

## **STRIKING THE PERFECT NOTE**

Playing the wedding reception, according to New York bandleader Alex Donner, is an art in itself. He should know. His orchestras have played at well over 500 weddings, over 50 each year. "Love notes" from brides attest to many satisfied customers.

Music notes, that when strung together like words can perk you up, slow you down, make you think, spark a kiss, cause a tear. No wonder that, when it comes to the reception, your choice in music conveys the flavor of your wedding celebration much more dramatically than food ever could.

Reception music, Donner says, is a blend of styles to suit every guest, setting the event's tone with big band & swing, and building to a crescendo of rock 'n' roll and contemporary, as the party reaches its height of excitement.

Reception music is a real dilemma," he emphasizes, acknowledging the challenge facing brides-to-be. "You need to play such a wide variety of songs. You want to play in a discreet manner, so that you don't dominate the event, but building in tempo and volume as the night progresses..."You know you are successful when you see three generations out on the dance floor...and no one wants to leave when it's over!"

