

# Hello!



We are Abbey (Swartzendruber) Gregory and Gracie Swartzendruber - violinists and sisters from northeast Mississippi. We absolutely love making beautiful music together and getting to know our clients. We are honored that you have given us the opportunity to have a part in the biggest day of your life and we can't wait to make your dreams a reality!

Here are a few fun facts to get to know us!

1. We both started playing violin at age 3 and have been playing together for as long as we can remember.
2. 2005 marked our first time ever providing music at a wedding. The rest is history!
3. In addition to providing music at various types of events, we also teach private violin lessons to about 40 students each week.
4. Our audiences have varied in number from small family-sized gatherings to over 3,000.
5. We've played in *dozens* of different venues, ranging from back-country cow pastures to Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Serving you with quality and integrity is our priority *and* it's also our pleasure! We want you to be delighted with your musical choices and cherish the experience and memories of having your favorite songs played during your wedding! Whether we play sacred, pop, country, or traditional classical, we hope that our music will be a blessing to you and your whole family!

Let's get started! 





## EVENT BOOKING

Thank you for choosing us to be a part of your wedding! We ask that you **complete and return the following form at least one month prior to the date of your wedding**. This provides us with a complete list of music that you have chosen and is necessary to ensure that the music for your special day is perfect.

**A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required to secure booking and reserve your date. The remaining balance is due one week prior to the date of the wedding.**

Venmo, PayPal, check, or cash are acceptable methods of payment. (Please note that dates are not held until deposit is received). Form may be returned via text/email, or alternatively may be mailed with the deposit.

Please **make checks payable to Abbey Gregory** and mail to:

Abbey Gregory  
PO Box 269  
Smithville, MS 38870

**Venmo:**

<https://venmo.com/u/Abbey-Swartzendruber>



**PayPal:**

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/AbbeySwartzendruber>



We are happy to assist you in the process of selecting music. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Abbey at: [northmississippistrings@gmail.com](mailto:northmississippistrings@gmail.com) or 662-640-8766.

Again, thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of your special day. We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

*Abbey Gregory and Gracie Swartzendruber*

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Do you have a list or recommendations for music during the ceremony?** Yes! We have a list of music that can be used as a general idea or guide. However, if you have any special requests, feel free to let us know!

**What if I am unsure as to what music is appropriate for each part of the ceremony?** Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. We are happy to guide you through the process of selecting music and can even put together a complete list of music for the ceremony if you wish.

**Do I need to select music for the entire duration of the prelude?** No, we have a large, preselected repertoire which includes a variety of music featuring different genres that will put your guests at ease and bring smiles to their faces. However, if you would like to select specific music for the prelude, this can be arranged for an additional fee.

**What is the benefit of having two violinists versus a solo violin (1)?** It creates a richer, fuller sound and you get the beautiful effect of harmonized strings as each musician plays a unique, complimenting part.

**Is the selected song the correct length for the processional/recessional?** This is the beauty of having live musicians. We can adjust the length of the song accordingly so it will end at just the right time.

**Does the song I have chosen sound good when played on the violin?** We do our very best to accommodate special requests and make your musical dreams a reality. We can play almost any style of music and adapt a song to be played on the violin, however, there are a few styles of music that are very difficult to replicate with stringed instruments. Rap, hip-hop, and funk are several examples of these genres.

**What needs to be provided for you during rehearsal/wedding?** We will provide everything necessary that is music-related. The only thing we ask that you provide are chairs set up in the location where you would like us to play.

**Do you require a sound system?** Unless the venue is quite sizable, such as a ballroom, or you are expecting a large number of guests in an outdoor venue, the sound of violins usually carries well without extra amplification.

**Are you willing to collaborate with other musicians/vocalists?** Yes, we would be glad to collaborate with other musicians and vocalists. This generally incurs an additional fee to cover extra rehearsal time and any repertoire changes or sheet music purchases necessary to accommodate them.

**Do you offer any other instrument combinations?** Upon request, we can make arrangements for the following instrumentalists: violin and cello duet, string trio consisting of two violinists and one cellist, or a trio with two violinists and a pianist. For select songs only, a guitar may be paired with a violin.

**How much set up time is necessary?** Setup is quite simple and we generally prefer to allow around 20-30 minutes.

**Why choose North Mississippi Strings?** We truly love our jobs and have over 20 years of musical experience that allows us to provide you with the very best quality sound of strings. NMS brides are able to work directly with us to select music for their ceremony and we gladly assist if there are any questions along the way. Unlike many other groups, NMS musicians will attend rehearsal on Friday as we feel it is important to ensure everything runs smoothly on your wedding day. We also take great care in selecting the most beautiful arrangements of your chosen music, rather than just quickly throwing something together. Our goal is for NMS brides to experience the elegance of strings playing their favorite pieces and to be able to enjoy their special day without worry or stress over the flow and sound of the music.

THE MUSIC PLAYED AT YOUR WEDDING IS A LARGE PART OF WHAT SETS THE TONE FOR THE CEREMONY AND SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE RESPECTIVE PART OF THE CEREMONY TO WHICH IT IS ASSIGNED





## WEDDING FORM

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ BRIDE \_\_\_\_ MOTHER

### MUSICAL SELECTIONS FOR CEREMONY:

PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS:

\_\_\_\_\_

BRIDESMAIDS/GROOMSMEN:

\_\_\_\_\_

BRIDAL PROCESSIONAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

UNITY CEREMONY:

\_\_\_\_\_

RECESSIONAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

### NUMBER IN WEDDING PARTY:

\_\_\_\_ MOTHER(S)

\_\_\_\_ GRANDMOTHER(S)

\_\_\_\_ BRIDESMAIDS/\_\_\_\_ GROOMSMEN

\_\_\_\_ JR. BRIDESMAID(S)/JR. GROOMSMEN

\_\_\_\_ FLOWER GIRL(S)

\_\_\_\_ RING BEARER(S)

IF THERE ARE ANY OTHERS THAT WILL BE ESCORTED IN SEPARATELY FROM THE WEDDING PARTY, PLEASE LIST THEM AS WELL.

**DATE OF WEDDING:**

\_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF WEDDING: \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF REHEARSAL:**

\_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF REHEARSAL: \_\_\_\_\_

### VENUE NAME & ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### WEDDING COORDINATOR

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**OUTDOOR?** YES/NO (CIRCLE ONE)

### COLLABORATION REQUIRED WITH OTHER

**MUSICIANS/VOCALISTS?** YES/NO

(IF YES, PLEASE LIST THEIR CONTACT INFO IN NOTES AND INDICATE WHICH SONGS REQUIRE COLLABORATION)

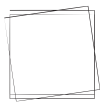
### NOTES:

*wedding form must be returned at least four weeks prior to the date of wedding.*

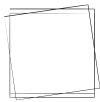
# 3 SIMPLE STEPS TO RESERVE YOUR DATE AND MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE

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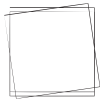
## Checklist



**DEPOSIT:** We require a non-refundable deposit of \$100 to secure booking and reserve your date. (Please note that dates are not held until deposit is received).



**SELECT MUSIC & COMPLETE BOOKING FORM:** Please return the booking form with your musical selections at your earliest convenience and *no later than one month prior to the date of your wedding*. (Forms returned or changes made less than four weeks prior are subject to a late fee of \$50.)



**MAKE FINAL PAYMENT:** The remaining balance is due *one week prior to the date of the wedding*. Venmo, PayPal, cash, or checks are acceptable methods of payment.

Yay!

*You're all set! Now all you need to do is relax  
and enjoy the beauty of your special day!*

