

Detroit Violin
Wedding Packet

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Shawn Bourke



Wedding & Event Musician

Electric & Acoustic Violinist

Over 20 years of
experience performing
weddings, parties, and other events

9x Couples' Choice Award Winner



Shawn has been performing for wedding ceremonies, receptions, parties, dinners, studio sessions, and many other functions throughout Southeast Michigan for over 20 years.

Shawn holds a Master of Music and a Bachelor of Music Education.

Shawn can perform as a solo violinist (Acoustic or Electric) for your ceremony, creating not only an intimate solo violin atmosphere but also producing a large multi-musician sound with looping effects. His musical skills span beyond classical music. As a solo violinist, he has performed jazz, fiddle, rock, and many other styles. If you have any song requests, Shawn would be happy to arrange them to make your event special and personalized, absolutely at no extra charge!

Shawn supplies all of his own equipment and holds liability insurance to ensure your day is beautiful, musical, and stress-free. With more 5-star reviews than any other solo violinist in the state of Michigan on TheKnot/WeddingWire, Shawn has the experience and credentials to ensure your wedding day goes smoothly.



Review from WeddingWire

We had stumbled up Shawn while searching for music to have at our wedding. We were thrilled to see that he offered something unique and that would uplift our event. After booking Shawn he quickly became one of our favorite vendors to work with. He met with us multiple times to discuss styles of music, help guide the flow of our event, and make sure that we were pleased with our selection. He was so personable and fun to work with. He brought so much positive energy and his music...well it was something magical we will never forget. Our guest raved about his talent and songs all night. We had a few curveball requests such as "shipping up to Boston" and "the up song." He executed these with ease and was just amazingly talented. It was so fun! We could not have asked for a better musician. He was just unbelievably talented. We loved listening to him and anyone that books him for their wedding will as well. I highly recommend booking Shawn for any event. He is sensational!

Emily L. - Married on 08/21/2021



There are no additional fees for special music requests to be played on the violin. Shawn has performed pop music, movie themes, video game music, and even created entirely new compositions upon request, improvising in the moment. Couples are not limited to the songs on this list; it has been provided to assist in the planning process. Feel encouraged to let your creativity shine and make your wedding day as personalized as you'd like.

If you are curious about how a song may sound, I recommend NOT searching for violin covers on YouTube, Spotify, TikTok, etc., as often those versions are played with prerecorded backing tracks. Shawn is capable of arranging something much more detailed and intricate for your wedding day.

Here is a list (in no particular order) of some of the songs I have performed in the past

Traditional

Canon in D (Pachelbel)
Bridal Chorus (Wagner)
Wedding March (Mendelssohn)
Jesu, Joy of Mans Desiring (Bach)
Rondeau (Mouret)
Ave Maria (Schubert)
Traumeri (Schumann)
Meditation from Thaïs (Massenet)
Prelude to Suite 1 (Bach)
Air on G (Bach)
Ave Maria (Gounok)
Largo from Winter (Vivaldi)
Nocturne Op.9 No.2 (Chopin)
Rondeau (Purcell)
Salut d'Amour (Elgar)
The Swan (Saint-Saëns)
Trumpet Tune (Purcell)
Trumpet Voluntary (Clarke)
Wachet Auf (Bach)
Spring (Vivaldi)
Sheep May Safely Graze (Bach)

Non-Traditional

A Thousand Years (Christina Perri)
Marry Me (Train)
Somewhere Over the Rainbow (IZ)
All of Me (John Legend)
Conversations in the Dark (John Legend)
Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen)
Shape of You (Ed Sheeran)
Wildest Dreams (Taylor Swift)
Perfect (Ed Sheeran)
Best Day of My Life (American Authors)
Viva La Vida (Coldplay)
God Gave Me You (Blake Shelton)
Iris (Goo Goo Dolls)
Can't Help Falling In Love (Elvis)
I'm Yours (Jason Mraz)
Latch (Sam Smith)
Marry You (Bruno Mars)
Bless the Broken Road (Rascal Flatts)
She's Everything (Brad Paisley)
Thinking Out Loud (Ed Sheeran)
House of Gold (Twenty One Pilots)
You & Me (Dave Matthews Band)
Themes from: Harry Potter, Star Wars, etc.

This is not the only music to choose from and I am happy to arrange any music that you would like to have for your wedding day.

Services Provided



Personalized Music Experience

Elevate your wedding to match your dreams with a fully personalized music selection. Through multiple meetings, Shawn will craft entirely new arrangements of tunes that hold special significance for you. There are absolutely no extra charges to ensure your wedding day is both meaningful and unique.

