



Here is a list that I have compiled over the years of the most commonly asked questions by potential clients of George Poe Trio:

- 1.) What type of music does George Poe Trio play?
 - 2.) Does George Poe Trio (GP3) act as the master of ceremonies?
 - 3.) I know the trio plays 'Crooner Classics', but can they play soft 'Cocktail Hour' type music for my event?
 - 4.) Does GP3 travel outside of the Greater Houston area to perform?
 - 5.) Does the trio perform for outside venues?
 - 6.) Does the price of the bid include travel and set-up time?
 - 7.) How early does the band arrive to the event?
 - 8.) How far in advance should I book the trio for my event?
 - 9.) How much is the deposit to secure the trio for my event?
 - 10.) What is the mailing / email address?
 - 11.) How will the band be dressed?
 - 12.) How much room is needed for the trio's set up area?
 - 13.) Do you provide your own sound equipment?
 - 14.) Can you run your sound through a large house system?
 - 15.) Do you provide your own lighting equipment?
 - 16.) Can the trio learn a special song for my event such as 'our song' for the first dance?
 - 17.) Is the trio able play a mp3 recording through their sound system for the first dance?
 - 18.) Are you able to accept credit card payments?
 - 19.) May we submit a "Do Not Play" list?
 - 20.) Can a member of my event perform with the band?
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What type of music does George Poe Trio play?

The band performs a fresh blend of jazz and pop. While most of the songs are the trio's version of standards and classics from the 'American Songbook', the guys manage to slip in contemporary tunes and even a rock-n-roll classic into their sets from time to time. [Click here to view a list of their most commonly performed songs.](#)

Will GP3 act as the master of ceremonies?

In addition to playing the upright bass and singing, Matthew Stephens is available to act as master of ceremonies. As a professional speaker, Matthew is comfortable speaking in public and will keep your guests involved throughout your event. We will gladly handle any announcements and pride ourselves in our ability to keep your event organized and running smoothly under.

I know the trio plays 'Crooner Classics', but can they play soft 'Cocktail Hour' type music for my event?

Many of the events that George Poe Trio is hired for doesn't call for vocal music to be played for the entire event. For these occasions, the band offers a set of instrumental music that even without singing, creates a warm ambience for the attendees.

Check out audio samples of instrumentals at www.george-p.com/songsinstrumentals.html

We refer to these musical pieces as 'audible wallpaper'. These arrangements are perfect for any cocktail hour because it's not sappy 'elevator music' or demanding jazz tunes that are inaccessible to the casual listener. The trio finds the perfect blend of music to play determined by the dynamics of the evening. A history of playing in various small restaurants has honed the trio's ability to playing at low volumes without compromising the quality of sound.

Does GP3 travel outside of the Greater Houston area to perform?

Yes, the trio frequently performs for events located in Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, Galveston, Richmond, Victoria, etc.

Does the trio perform for outside venues?

Yes, the trio frequently performs at outdoor events.

However, if severe or inclement weather is occurring or is forecasted, the event planner has the option to move the band indoors. The band has invested thousands of dollars in equipment that could be ruined during inclement weather. Therefore, on the day of the performance, we will print the www.weather.com hour-by-hour forecast for venue's zip code. If the chance of rain is 35% or greater for any hour during the duration of when the trio is scheduled to play, they will not be able to play outdoors. In addition, if the band has set up outdoors, and if any rain begins falling during the event, the band shall immediately take down their equipment, and cease playing outdoors. The event planner would have the option to have the band relocate and set up indoors to perform if there is more than 2 hours remaining for the scheduled time.

Does the price of the bid include the travel and set-up time?

Yes, our price quotes are the total price from 'door step to door step'.

How early does the band arrive to the event?

The band prefers to arrive at least 1 1/2 - 2 hours before the guests arrive to the venue.

Why so early?

This ensures adequate time for the guys to load in equipment, sound check, change in to dress clothes, finalize last minute details with the event planner.

How soon should I book the trio for my event?

Many people are shocked to find out that we book in as far advance as we do (sometimes over a year in advance). Saturdays and popular dates go pretty fast. So the answer is simple "as soon as possible" here's why:

Although Fridays and Sundays are becoming quite popular for the weddings we play, the most popular day of the week is still Saturday. The most popular months of the year for weddings are April through October. By doing the math, you can see that there are approximately 30 prime Saturdays per year. Many wedding vendors (photographers, bands, etc.) are only able to offer their services to one customer per day.

