

Videotaped vows

Film allows couples to redo 'I do'

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It's the newest way to capture every moment of that special day ... and be able to hit the rewind button for relatives to watch over and over again for their viewing pleasure.

Videotaping services are quickly becoming popular for weddings—especially with young couples.

Carol Ash, partner of Behind the Scenes Video, said new couples are more comfortable with videotaping weddings than brides- and grooms-to-be of a generation ago.

"They grew up in a time when video wasn't in use," she said. "It's a new concept to handle."

But Ash said that the new technology and techniques used to create a wedding video make it worthwhile.

She said all videos from her company are shot on Super VHS tape, the same type of film used for television.

Wedding videos capture every moment of the special day, taking

over where pictures leave off, Ash said.

"How else can you actually see the wedding unfold before your eyes?" she asked.

Once the decision to videotape is made, Ash said brides- and grooms-to-be should be careful.

"A couple should be looking at what they're getting for their money and the quality of the production," she said.

Videotaping services, Ash said, should use Super VHS tape and wireless microphones and have computerized video systems for editing.

In addition, she said, the decision should be made with ample time for planning.

"January and February usually get booked," she said. "There are a lot of bridal fairs that go on during this time."

Ash said videotaping services are competitive with the prices of their packages, so the quality of the production should be considered.

Her company offers packages in the \$495-\$775 range.

CD Review



Various Artists
"Love Songs for a Lifetime: 30 great love songs"
Sparrow Records
Grade: A-

"Here comes the bride. ... 'There's nothing like thoughts of white veils, crying mothers, nervous grooms and

wedding music to put people in the mood for the big event.

Forget flowers; music can make or break a wedding, which is why prospective couples should check out Sparrow Records' "Love Songs for a Lifetime: 30 great love songs."

Sparrow filled this two-CD set with song ideas for the big day. "Love Songs" makes a great resource, even if couples use live music. Sparrow sells many of these songs as singles with accompaniment only, too.

Traditional, inspirational favorites abound on "Love Songs" and are supplemented with popular hits. Contemporary Christian artists perform all of the songs. The Christian theme becomes obvious with traditional songs but is evident through the majority of tracks.

And if a church only allows traditional music, many "Love Songs" qualify. Some examples are "The

Lord's Prayer," "Answered Prayer," "Parent's Prayer" and "Wedding Prayer."

If that's not enough, try "God Causes All Things To Grow," "Standing In The Son" and "Song of Reconciliation."

More contemporary songs also appear in "Love Songs," like Steven Curtis Chapman's "I Will Be Here."

Though most of the easy-listening "Love Songs" are appropriate for the ceremony itself, some up-tempo pieces fit the reception better. Songs by artists BeBe and CeCe Winans, Phil Keaggy and Michelle Pillar and Bob Carlisle fall into this category.

Resist the urge to toss out all things cheesy after the wedding and keep this CD set around. Steven Curtis Chapman's "Go There With You" gives couples a song for a vow renewal in future years.

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