

**VAD** is comprised of the top echelon of Calgary's professional musicians. We have been pleasing audiences and clients for over 14 years and have loved every minute of it!

We hope we have answers to all your questions here, however, understand that every event is unique. We invite you to contact our facilitator and cellist extraordinaire, Morag Northey-Taylor, if you have questions and/or wish to book a free consultation. Please email vadensemble@shaw.ca to reach her.

Enjoy!

## Weddings

Firstly, CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes as you plan your special day! As musicians, of course, we believe music is one of the most important elements of any event including your wedding. Music sets the mood, entertains, relaxes and inspires. You can listen to music samples on our website and download our event planning form. After submitting the event planning form, we will assist you in choosing repertoire especially suited to your day. We ask that we make a commitment to you and you to us by signing a contract.

## Corporate Events

The VAD Ensemble has a variety of repertoire suitable for intimate gatherings, gala events and everything in between. Our clients include large corporations, government agencies, learning and health institutions, small businesses and private events. We enjoyed entertaining their employees, clients and guests just as much as they enjoy us!

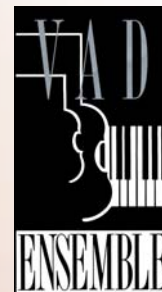
We understand that you are very busy planning your event and require very little of your time via phone, fax, email or in person, whichever you prefer, to coordinate our participation. Please fill out and submit our time-saving event planning form (found on our website), which will allow us to understand more clearly how to best accommodate your needs.

## Booking Information

It is customary to provide musicians with a ten-minute break per hour, however we are open to accommodating the timing and special needs of your event program. If your booking lasts three or more hours or is out of town, please provide the musicians with a meal during one of their breaks. Thank you!

## Outdoor Conditions

A covered area, canopy or small tent is required to protect instruments from sun, heat, cold and moisture.



### Violin & Cello Duo "Classical"

VAD has taken great care to create a varied classical repertoire ranging in tempo and mood for this beautiful duo. This duo is musically flexible and the most adaptable ensemble, fitting into small spaces and filling an entire room with gorgeous sound.

# Ensemble Options

### Piano Trio PIANO, VIOLIN AND CELLO "The Crowd Pleaser"

The Piano Trio offers a vast repertoire that appeals to all. It creates a wonderful ambience, entertains a large or small, young or old audience, and can even set a ballroom dancing mood.

This versatile trio can be formal, elegant, fun and funky.

It is adaptable to many themes.

This flexibility offers genres including: Latin, Jazz, Nostalgia, Dance Waltz, Popular, Gypsy, International, Classical, Sound Track and Broadway Show Tunes. No piano? No problem, we will bring our own.

### Baroque Recorder Duo RECORDER AND CELLO "Knights and Ladies"

A fabulous sounding surprise – something unique for your event. This ensemble creates an old, village sound. Imagine yourself at the wedding in the movie "Braveheart" and enjoy!

### Voice and Cello Duo "Hot Chocolate"

A warm, richly flavoured duo featuring the low female voice alongside mellow cello tones. This ensemble's personality is showcased through torch songs, jazzy ballads, blues, pop, folk and classical numbers. Perfect as background music at smaller social gatherings.

### Solo Cello "Intimate"

Solo Cello is best suited to intimate settings such as weddings and small corporate gatherings. For example, solo cello is a perfect way to set the mood as your guests arrive and the perfect backdrop for a cocktail or dinner party. A broad range of repertoire is available as the cello is a beautifully versatile instrument.

### Cello & Piano Duo "Romantic"

This exquisite hybrid has the characteristics of the Violin and Cello duo and the Piano Trio – offering a varied and interesting repertoire which features a deep, warm and soulful.

### String Quartet

CLASSIC VIOLIN, VIOLIN, VIOLA AND CELLO  
"Warm, rich and delicious"

This family of instruments offers gorgeous resonance and visual appeal. It is suitable for larger gatherings as it creates full, warm, homogenous sound that fills the room.

The String Quartet offers a variety of music styles from Bach to the Beatles. An affordable luxury!

### Other Options

- Solo Vocalists accompanied by the VAD Ensembles
- Classical or Flamenco Guitar
  - Flamenco Guitar and Spanish Dance
  - Modern Dance and Vocal Improvisation