How much is the deposit to secure the trio for my event?

\$150.00 for events in the greater Houston area, \$300.00 for out-of-town venues. We have chosen to keep the 'signing price' low to help clients. Keeping the deposit amount at a minimum allows potential customers to lock in an event date with us as early as they possibly can, and then reconcile the remainder closer to the event date.

What is the mailing / email address?

George Poe Trio / P.O. Box # 844 / Humble, Texas / 77347-0844

georgepoetrio@gmail.com and gp3.admin@gmail.com

How will the band be dressed?

Whether your event is formal or casual, the band members will always be dressed appropriately. From dark suits to khakis we will be happy to accommodate your desires. Formal venues however, always include formal attire (dark jackets, slacks, and ties).

How much room is needed for the trio's set up area?

The band's minimum space requirement for equipment is an 8' x 10' area (with easy access to electrical).

Do you provide your own sound equipment?

Yes, we provide a self-contained system to accommodate the size of the venue.

Even the very best and most well-maintained equipment can malfunction at some point. George Poe Trio is prepared in case this happens at your event. We bring a replacement components with us to each and

every event. This assures that in the unlikely event of an equipment failure, we will be able to continue within moments.

Can you run your sound through a large house system?

Yes, we can 'line out' from our system into a larger ballroom or stage system. For more detailed information about how this is done, simply mention this option in the notes section of the bid request.

Do you provide your own lighting equipment?

Unfortunately, this is not a service that we offer to clients at the current time.

Can the trio learn a special song for my event such as 'our song' for the first dance?

Absolutely, music is our business, simply submit this request to us 2 weeks prior to the date of your event to be eligible for this extra service. George will work up an custom arrangement of the song that will sound the best for the instrumentation of the trio (vocal, piano, bass, and drums). Be sure to include the name of the recording artist of the version you would like the trio to most closely match. If you are able to find an online performance of the song at a service such as YouTube, it would be most helpful to determining the tempo of the song (which can vary from performer).

STIPULATIONS: As much as George loves offering this extra service to clients, we must limit song arrangements to one per event to ensure the best performance. There may be a small fee may be associated with this service if the band is required to purchase sheet music, CDs, etc.

Can the trio play a mp3 recording through their sound system for the first dance?

Yes, even though the trio is not a DJ service, we offer to play a prearranged mp3 song for the event. Mail a CD of the recording to us 2 weeks prior to the date of your event. The song(s) will be uploaded into the band's mp3 player.

Are you able to play CDs that I bring to my event?

Unfortunately, this is not a service that we offer to clients at the current time.

Are you able to accept credit card payments for deposits and/or the total amount of the hiring fee?

Yes. We process electronic payments through PayPal's secured online system for customers that prefer to pay with credit cards.

Can we submit a "Do Not Play" list?

In addition to allowing GP3 customers to submit request from our master list, we will gladly honor any songs (breakup-divorce, infidelity, etc.) specified on a "Do Not Play" list.

Can a member of my event perform with the band?

While we enjoy and encourage audience participation, we feel responsible to maintain the quality and professionalism of the event. Please alert the trio to this request 3 weeks prior to the date of your event to ensure there is adequate time to work up the song.

We also following details: Name of song, the name of the recording artist of the version you would like the trio to most closely match. If you are able to find an online performance of the song at a service such as YouTube, it would be most helpful to determining the tempo of the song (which can vary from performer). If your party member is a singer, the band will need to know the exact key the song will be sang in. If the guest is to play an instrument, the performer must have their own instrument cables (RCA or male1/4 input), guitar strings, etc.

Since the band will not be available to rehearse before the day of the event, the 'guest performer' must be available to run through the song 1 hour before guests arrive to the venue. The trio will accommodate the 'guest performer' by rehearsing the song a maximum of two times.

Does the group ever offer their services pro-bono?

Yes, George Poe Trio plays several charity/community events each year.

Do you take breaks?

If the trio's portion of your event exceeds 3 hours, expect one 10 minute break taken at an appropriate time. While the band is away, prerecorded jazz music will be played through the system as to keep the ambiance of the room up. When you hire George Poe Trio to perform at your event, there will be music from the arrival of the guests, all the way through until the last dance.
