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**CARAMEL SOUND MUSIC & LIGHTS**

212-691-9122; [caramelmusic.com](http://caramelmusic.com)  
The son of a Swiss nightclub designer, Pat "Caramel" Rigbi has D.J.-ed throughout the Hamptons and the New York club and benefit circuit. He has spun for Bill Clinton and the Manhattan postnuptial party for Prince Parlos of Greece. He plays a range of world music. From \$1,000.

**THE COMPACT DISC JOCKEYS**

12-07 Jackson Ave., nr. 48th Ave.,  
Long Island City  
800-235-0404; [cdjmusic.com](http://cdjmusic.com)  
With glowing references from wedding-planning pros Claudia Harris and Stephen Casard, this six-member D.J. collective has the talent to provide the music for any kind of affair. Their music collection ranges from Bee Gees to Diana Krall and everyone in between. The average price is about \$1,500.

**DAVID CHANG**

212-501-8919; [davidchang.com](http://davidchang.com)  
Making time to get to know the couple before the wedding—and being able to read the crowd during the event—factor into Chang's wild success. He spun for Robert Downey Jr.'s wedding where he shared the stage with Sting and Billy Joel; he's also the D.J. for Tiffany & Co.'s events. Prices upon request.

**DINA REGINE**

212-683-1270; [dregrooves@aol.com](mailto:dregrooves@aol.com)  
[dinaregine.com](http://dinaregine.com)  
One of Manhattan's first female club D.J.s (and still one of the most in-demand on the entertainment scene), Regine opened Lot 61 and spun world music at a party for the Dalai Lama. At weddings, she starts with samba, jazz, or pop during cocktails, then moves to dance—classics and hip-hop—for the reception. From \$1,500.

**D.J. CASSIDY**

**DJ MANAGEMENT**  
212-905-2344; [djcasidy.com](http://djcasidy.com)  
Before graduating from NYU in 2003, Cassidy had already spun at Flow and Lotus and worked gigs for Britney and Paris. His first love is hip-hop, but soul, funk, and R&B are also a big part of the mix. He uses CDs as well as vinyl; his prices start at \$25,000 (that's not a typo).

**D.J. FOOSH, C/O ELEGANT RECORDS**

646-327-0202; [foosh.com](http://foosh.com)  
Also known as Michael Moman, D.J. Foosh got his start at house parties and has moved up to fashion shows in New York, London, and Milan. His eclectic taste leans toward world music as well as funk and soul (like James Brown and Prince). Actress Gina Torres hired him for her wedding to Matrix co-star Laurence Fishburne. Gigs start at \$2,000.

**D.J. JOHNNY STUART**

212-255-7879; [johnnystuart.com](http://johnnystuart.com)  
A regular D.J. for *Jolene* cover shows (he's spun for Anne Hathaway, Beyoncé, and Rihanna), Johnny "Danger" Stuart has been a sought-after wedding D.J. for decades. Destination weddings are no problem—he's played as far away as Hawaii, Greece, and Jamaica. Local gigs start at \$1,000.

**D.J. SHAKY**

201-679-9736; [djshaky.com](http://djshaky.com)  
As a collector and curator of records (3,000 vinyls and counting), D.J. Shaky (a.k.a. Julie Casella) easily entertains requests and plays all styles, from pop hits to underground club dance music—whatever will keep the playlist and the party ever-evolving. Not into the whole "moving over songs thing"? D.J. Shaky is fine with staying completely silent while spinning her tunes. From \$1,000.

**D.J. SMALL CHANGE**

917-412-1862; [dsmallchange.com](http://dsmallchange.com)  
Not your mother's D.J., James Dier (a.k.a. Small Change) has played practically every dance club in the city, but he also caters to betrothed "music heads" who

will appreciate his collection of more than 20,000 albums. He's handled a number of unique requests—from a rave wedding after-party to a Bollywood reception. From \$2,000.

**D.J. SPLINE**

917-715-8024; [djspline.com](http://djspline.com)  
From the underground electronic scene in Caracas to New York nightclubs like Pacha (which he designed in his day job as an architect), D.J. Spline plays anything from classic James Brown and old-school Michael Jackson to indie rock like Franz Ferdinand and a carefully screened selection of Top 40. His music often comes with a techno-infused Latin beat. Prices upon request.

**D.J. TOM FINN**

331 West End Ave., nr. 75th St., Ste. 1A  
212-595-4499; [djtomfinn.com](http://djtomfinn.com)  
Finn started off spinning for Steve Rubell in the Palladium era and continues to delight at the private parties of celebrities such as Paris Hilton and Oprah. (He's also D.J.-ed at the weddings of Lionel Richie, John McEwan, and others.) From \$1,000.

**GENERATION EVENTS**

212-505-7595; [generationevents.com](http://generationevents.com)  
As a regular resident of Manhattan's hottest clubs (Marquee, iChok, G-Spa), Jason Finto heads this special-events company that spins about 50 nuptials

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**ONLINE****VITAMINRECORDS.COM**

Download tunes for your walk down the aisle from this hip L.A.-based string quartet. They play unique versions of everything from lounge music to major pop artists, offering a refreshing alternative to Wagner's *Bridal Chorus*.

**SCRATCH EVENTS**

434 Sixth Ave., at 10th St., second R.  
212-529-1599; [scratch-events.com](http://scratch-events.com)  
For the couple that cringes at the thought of dancing to "YMCA" or "Shout," Scratch Events will provide music to match their personalities. Founded as a school for D.J.s in 2002, these experts have been providing club talent to events ever since. The full D.J. package includes set-up and equipment; prices start at \$1,000.

**SOUND SOLUTIONS**

203-866-7816; [soundsolutionsdjs.com](http://soundsolutionsdjs.com)  
Since 1990, couples seeking a seamless, straightforward music group for their events have come to Sound Solutions. Tom Sacco's company can deliver a great traditional D.J. as well as a host of fun add-ons like karaoke—if that's your thing—and live entertainers. Prices upon request.

