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Wedding planning

Pick florist who's close by

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Many couples are willing to spend \$10-\$15 per plate for 200 guests at the reception, but won't shell out \$500-\$800 for a good band, Yessian said.

Yet, he said, the guests spend three to four hours dancing, compared to only an hour eating. Yessian said that the quality of the music often determines the quality of the evening.

Couples should hear a band play before hiring it. "They shouldn't take the word of a friend because music is very subjective," Yessian said.

Also, Yessian advised, couples should look for a band which will suit their guests' tastes. "Really, what a couple is doing is putting on a party for their guests."

A versatile band — which can play Top 40 music as well as songs from the 1940's, 1950's and 1960's — will please almost any audience, he said.

In selecting a band, couples should also consider its appearance and find

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talent agent

out how many breaks it takes during the evening, and how long those breaks last, Yessian said.

THE FLORIST

In picking a florist, couples should make sure the business has the capacity to do the job the couple wants done, advised Larry Turowski, manager of Fairlane Florist in Dearborn. Fairlane also has a store in West Bloomfield.

Some florists may not have the necessary equipment, he added.

It also helps to select a florist who is nearby.

"It makes it simpler if they're in the vicinity," said Howard Stein Jr., owner of Stein's Flower Shop and Greenhouses, Inc., Wayne.

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