

About Craig Smith Music

Craig Smith Music, based in Preston, is run by freelance professional musician Craig Smith and operates mainly throughout the North West. The business offers several musical services: studio session work, live performance, composition, arranging and tuition.

A versatile musician, Craig's recent live work includes support work for such charting acts as The Noisettes and Tinchy Stryder, yet he is equally at home playing as a soloist at the many weddings he performs at each year.

Craig trained at the world-renowned Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, co-founded by Sir Paul McCartney (from whom he received his degree when graduating with first class honours in 2007) with offers of work in Europe, the UAE and the USA. Craig continues to perform nationwide with several bands and singers and has played most of the major venues, theatres and hotels in the North West. He's also made media appearances.

Set lists

Sample set lists are available on request, but the most popular sets are Craig's mixed sets, particularly the 'mixed classical', which seamlessly mixes modern classical with suitable pop, soul and musical theatre. Jazz standard / swing sets are also popular.

Solo Piano / Keyboard performance

Wedding Ceremonies

- Up to two hours: from £100
- Up to three hours: from £130

Wedding Receptions

- First 45 minute set¹: £75
- Subsequent 45 minute sets: £55

¹ It is a requirement that each hour of a booking includes a 15minute break (not applicable to wedding ceremonies), so performances are broken down into 45minute sets. Craig may elect to skip this break, or to shorten it, but breaks will always be included as part of a booking proposal and quote.

Solo Piano / Keyboard performance Extras

- Fuel contribution: for journeys of over 20miles in each direction, 15p per mile as shown on Google maps post-code (PR2 3UY) to postcode, subject to a minimum contribution of £5.
- A charge of around £2.50 may be applicable for any piece of music you request, to cover the cost of the purchase of sheet music (only if sheet music is actually required).
- An electric piano and amplification can be provided for £25; the amplifier can be upgraded to a full P.A. for larger venues for an additional fee (POA).

Band Work

Prices for band work are determined by the band, their management or booking agents, but, as you may expect, booking directly will cost less than going through the agent. Discounts are available for Craig's solo work when a band he plays with is booked for the reception. Please ask for details of any bands Craig can recommend.

Bespoke Composition and Arrangements

Much of Craig's work is in composing music for theatre and special events. Original compositions or arrangements of favourite songs for any instrument(s) are available. Details can be found on the Craig Smith Music Website.

Items for Hire

We also have several items available for hire: amplification, microphones, microphone stands, mixing desks etc.

Bookings

Bookings are secured with a 25% deposit cheque, dated within six months of the wedding date, which can be sent to Craig following approval of a booking proposal he will post out to you.

How are prices set?

All wedding ceremonies require roughly the same amount of work irrespective of their length; there's usually the same amount of music to play and the length of the ceremony will be dictated by the other content. This, in part, is the reason for the flat fee for any ceremony length up to two hours.

Since almost every couple chooses specific pieces for their ceremony, there is also a certain amount of rehearsal time to cover too. Every new piece needs learning and practising to absolute perfection for a wedding ceremony, which usually requires at least a couple of hours work per piece, and often many more for classical works.

Receptions, on the other hand, are lower in price because the music is already part of Craig's repertoire and doesn't need rehearsing.

Please note that the prices listed herein are not negotiable. Craig subsidises his performance with his other musical services to offer the most competitive prices for the side of the job he enjoys the most: performing. There are no inflated prices for weddings (most musicians and agencies will charge an unfair premium for weddings); the prices listed herein are the same as Craig's prices for any other function.

Please see alivenetwork.com to compare Craig's prices with those being charged for weddings by other musicians and agencies.

Terms and Conditions

No booking is confirmed until a booking proposal has been posted to you (containing all T&Cs), and the enclosed booking confirmation sheet has been signed and returned to Craig with the deposit cheque (details overleaf).

Cancellations

Unusually, Craig guarantees to provide you with a replacement pianist should he fall ill etc on your wedding day (this has never happened yet, mind!) and will cover the cost of any additional fees charged by the replacement should they be higher than his own fee.

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