Everything all in one place

When you book with Shawn, there's no need to rent extra equipment from the venue or other sound companies. Everything that could possibly be required is provided. You can expect not only Shawn and his violin but also backup equipment, multiple speakers (depending on the setup), equipment stands, power cables, and even battery packs (in case of inadequate power supply).



Free audio set up for speakers and officiants

To enhance the beauty of your wedding, Shawn offers complimentary microphone setups. This can include a wired microphone on a stand or a more discreet lavalier/lapel microphone for the officiant. The decision to use no microphone, one, or both is entirely yours.

Flexibility on the day

All packages are structured based on the services provided rather than an hourly rate. If there are any delays on your wedding day, the last thing you need to worry about is the musician's time. Whether guests arrive earlier than anticipated, the ceremony starts late, or cocktail hour extends slightly due to unforeseen circumstances, Shawn will remain accommodating.



Peace of mind

With extensive experience from hundreds of weddings, Shawn recognizes the significance of addressing all scenarios. He maintains liability insurance and ensures that all his equipment adheres to safety standards and FCC wireless regulations.

Wedding & Event Packages

MOST POPULAR!

	Basic Event Package <i>1.5 hours of music</i>	Performance Package <i>Fully customized ceremony plus added service</i>	Encore Package <i>The most comprehensive service</i>
Preparation and performance of fully personalized ceremony music.		X	X
Performance before and after the ceremony for guests (Up to an hour before and 20 min. after)		X	X
Performance for either cocktail hour or dinner.	X		X
Ceremony sound system set up with microphones and for officiant and readers		X	X
Phone/Email/Zoom consultations	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Special Music Requests	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Solo Acoustic or Electric Violin	\$600	\$650	\$875

Shawn aims to maintain straightforward and easily understandable packages. There are no 'micro-transactions' for additional equipment or requests, as no couple should sense limitations in their choices after selecting a vendor. Any music purchases or arrangements needed are encompassed within all packages.

Time limits are not imposed on the duration of the ceremony itself. The musician should offer flexibility to accommodate the wedding schedule, enabling everyone to relish their special day without the need to adjust it to fit the musician's availability.

For locations beyond a 50-mile radius of zip code 48328, an additional \$0.50 per mile round trip fee is applicable. Hotel accommodation would be required for any event beyond a 150-mile radius.

A 40% deposit is required upon contract signing, with the remaining balance due one week before the event.



Frequently Asked Questions

How far do you travel?

There is no limit on travel distance. Depending on the venue's location, there might be requirements for gas or hotel accommodations.

Can you provide recordings of your music?

Shawn exclusively performs live, ensuring each event is distinctive.

What musical choices are available?

Shawn has experience performing at weddings of diverse themes, from traditional to Harry Potter-inspired. No musical genre is off-limits. Couples are encouraged to infuse their wedding with personal creativity.



Where can we hear you play?

Shawn's website features numerous videos and audio samples. He's also open to arranging a live music showcase via Zoom.

Are there reviews from previous clients?

Testimonials can be found on Shawn's website. Notably, he holds the highest number of 5-star reviews among solo violinists in Michigan on [WeddingWire](#) and [TheKnot](#)

Did you used to work as a DJ?

Indeed, Shawn used to be a DJ in addition to performing for ceremonies. However, his true passion lies in violin playing, leading him to focus primarily on this.

What is the preferred method of contact?

The contact form on Shawn's website or direct email are the most effective ways to reach him.

What equipment do you bring?

For ceremonies, Shawn brings his acoustic and electric violins (one as the primary instrument and the other as backup), a personal music stand, amplification gear, and battery-powered speakers if necessary. He can also set up a microphone upon request.

Are lapel microphones available?

Indeed, they are. This represents a recent enhancement to my services, driven by my appreciation for their streamlined aesthetics and user-friendliness.

Is tipping required?

No, while tips are appreciated, Shawn will never solicit them or display a tip jar at your wedding.

Feel free to ask any questions. Drawing from over two decades of performing at weddings, Shawn is more than willing to assist with queries about music or any other aspect of the wedding day.



Testimonials

Shawn Boucke is an amazing violinist! We found his services through a google search. After speaking with him, we felt like he would be the perfect fit for our wedding. He is experienced at playing many song, including country, and was a pleasure to work with. He is punctual, listened to our needs/wants and took the time to get to know all the details of our wedding. The guests also loved his music and his charisma. I would recommend him to others.

Kimberlee F. Married on 09/16/2022



Shawn was amazing to work with. He was totally open to all of our requests and was able to accommodate everything we asked for without hesitation! He was courteous, punctual and professional. The quality of his performance was phenomenal and it was by far our favorite aspect of our wedding day. We cannot recommend Shawn highly enough.

