symphony Orchestra. She toured world wide with them before returning to NZ. Here Jane has worked with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and currently freelances in Auckland with the Auckland Philharmonia. She has also lead the Auckland Chamber Orchestra.

Mary O'Brien (violin), after studying in Paris, performed with the Hallé Orchestra, the Northern Sinfonia and spent nine years with the London Philharmonia. Mary is now a familiar face in Auckland tutoring violin at Auckland University.

Helen Taber (viola), has played with the Richmond Symphony Orchestra in Washington, the Canadian Symphony Orchestra, and in the Netherlands; the Hague Philharmonic and the Utrecht Symphony. In Auckland Helen plays with the Auckland Philharmonia.

Joanne Johnston ('cello). Having completed an adult performance degree at Auckland University, Joanne is now one of Auckland's most popular 'cellists. Joanne freelances in Auckland with the Auckland Philharmonia, the Auckland Sinfonietta and as a session musician.



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