

Classic or contemporary

# Music choices change the tone for weddings

By Lisa Donovan  
Senior Editor

One second-time groom wanted to hear more than bells at his wedding -- he wanted to hear "Back in the Saddle Again," said an employee at Dietze music house.



Kathleen Liggett, manager of the sheet music department at Dietze Music House Inc., 1208 O St., said once in a while couples will make unusual requests, but this was the most memorable.

Liggett said many times, when the bride and groom exchange rings, one of them or both will break into song. "New and creative things are wonderful; I encourage that," she said.

Max Anthes, a manager at Schmitt music house, said he doesn't recall many unusual requests.

And Liggett agreed, saying that for the most part, brides- and grooms-to-be chose either classic or contemporary songs or combinations of both for their wedding ceremonies.

Liggett said she receives a lot of requests for "The Wedding March" by Mendelssohn and "The Bridal Chorus," Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," Beethoven's "Ode to Joy

and Pachelbel's "Canon in D," as well as "Trumpet Tune and Air," by Purcell.

Liggett said she gets the most requests for "Trumpet Voluntary," by Clarke, which she estimates is "used in 75 percent of weddings."

Anthes said religious songs, such as the "Lord's Prayer" and "Ave Maria," are big wedding favorites.

He said, however, that he gets fewer requests for the classics, because "most church organists have the traditional (music)."

Songs like the "Theme from Ice Castles" and "Up Where We Belong" from an Officer and a Gentleman top contemporary lists.

Liggett said recent pop songs and

those of five or ten years ago are requested a lot. Songs like "Friends" by Michael Smith and the title track to the movie "Endless Love" have been quite popular. More recently, Liggett said the store sells about 15 copies a month of "Wind Beneath My Wings," a remake by Bette Midler which was featured in the 1989 movie "Beaches."

Other fairly new songs which are quickly become wedding material include "I'll Still Be Loving You," by Restless Heart as well as Kenny Rogers' latest "All Vows Go Unbroken."

Songs that Liggett said she sees as sort of a combination of the classic/traditional and contemporary favor-

ites include "There is Love" which is known to most as "The Wedding Song," written and sung by Paul Stookie of Peter, Paul and Mary.

"The Wedding Processional" from Roger and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music," and Jerry Bock's "Fiddler on the Roof," are considered contemporary classics. Elvis Presley's "Hawaiian Wedding Song" and "The Rose," written by Amanda McBroom and sung by Bette Midler, is another fairly new song which is quickly becoming a common wedding song.

According to Liggett, most couples decide what kind of music to use based on the type of ceremony. If it's

See MUSIC on 5

## Wedding Supplement Daily Nebraskan

Editor: Amy Edwards, 472-1766  
Graphics Editor: John Bruce  
Cover Art: Andy Manhart  
Creative Director: Amy Fastenau  
Professional Adviser: Don Walton, 473-7301

The Daily Nebraskan (USPS 144-080) is published by the UNL Publications Board, Nebraska Union 34, 1400 R St., Lincoln, NE, Monday through Friday during the academic year; weekly during summer sessions.

Readers are encouraged to submit story ideas and comments to the Daily Nebraskan by phoning 472-1763 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The public also has access to the Publications Board. For information, contact Pam Hein, 472-2588.

Subscription price is \$45 for one year.  
Postmaster: Send address changes to the Daily Nebraskan, Nebraska Union 34, 1400 R St., Lincoln, NE 68586-0448. Second-class postage paid at Lincoln, NE.

ALL MATERIAL COPYRIGHT  
1990 DAILY NEBRASKAN

at Simon's Gateway  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68505  
Phone (402) 467-4421

at the wedding tree  
2530 "O" Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510  
Phone (402) 475-3741

Priscilla

You're astute enough to discuss the philosophical ramifications of Victor Frankl's "Existential Vacuum."

And you're still smoking?

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

WHEN IT COMES TO CHOOSING  
A DIAMOND,  
WE WON'T LET YOU MAKE A MISTAKE.



We guide you every step of the way. With expert advice to help you choose the diamond that perfectly fits your taste and budget.

We have one of the midwest's Largest selections of Diamonds and Mountings and we guarantee the quality of your diamond and setting for life.

**A.T. Thomas Jewelers**

Your total diamond source.

East Park Plaza  
467-5402 66th & 'O' St.

## BEN SIMON'S

Westroads, Omaha • Downtown & Gateway, Lincoln

### WEDDING CARE PACKAGE from the Formalwear Specialists

- Quality Service
- Convenient Locations
- Designer Labels
- Pierre Cardin
- Christian Dior
- Bill Blass
- Lord West Crown Collection
- After Six and more
- Sizes from 3 to 60

"We treat every wedding and occasion as if it were our own."

#### LOCATIONS:

Westroads Mall  
248 Italia Mall  
Omaha, NE 68114  
397-8770

#21 Gateway  
Lincoln, NE 68502  
467-4421

The Atrium  
Lincoln, NE  
467-4421



CROWN COLLECTION