Best of Boston Weddings

Congratulations, you’re engaged! Your mission, should you choose to accept it: planning the wedding of your dreams without losing sleep—or your sanity. Thankfully, you don’t have to embark on this adventure alone. Organized by task, our annual guide to the region’s finest venues and vendors is chock-full of wedding pros ready to help you nail every detail.

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CATERER
THE CATERED AFFAIR
Partnering with some of the area’s most talented caterers, the catering component of your event is handled here that would be right here in the city’s finest restaurants. Think elegance with romance, supreme refined taste, and style. More than justmenus and a chef, The Catered Affair draws from blue-ribbon chefs and a culinary team trained at the award-winning prisons. 701 Lincoln Place, Rochester, 716.400.9892, thecateredaffair.com

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As fresh flowers evolve, no one has done more to bring nature-inspired and modern natural events to the forefront. From a vintage-inspired wedding, to a modern wedding, to an outdoor wedding, you can see how these designs have their own twist on a classic look. We would love to show you what we can do, so please contact us today! 585.273.4447, hellomayflowerconfections.com

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Archival footage of every memory. From the wedding day to the first anniversary, the memories last forever. 585.273.4447, redayestudio.com

PLANNER
42 NORTH
A wedding planner who leads guests through the steps of the reception, a designated wedding planner for clients who want to hire a coordinator. 585.425.5412, 42northweddings.com

HAIRSTYLIST
DARREN LE
A master stylist at 42 North Salon, Darren Le believes in understanding the individuality of each client who sits in his chair. That’s why he insists his business create a memory of these moments and the memories you want to remember from a lifetime.
**Shop Till You Drop**

**WEDDING DRESSES, CLASSIC**

**L’ÉLITE BRIDAL BOUTIQUE**

Some brides take longer than others to pinpoint their wedding-day style. If you already know that “sparkle” and “sophistication” top your list of gown criteria, skip the trial-and-error and make an appointment at L’Élité. Opened in 1986, the upscale boutique impresses on time and again with an unbridled selection of traditional and modern gowns from top designers including Atelier Aimee, Reem Acra, and Jenny Packham. 444 Boylston St., Boston, 617-267-3056, lelitechic.com.

**WEDDING DRESSES, INDIE**

CEREMONY

In a town reeking with wedding taste, few names are as highly revered as those of the gowns from Bridal Stylist Alix Chiodo, bright and airy with bold silhouettes, but subtle in the perfect ways, punctuated by an array of statement-making accessories, many sourced from L’Élité’s own archives. Alix Chiodo’s talent comes from her upbringing in the fashion world, both as a designer and as a fashion guru. Alix Chiodo. 444 Boylston St., Boston, 617-267-3056, lelitechic.com.

**LOCAL DRESS DESIGNER**

**LUKE AARON**

Rugged and sophisticated with classic allusions and minimal detailing, designer Luke Aaron’s bridal gowns evince the allure of a modernist wedding—a fitting backdrop for a self-professed history buff who rose from Kansas City to Boston to New York City’s art world. His approach to dressmaking is as creative as it is strategic, each gown is tailored to fit the bride’s unique style.

**Bridal Time Line**

**Bella Bridesmaids**

Opened in 2016, Bella Bridesmaids of Boston is a one-of-a-kind destination for the Southern bride. The boutique offers a unique selection of bridesmaid gowns from top designers like Temperley London, Naeem Khan, and Marchesa. 468 Boylston St., Boston, 617-267-3056, lelitechic.com.

**MEMORIAL**

**Hive & Colony**

Originally launched as a wedding consultant, Hive & Colony has evolved into a wedding-planning company offering full-service wedding planning and design services in Boston. 468 Boylston St., Boston, 617-267-3056, lelitechic.com.

**Accessories**

**Musette**

Your wedding day is one of the most important days of your life. Make sure it looks as beautiful as you do with Musette. This family-owned boutique offers the latest in bridal, bridesmaids, and groomsmen attire, as well as unique accessories to make your day perfect. 468 Boylston St., Boston, 617-267-3056, lelitechic.com.

**Bridal Lounge**

**Lulabelle**

Designer bride-to-be Maria Esposito knows the importance of having the right accessories to complete your look. At Lulabelle, she offers a wide range of jewelry and accessories to complement your wedding day ensemble. 468 Boylston St., Boston, 617-267-3056, lelitechic.com.

**Engagement Rings**

**Brilliant Earth**

Your partner deserves a ring that’s just as special as your relationship. For over 30 years, Brilliant Earth has been a leader in sustainable jewelry, offering beautiful engagement rings made from recycled metals and ethical sources. 468 Boylston St., Boston, 617-267-3056, lelitechic.com.

**Credits**

**Caterer**

Carina département (Carina Chodl)

**Floral Designer**

Fleur de Lis (Lori O’Malley)

**Event Planner**

Nancy Camp (Nancy Camp Event Planning)

**Hair Stylist**

Amber Cullen (Amber Cullen Hair)

**Makeup Artist**

Dani Wagener (Dani Wagener)

**Photographer**

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**Sponsor**

Bella Bridesmaids (Lilli Davis-Bonomo, Executive Director)

**Sponsor**

Lulabelle (Maria Esposito, Co-owner)

**Sponsor**

Musette (Kim McLaughlin, Owner)

**Sponsor**

Ships & Sails (Kathleen A. Smith, Director)

**Sponsor**

Wright & Ditson (Robert Wright, Partner)

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Zephyr (Yanet O’Malley, Creative Director)

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