

# Jennifer Williams Jazz Group FAQ's

## Useful information about how we operate

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### How much does it cost to hire the JW Jazz Group?

There are many variables such as band line-up, location and set lengths that can impact the cost, therefore it's difficult to give an accurate price until we find out a little more about your event. If you would like an initial quote, head down to the contact section and either send us an email with as much detail about your event as you can, or just give us a call to discuss your wishes!

### Do you provide your own sound and lighting equipment?

We provide a professional PA with all of our line-up options to achieve the best sound quality for your event. We do not provide lighting as standard and depending on the space, it's often not needed. Get in touch if you wish to discuss this further.

### How long will you need to set up and sound check?

We need to allow 2 hours to set up and sound check, this may be less depending on which line up you choose. For example, if we are playing at 19:30, we must arrive by 17:30 in order to prepare properly. During this time we will need to do a sound check, which means making some noise for a short time. If you wish us to set up in the same room that the guests are eating dinner in before the entertainment commences, get in touch to discuss early set-up options to avoid an unwanted sound check in the middle of dessert! These may involve a small waiting fee depending on circumstance.

### What sort of performance space do you need?

We will happily perform almost anywhere, on or off stage, inside or out (weather permitting, we have very sensitive equipment and require a tent or gazebo for outside performances in case of rain). We need to be nearby a power socket (or a couple of power sockets if possible) and we ideally need about 4m x 4m of space for the full quintet. We may be able to manage with less space depending on the size of the band!

### How long do you play for?

We play for 120 minutes in total as standard, either as 2 x 1 hour sets or 3 x 40 minute sets. This will be the same price as 90 minutes playing time, either as 2 x 45 minute sets or 3 x 30 minute sets. If you would like more or less playing time, this is no problem and the total price can be adjusted accordingly.

### Do we need to provide food and drink for the band?

We ask for access to a supply of soft drinks and water free of charge for the duration of our time on site. If your event is catered, we ask that a meal be provided for all musicians. If you are not catering, alternate solutions can be discussed and we may be able to make other arrangements.

## *Do we need to provide parking?*

Yes, parking will need to be provided for all vehicles. Any parking, congestion or toll charges would need to be reimbursed. We will also need to park as close as possible to the venue for unloading, after which the vehicles can be moved.

## *How far do you travel?*

Provided that our travel expenses are covered, we will travel all over the UK. We will also travel to most countries further afield so please get in touch if you would like to discuss an abroad booking.

## *Do you take a deposit?*

Once the details have been discussed and agreed, we ask for 50% of the total fee in advance to secure the booking (non-refundable) and the remaining 50% can be paid on or closer to the day. We prefer payment by bank transfer.

## *How late do you play?*

Certain variables can affect how late we are able to play, such as location and available modes of transport. Usually, our latest finishing time is midnight. Get in touch to discuss the particulars of your event further.

## *Do you take requests?*

You are welcome to request any songs from our repertoire list. For 120 minutes of playing time, we usually prepare about 30 songs at most. If you only have a few requests, we will fill in the blanks to make sure the set flows well! You can also request three songs not from the repertoire list - great for a first dance or songs of particular sentiment. We ask that you let us know all of your requests 6 weeks in advance.