

Gordon Collett, Wedding painting information 2023

Please find here some details for my wedding painting service.

Prices for live event painting start at £1100 plus travel. This is the basic package for a 16" x 20" (40 x 50 cms) canvas of the couple and surroundings. You can go bigger and add more guests if you wish, they would be rendered in the painting in a looser style. However, these will add to the cost and maybe time limited. All the below examples were done in acrylics in around 5-6 hours. I will need longer for more people, bigger canvas, etc..



All of my paintings are completed in acrylics, live on the day of the event at the venue, for you to take away at the end. Although I can do studio-finished work if required.

I can travel around the UK, please contact me for details. I charge 65p per mile for events outside the Windsor/Slough area and may need to add £100 for an overnight stay. For central London events I add £50 to cover congestion charge and parking fees.

A 33% non refundable deposit is due upon booking to secure your event.

Additional fees may apply depending on the location of the event and the date. We will discuss this in time. I am happy to work in Europe.

I have business liability insurance, and will have no difficulty working in a venue that requires

vendors to be insured.

1. Prior to your event we will have a consultation where we can go over the details of your event, and your vision for your work of art. I can easily accommodate requests for specific colour palettes and which moment(s) you wish to capture in your painting.
2. On the day of the event I will arrive 1-3 hours early to set up and begin painting the background as soon as the decorations are made. I provide everything I need to paint, so you do not have to concern yourself with extra tables, etc..
3. I will continue to paint throughout the event, capturing the atmosphere of the event through colour and form, highlighting the most important people and details of your party. As a guide, most of my paintings were completed in 4-8 hours at the event. Shorter events are not a problem though, as your live painting is planned around your schedule, so get in touch to discuss how I would paint for you within the time available.
4. I aim to be finished at the end of the event. Once the performance ends, I will clean up, leaving the venue spotless. If you want to take your finished painting the same night you may, otherwise I will carefully transport it to my studio and we can arrange pick up or delivery at your convenience. For the occasional work that is not finished at the event, I will paint the finishing touches in my studio.

My aim is to capture the mood of your event on canvas, and to entertain your guests. You will already have countless photos giving you a photo- realistic rendering of your day. In contrast my paintings are painted in an expressive and colourful impressionistic style. It's best represented by examples in my Instagram gallery. Identifiable features like hair colour and clothing will make the central people stand out, but the faces of guests will be painted more loosely to bring the viewer's eye back to the central people and generate a feeling of movement in the painting.

Each painting will focus on the most important people. Clients can specify other family and friends whose likeness they would like to have in the painting in a looser style.

I need access to an electrical outlet to plug in my lighting for darker rooms, and I need shelter from the elements if outdoors. For health and safety, an artist's space about 3m x 3m is needed. When choosing where to place my performance in the room, please keep in mind that I need a clear line of sight to the action, free from obstructions like DJ speakers or architectural elements like pillars, and that you will want your guests to be able to see me work as well. Stages, elevated areas, or at the foot of the dance floor are an excellent choice.

The painting is mostly painted from life but I do take and use photos as I go for reference as the scene shifts and for touch ups in the studio.

I will also paint from photos for Client's whose event has already happened, but would like to have a painting.

I use high quality acrylic on quality crafted pre-stretched canvas. Sizes vary for each package, ranging from 16"x20" to 36"x40", with custom sizing available. Remember, the larger the canvas, the easier it is to watch me paint! Canvases are of high quality to ensure you will have an heirloom to pass on to future generations. All canvases are gallery wrapped (the sides are thicker, completely covered in canvas, and staple free), and I will paint the edges so they look just as clean hanging unframed as they do hanging framed.



I have business liability insurance, and will have no difficulty working in a venue that requires vendors to be insured.

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