

## Weather Guidelines:

String instruments (violin, viola, cello, harp, and guitar) are the most sensitive. String musicians will perform in **temperatures of 60°F** or higher, with the exception of extreme heat that may pose a danger to the musician or the instrument. They also need shelter from direct sunlight because the sun will affect the instrument if it is exposed for a period of time. And, they cannot be outside in any rain, even tiny droplets of rain, or ocean mist.

The electric keyboard does not need shade or certain temperatures, but it must be protected from any water. The flute and saxophone also do not require shade or certain temperatures, although some musicians will not play outdoors in winter weather.

The good news is that there are ways for us to play outside in cooler weather and sun, because we know you may be dreaming of an outdoor event with live music! Depending on the location of your event, we may be able to bring a patio umbrella for a fee. Your venue or a local rental company may have umbrellas or small tents available.

Tower propane heaters (*not space heaters*) also make it possible for string players to play outside in 50-degree temps. *We will need the heaters to be provided.*

A note regarding the harp: This instrument needs to set up on a hard, flat surface, not grass or sand. That is so the harpist can work the pedals. If you would like to book a harpist to play on grass, in some cases we may need you to provide a piece of plywood.

And finally, in order for us to be amplified, or to play an electric instrument such as the keyboard, we will need a source of electricity. Please note that we do not own generators. Some of our string players own battery-powered amps, so that can be arranged in advance!