

## **Funktonite technical information for wedding clients 2016-17**

### **1) Stage and playing area**

For the full 8-piece band we request a playing area of 18x12 feet, although we can squeeze into 16x10' or smaller if necessary. (Please check with us first!) The five-piece lineup can fit comfortably into a 16'x10' space and can get as small as 12'x10' if necessary. We like to perform from a stage if there is one available at the venue, but for smaller and medium-sized weddings are very happy to set up 'on the floor'.

### **2) PA and lighting**

For most wedding receptions (up to 200 guests), we bring our own live sound reinforcement system and stage lighting. This is compact and can be run off 2x domestic mains sockets (2 x 13 amp) or similar from a marquee generator if you are using one.

### **3) Load in and set up**

The most common strategy is for the band to arrive and unload in the car park during speeches, then do a very quick load in and set up while guests are stretching their legs as soon as the speeches are finished and any tables that need to be cleared have been removed. We usually suggest allowing at least 40 minutes for the band to complete setup, although our current record is 20 minutes. We need similar amounts of time to pack down at the end of the night. We do ask for parking to be supplied for up to 5 cars at the venue to speed this process up.

### **4) For the band**

We request access to still chilled mineral water or tap water with ice for the musicians during the performance, and hot or buffet food for the band. (We are generally happy to tuck in to the evening buffet if this is being served at an appropriate time.) It's also useful to have access to a storage area or break-out room to store cases and sit during our breaks.

### **5) What to ask the venue**

Important questions to ask the venue's wedding manager or live music co-ordinator include:

- What load-in arrangements there are, and whether there are any access restrictions we need to be aware of.
- What time their cutoff time is for live music; we will make sure we stick to this to the minute.
- Whether there are any sound limiters or other noise restrictions at the venue: these can make setting up more difficult, so it's helpful for us to know about them in advance.
- What time they anticipate the band's playing area being clear ready for load in and setup.