

Testimonials

"Catherine -- Thank YOU and the ensemble for your **sublime skill and professionalism**. Your lovely music set the perfect tone for a wonderful evening. Many guests expressed their appreciation to me as well."

-- Anne Tippett, Weston Jesuit School of Theology

"The sound of Catherine's cello magically filled the chapel of our intimate wedding ceremony. Our families still speak of her musical talent and execution as **one of the highlights of the whole wedding**. Catherine worked with us beforehand to choose pieces that were ideal for the various processions and interludes, offering suggestions and professional expertise that allowed for a beautiful musical program. We actually stayed in the chapel for a while after the ceremony to continue hearing her play and to celebrate together.

We highly recommend Catherine and her ensemble for any event that would be augmented by **professional and beautifully-delivered music**."

-- Belinda and Matt Thomson

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"You're in very safe hands with The Axis Quartet. Generous with their time and a pleasure to work with, **they made sure the music was perfect** - even going so far as to arrange our requests specifically for string quartet.

Highly recommended."

-- John Wesley Harding, RSK recording artist

"We retained the Axis Quartet to provide accompaniments for our wedding ceremony and cocktail hour. They were highly recommended and did not disappoint, **providing an elegance that made our day that much more special**.

Catherine Bent was also gracious enough to arrange a song I wrote years back so that it could be played as part of the processional, which in turn made the ceremony more meaningful and unique.

"I would recommend the Axis Ensemble to anyone planning a wedding or similar event looking for that extra something to make the event more classy and memorable."

-- Scott and Kim Krokoff

"Catherine was extremely helpful, both recommending wonderful music and assisting with and clarifying timing for the ceremony. We endured a massive thunderstorm for our outdoor wedding, and Catherine took it all in stride. The ceremony was thrown into disarray, there were ever-growing pools of water in the tent, and it generally seemed that the whole thing would turn into a disaster, but Catherine simply improvised the timing, kept playing, and it all worked out. Hiring the Axis Ensemble was **one of the easiest parts of our wedding planning**."

-- Connal McCullough, groom

"Catherine and her group were absolutely wonderful in every way - catering to our desire for a quiet, classical background while dining, providing a lively yet soothing environment for ease of conversation. They were professional in demeanor and outstanding musicians. **We would recommend the Axis Quartet without reservation to anyone looking for a terrific, diversified musical group.**"

-- Susanne and Carl Chiappa

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(Every story has two sides. . .)

"From the beginning, my husband and I wanted a **unique and personal wedding**.

While the Axis String Ensemble has a very large and lovely wedding repertoire, we wanted pieces in a more modern classical vein. Catherine Bent fielded requests, gave suggestions and was willing to think outside the box.

During the service, when the string quartet began our processional (Appalachia Waltz, Mark O'Connor, which Catherine arranged for String Quartet), my sister, my maid of honor, turned to me and said, "Did you pick this? It's beautiful!" Later, I found out that at the same time my sister was asking me that, my husband's best man (a composer himself and VERY picky about music) was asking the same question and liked what he heard as well.

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The Axis String Ensemble is a **lovely and elegant group with talent and taste to spare**. Also, while the act of organizing wedding is often very stressful, Catherine was tireless and incredibly professional in making my special day happen. If you are looking for a group to make your wedding stand out from the crowd, The Axis String Ensemble is your ensemble."

-- Tory Stewart, bride

"The Axis Ensemble provided the music for my daughter's wedding. The bride and groom and the parents were not always "on the same page" about musical choices. Catherine was flexible and understanding and we ended up with music we all loved, from Mendelssohn and Bach to Mark O'Connor and Astor Piazzolla. The musicianship was of high quality and **many guests commented on the beauty of the music** both before and during the ceremony."

-- Pat Stewart, mother of the bride

"We have had the pleasure of coaching the members of the AXIS String Quartet and **have been greatly impressed by their talent** and commitment to the exploration of new chamber music. Each of these players has a unique personality based on a wide variety of extra-classical experiences, **giving the group a hip, worldly sound – vibrant, fresh, and distinctly American.**"

-- The Turtle Island String Quartet, Grammy Award-Winning Artists



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