

The Role of An Emcee • What She or He Does?

There is a lot more to an emcee's responsibility than just announcing arrivals and/or agendas. Every attendees' experience is mainly affected by the emcee's presence.

1. S/he is a spokesperson representing the hosts (families/organization).
2. S/he dresses up properly & appropriately.
3. S/he behave in good mannerisms (bodily movements, hand gestures & overall posture).
4. S/he always make sure the flow of the event itinerary is followed accordingly. Time-keeper.
5. S/he keeps the audience well informed by smoothening the continuity of the agendas.
6. S/he is able to build up the audience's mood by fetching applauses to prevent awkward silence or 'cold' atmosphere.
7. S/he must be clear & articulate in his/her announcements.
8. S/he is to be responsive and alert at all times to take over a situation in a calm and assured manner in case when there's any technical issues or emergencies. S/he reacts wisely.

Now, what are the basics to an emcee's job?

9. Inviting and introducing speaker(s) before their speeches, announcing the food presentation & video/slide presentations, are the usual emcee's fundamentals.
10. S/he presents the arrival/march-ins of the VIPs, bride & groom, i.e. the main focus of an event with proper their designations, with grace and intonation.
11. S/he welcomes the guests during the event opening with some interesting relatable information besides being interactive.
12. General announcements such as parking ticket validations, food stations, are all to be done in an improvised manner by the emcee.

And what makes an emcee special?

13. Hosting the wedding cake-cutting, champagne pouring, and the family 'yam-seng' toasting session with sweet traditional phrases are the specialties of a wedding emcee.
14. Conducting games and interviews with early preparations are some of the extra responsibilities of an emcee; how well the homework is done is shown on stage.
15. Thanking the guests for their presence with a heart-warming closing note (during the last song) separates a classy emcee from the ordinary.
16. If s/he is witty and charming when answering questions, that a bonus!