Sarah P. Married on 09/25/2022



Shawn is a master at his craft! Shawn played our ceremony music and it just tied everything together so magically. The sound was impeccable, and he was SO professional! He was such a delight & easy vendor to work with, despite 3 date changes due to COVID. We never had the chance to meet prior to the wedding day because we were out of state, but I had zero worries or stress about that. Thank you, Shawn for bringing even more romance & emotion to our wedding than we thought possible!

Stefany B. Married on 10/17/2020



My husband and I are so happy that we booked Shawn for our wedding! He is so much fun to work with; made us feel so relaxed and comfortable; and he is truly a spectacular musician. It was amazing to have live music during our wedding ceremony - Shawn was able to tailor the music so that everything flowed beautifully and it made an already special moment infinitely more special. We cannot recommend booking with Shawn enough!!!!



Ellen D. Married on 08/27/2022

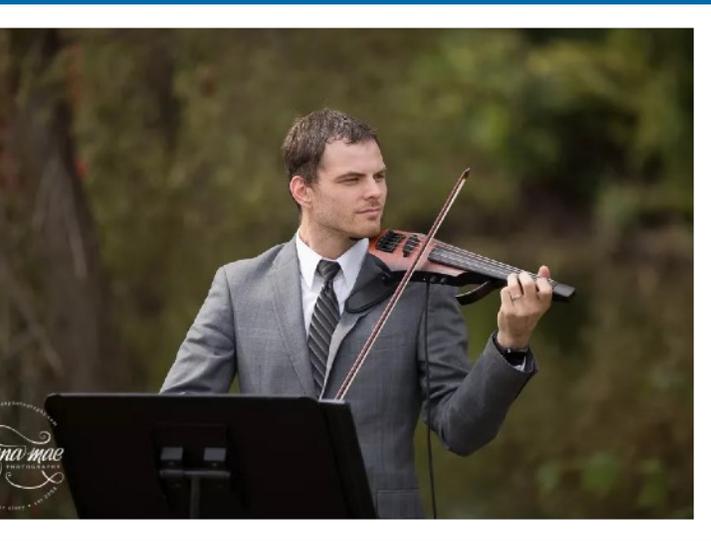


Past Wedding Venues

Shawn has performed at numerous amazing venues all around Michigan. Here are some of his favorite locations where he has performed in the past.

Addison Oaks Buhl Estate, Leonard
All Saints Wedding Chapel, Howell
Athletic Club, Detroit
Barrister Gardens Banquet Center, St Clair Shores
Bay Pointe Inn, Shelbyville

GM Renaissance Center, Detroit
Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel, Grosse Pointe Farms
H Hotel, Midland
The Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn
Indian Springs Metropark, White Lake
Inn at Saint Johns, Plymouth
Italian American Cultural Society, Clinton Twp
Lake Saint Clair Metropark, Brighton
The Majestic Theatre, Detroit
Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor
Meadowbrook Hall, Rochester
Millrace Historical Village, Northville
Oak Arbor Church, Rochester
Orchard Lake Country Club, West Bloomfield
Packard Proving Grounds, Shelby Township
Penna's of Sterling, Sterling Heights
Pine Knob Mansion, Clarkston
Planterra Conservatory, W. Bloomfield Township
Polo Fields, Ann Arbor
Riverhouse Banquet Center, Mount Clemens
Royal Park Hotel, Rochester
Saint Clair Inn, St. Clair
Saint Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield Hills
Shepherd's Hollow, Clarkston
Shinola Hotel, Detroit
Silver Shores Waterfront, Wyandotte
Solitude Links Golf and Banquet, Kimball
Southern Exposure Gardens, Battle Creek
Stoney Creek Metro Park, Shelby Township
Troy Historic Village, Troy
Vale Royal Barn and Inn, Fenton
Van Hoosen Farm, Rochester Hills
Vintage Gardens, Fraser
Venue One Eleven / The Holly Vault, Holly
War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Farms
The Whitney, Detroit
Zingernman Cornman Farms, Dexter



Belle Isle Casino, Detroit
Belle Isle Conservatory, Detroit
Brewery Becker, Brighton
Canterbury Castle, Lake Orion
Carriage House at Pine Knob, Clarkston
Castle Farms, Charlevoix
Cherry Creek Golf Club, Shelby Township
City Opera House, Traverse City
Colony Club, Detroit
The Community House, Birmingham
Crystal Gardens, Howell
Fenton Winery and Brewery, Fenton
The Fillmore, Detroit
Ford Piquette Avenue Plant Museum, Detroit
Fox Hills, Plymouth
Garden Theater, Detroit
Gem Theatre, Detroit

Here's to crafting an unforgettable wedding
experience tailored just for you.

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