

# Musicians For Hire

## Amethyst Ensemble

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Providing elegant and beautiful music for your wedding, cocktail hour, private party, or special event. We offer music as a String Trio, or an Oboe Quartet.

Classical, Latin, Religious, Pop/Rock/Folk, Opera, Christmas music, Holiday jazz, Ragtime, Broadway, Wedding music

Fees: \$500-700/hr.

\$700 for Wedding Ceremony.

## Arabella Ensemble

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Arabella Ensemble is a Chicago based group of professional musicians who have performed together in the various combinations for the past 15 years. Classically trained, the group consists of cello, piano, violin, flute, and guitar. Lisa Lithall, cellist of the group, is the founder of Arabella Ensemble.

Although classically trained, Arabella performs a variety of styles, classical, Celtic, pop, and rock. We have played at many weddings (indoors and out doors) garden parties, anniversaries, open houses, funerals and memorial services. At reasonable rates.

## Rick Lowe

[rlope264@gmail.com](mailto:rlope264@gmail.com)

Rick works as a pianist (solo) for weddings, receptions, memorial services, cocktail parties, etc. His "hourly rate" for these activities is \$200 dollars for local venues. Professional piano accompanying fee for rehearsals and performances is \$100 dollars per hour, plus prep time.

## Claire Birmingham

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Claire Birmingham performs as a pianist (solo or accompanist) for weddings, receptions, memorials, cocktail parties, etc).

Her rate for events is \$150 per hour.

Professional piano accompanying fee for rehearsals, recitals and performances is \$100 per hour, plus prep time.

Claire holds a Master's degree in piano performance and pedagogy from Northwestern, and has been active as both a teacher and performer for the past twenty years. She has an extensive accompanying background and serves as the staff accompanist for the Libertyville high school in addition to working with choirs and soloists at the junior high and high school levels throughout the Chicago suburbs. She previously ran a private studio and has served on the faculty at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago and currently teaches piano at The David Adler Center. In addition, she has served as music director and

accompanist for numerous musical theater productions and works with many area high schools as their vocal director, pit band director and accompanist.

## **Magnolia Strings Chicago**

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Magnolia Strings Chicago is a violin duo that specializes in providing music for Chicago area events. We are both classically trained musicians with degrees in music and many years of solo, ensemble, and orchestral playing experience. Magnolia Strings Chicago has provided music for numerous art openings, corporate events, and weddings. Specializing in classical music; we also perform a variety of folk, ragtime, pop, and original music.

When working with Magnolia Strings, there is no middle man. We work directly with you to create a complimentary musical background to your event. \$350 and up, depending on length and location of event.

## **Michael Ackerman**

**TRUMPET PLAYER FOR ALL OCCASIONS**

**[Musicmackerman@gmail.com](mailto:Musicmackerman@gmail.com)**

Michael performs as a trumpet soloist for weddings, receptions, dedications, memorial services and parties. His rate is \$150.00 per hour.

Michael holds a Master's degree in Music Education from Boston University, playing trumpet actively in Chicago and teaching music for over twenty years. Michael currently performs with the 6 time North American Brass Band Association champion Illinois Brass Band and has played solos with the band during the band's 26 year history. Michael also directs the bands at Prairie Crossing Charter School, and plays horns in the rock band Cap N Funk and the Groove Train.

Michael has played trumpet in the College of Lake County Wind Ensemble, Jazz Bands and all ensembles at Northeastern Illinois University, De Paul and Cal Arts in Valencia, California.

"Teaching, and performing music is my passion in life and I love playing Taps for Veterans."