

Rain or Shine...

Upstate New York is a beautiful place for weddings.
Upstate New York is surrounded by beautiful countryside and landscapes.

Naturally, then, many couples decide to have an outdoor wedding. What could be better?

The joke, however – I’m sure you’ve heard it! – is that if you don’t like the weather in Ithaca, wait 5 minutes. The weather here is far from predictable!

We’re happy to play for your wedding whether indoors or out. However, as string players, we have to take the weather into consideration.

SHELTER IS IMPORTANT WHETHER IT’S SUNNY OR RAINY.

Sun and heat is hard on our instruments. A “beautiful” day can really do a number on a violin’s varnish. We can’t play in the rain, either. Humidity is all right, but we don’t like to gamble.

Most of us have “outdoor instruments” we bring to outdoor weddings, so that we’re not using our most precious instruments when outdoors. However, even these instruments are worth quite a bit.

But wait!

Don’t let me put a damper on your plans to have the beautiful wedding you’ve been planning!

We play many outdoor weddings each summer.
If you want us to play outdoors there are a couple of options:

1. Provide cover

A small tent or gazebo is great. Latourelle has a small gazebo in the yard where they usually hold weddings; it provides nice shade. Trees sometimes provide shade, but some drop sap, so they’re not ideal. We love tents.

2. Take your luck

If the weather is somewhere in the middle on the Rain---Bright Sun scale, we can play. We can play if it’s iffy rainwise, as long as you don’t mind if we put our instruments away the moment it starts to drip. Worse comes to worse, you won’t get a recession. (Weddings seem to be blessed – we’ve been at a lot of weddings where the rain stopped an hour before the service!)

Thanks! -Aara