



fancy fireworks

After a three-day marriage celebration, what better way to mark the occasion than a truly memorable firework display. Foyle Fireworks is the brainchild of multi-award-winning Pyromusical Producer Serena Foyle, who takes firework displays to new heights, fusing a bespoke musical soundtrack with fireworks to create extraordinary experiences that synchronise sound and light in the sky.

If you fancy the thought of having fireworks at your wedding but not sure where to begin, read on. We talk to Serena Foyle, founder of Foyle Fireworks to get her top five tips on how you can incorporate this art form into your wedding day celebrations.

1 Book as far in advance as you possibly can. The more time you have to plan, the better. The artistic process requires a number of meetings to get the final show just right. You will need to cover music options, confirm the show location, your pyromusical producer will need to understand the style of wedding you are having and the atmosphere you want to create across the entire day and your taste in music. In an ideal world, at least six months' notice is perfect and a little longer for overseas weddings is always helpful. Saying that however, we have turned around shows in under a week!

2 Ensure your chosen venue has plenty of outdoor space. It's basic but critical. The way fireworks look in the sky is very different to the reality of how they are set on the ground. Also, it's important to consider where your guests will watch the display from. In my opinion, it's always best to keep the viewing area close to the party to keep the celebrations seamless and a viewing platform might be needed. If a short walk is necessary, we like to use music to set the scene. We have an amazing list of ideal venues for fireworks and we are happy to offer advice to any couple looking for the perfect spot.

3 Include the timing of your display in your order of the day and stick to it. Whilst we are fortunate here in the UK that we don't require a licence for setting off each display, there is an 11pm cut-off for all fireworks to be fired with the only exceptions being Bonfire Night, Diwali, Chinese New Year and New Year's Eve. If you're planning to marry outside of the UK, licences will vary so do consider that in your planning schedule.

4 Give as much detail as you can, however small. When it comes to choosing what you want for your own style of wedding, the best way to start is to tell us as much as you can about your day and the feeling you want. Knowing details about the location, the food, the flowers and everything in between, will help picture the atmosphere you might like within the soundtrack. As well as the all-important details of the day itself, think about the music. What is your favourite music, what you loved to listen to when you were growing up and what you like now. Music styles can be anything from classical to rock, jazz, reggae, hip-hop, dubstep, house...the list is endless. You can incorporate your preferred genre into your display making it truly personal to you.

5 Can you keep a secret? Surprise shows are one of our favourites to produce and we know how to keep them under wraps. Having a team that arrives in unbranded clothes and operates out of unbranded vehicles so as not to give the game away, is something we do a lot. Then there are the little white lies that sometimes have to be told by parents to curious brides and grooms. Often the team is 'part of the production team organising lighting in the field!'

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Shaw House
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Foyle Fireworks guide prices start at £1500 per minute. As every show is totally bespoke, each is priced individually. Visit foylefireworks.com or call 0207 235 3766 to find out more.