## The Groove Company

## QUESTIONS

Listed below are answers to any queries you may have regarding hiring The Groove Company covers band.

## PA

Top quality compact PA system which will cover any function from 40 to 500 people. It is possible to allow clients to use our PA for speeches. We do not use smoke machines, strobes or radio mics.

## LIGHTING

The band provide stage lighting to cover the stage - space permitting. Limited disco effects lighting to cover the dancefloor.

## Band Requirements

Electricity - at least 2 standard 13 amp sockets witihn reasonable distance to the stage area. A comfortable, private changing area. Food \& refreshments for the musicians would be appreciated. In most intances the band requires 1 hour to set-up. Space require - approx 16' x 8' (negotiable).

## Set-up Time

Depending on how easy it is to get into the venue it usually takes approx 1 hour to set-up the equipment.

## Dress

The band can be dressed in the following attire: DJs / Black Tie DJ with black shirt Smart casual

## Availability

If we are unavailable for a specific date we may still be able to recommend a suitable band for your function. Also, if you are looking for a sax quartet, harpist, 10 piece band, or anything out of the ordinary, please let us know \& we will see who we can suggest. Please contact us via the enquiry form or contact page. Check out our recommended artistes page.

## Prices

With many variables involved it is very difficult to provide a price that covers all eventualities, therefore, we quote for each function individually. Please contact us via the enquiry form or contact page for an accurate quote.

Primary factors that effect pricing: How many band members are required Set-up \& finish times Travelling distance

## Booking form \& Deposit

To confirm a booking, a booking form needs to be completed \& signed for each engagement. A deposit of $50 \%$ is to be enclosed with the signed booking form. The balance payment is required seven days prior to the function. We are covered for Public Liability Insurance through the Musicians Union.

## Band Line-ups

Primarily The Groove Company is a 4 piece band but can be presented in the following formats to suit budgets:

Quartet - male vocal/keyboards, female sax/flute/backing vocals, bass \& drums

Trio - male vocal/keyboards, female sax/flute/backing vocals \& bass (programmed drums)

Duo - male vocal/keyboards, female sax/flute/backing vocals with programmed bass \& drums

## Songlist

The Groove Company repertoire consists of over 600 songs, so you can be sure there is something for everyone, especially on extra special occasions such as wedding days when there are so many age groups to cater for. The sets that we perform are constructed as the evening progresses so that we can chop \& change in response to audience reaction. No two performances are the same. We like to send the client our songlist in advance so that they can tick \& list their favourites to be played on the night, or the choice can just be left up to us.

## Playing times

We find that $2 \times 1$ hour sets is the best format but specify a maximum playing time of $3 \times 45$ minute sets during the evening. The timings can be totally flexible to fit in with any plans you may have. We also provide a disco during the band breaks, so the evening does not slow down at any point. The CDs can either be for dancing or background.

## Themes

Please note: the 'themed' sets are not costumed, they are only musically themed.

Generally we play a complete mix of material to suit the audience, however, we can also offer the following 'themed' sets;

Blues Borthers/ Commitments/ James Brown Soul set - approx 45 mins 'Rat Pack' - music from Frank Sinatra / Dean Martin / Sammy Davis Jnr. approx 1 hour

50's \& 60's - approx 90 minutes
60's \& 70's - approx 90 minutes

70's \& 80's - approx 90 minutes
80's \& 90's - approx 90 minutes

## Ballroom / Sequnce dancing

Background jazz - suitable during a meal, cocktails or outdoor reception.

## 1st Dance (Weddings)

Provided we are informed at least 4 weeks before the wedding we can advise whether or not we will be able to perform the 1st dance live or provide it on CD - the clients preference will always come first if at all possible.

Tel: 01869250647 or 07803347226 Email: martin@groovecompany.co.uk www.groovecompany.co.uk

