

COMPLETE BRIDAL BUZZ



SMILE THROUGH A WET WEDDING

If your wedding day turns out wet and windy, the last thing you need is for your umbrella to turn inside out and leave you drenched. Luckily, you can now be prepared for the worst weather with Blunt Umbrellas, a New Zealand company that has revolutionised umbrella design. The strong materials and innovative design result in an even distribution of tension throughout the umbrella to withstand the strongest winds (tested to 117km/hour). Best of all, they come in a range of fabulous bright colours. They come in three sizes and cost \$69-\$149. bluntumbrellas.com.au



HIT THE RIGHT NOTE

Music should be an important part of your wedding theme as it entertains your guests and sets the scene for your day.

Melanie Cuthbertson is the musical director of Diamond Strings which provides both classical and popular string music for weddings. She says that live music completely changes the atmosphere

of a wedding ceremony.

"A classical CD just isn't the same. It is more romantic and old-fashioned to have live music. I think it brings a sense of occasion; it is something special to do on a special day. As professional performers, we can also see what's happening on the day and time everything perfectly."

For her own wedding, Melanie matched music to her theme.

"I walked down the aisle to 'Romance for Violin and Piano, Opus 28' by Gabriel Fauré as I wanted something different. I was wearing a very romantic dress so French ballet music seemed appropriate."

There are so many wonderful classical music options out there for your ceremony, but here are *CW's* top-five favourites:

- 1 "Four Seasons" by Antonio Vivaldi is a set of four violin concertos. The First Movement of "Spring" is most often played at weddings. It is a lively, happy piece, ideal for the end of the ceremony.
- 2 "The Wedding March" by Felix Mendelssohn makes for a grand bridal party entrance or exit and sounds wonderful on a church pipe organ.
- 3 "Canon in D" by Johann Pachelbel is a popular option for a string quartet and creates a beautiful, serene atmosphere.
- 4 Wagner's "Bridal Chorus" is so instantly recognisable that there will be no doubt in anyone's mind it means "here comes the bride!"
- 5 "The Swan" by Camille Saint-Saëns is not a common choice for weddings but it is the sort of music that gives you goosebumps when played live. Composed for cello and two pianos, it is slow, moving and utterly romantic.

JUST OUR CUP OF TEA

The Langham Sydney's new afternoon tea wedding package proving to be popular. The luxury boutique hotel launched the Happily Ever After-noon Tiffin in February 2013 as the perfect daytime wedding option. The Langham's opulent interiors, first class service and beautiful details such as the Rose Wedgwood tea stands, combine to make this an elegant way to wow your guests can be a cocktail or sit down-st event for up to 110 people in all of the hotel's venue spaces. *CW's* favourite is the Galileo Restaurant. With its rich wooden floors, antique furniture and original works of art, it has a distinctly European feel.

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