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BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY **BOSTON** 🏛️

Majestic architecture, sweeping rooms (like Bates Hall, above), a lush courtyard, and an extra-accommodating staff make this landmark building a top pick. And, no, silence is not required. bpl.org.

ASTICOU INN **NORTHEAST HARBOR, MAINE** 🏡

At this old-timey Mt. Desert Island inn, you can dine and dance by spectacular Northeast Harbor, then make your getaway via romantic sea kayak. asticou.com.

THE WAUWINET **NANTUCKET, MASS.** 🏝️

Rent it out and this preppy island resort can be home to you and up to 90 guests. After a ceremony on the zen deck overlooking the ocean, end the day with a lobster bake on the water. wauwinet.com.

THE GRAND ARCADE **ASBURY PARK, N.J.** 🎵

Go *Boardwalk Empire* big in this 1920s-era music hall that holds up to 900 (!) on the Jersey Shore. For extra drama, exchange vows in the adjoining Gatsby-esque Paramount Theatre. apboardwalk.com.

THE PLAZA **NEW YORK** 🏙️

Generations of sophisticated New York brides—and guests of Truman Capote's legendary Black and White Ball—have twirled in this hotel's Grand Ballroom, a quintessential classic. theplazany.com.

CARAMOOR CENTER FOR MUSIC AND ART **KATONAH, N.Y.** 🎵

Music lovers can get married in the intimate sunken garden of this Spanish-style estate, home to year-round classical, opera, and jazz concerts, atop a stone-and-moss flight of stairs. caramoor.org.

ANDALUSIA ESTATE **ANDALUSIA, PENN.** 🏡

Reason no. 329 to get married in this breathtaking 18th-century mansion in Bucks County? The venue will work with you to end the night with a fireworks show over the Delaware River. andalusiapa.org.

FRONT & PALMER **PHILADELPHIA** 🏙️

Have the chicest green wedding in town at this singular loft space with 35-foot ceilings. It's partially powered by solar panels, and it offers a sustainable menu by local foodie caterers. frontandpalmer.com.

WEEKAPAUG INN **WESTERLY, R.I.** 🏡

It's easy to take over this century-old, just-renovated inn's 31 rooms and suites.

Follow vows in the quaint New England chapel with a tented reception on the lawn, complete with local seafood. Anyone who can pronounce "Quonochontaug," the salt pond it sits on, gets a centerpiece. weekapauginn.com.

THE EQUINOX RESORT **MANCHESTER, VT.** 🏡

This pristine mountain hideaway is gorgeous all year, but a winter bash in the Colonnade Ballroom, surrounded by snow, is magical. equinoxresort.com.

THE EXPERTS

- **Meagan Gilpatrick**, Maine Seasons Events, Topsham, Maine
- **Xochitl Gonzalez**, AAB Creates, New York
- **Brian Kappra**, Evantine Design, Philadelphia
- **Amy Kimball**, Amy Kimball Events, Boston
- **Bronson Van Wyck**, Van Wyck & Van Wyck, New York

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- 🍷 BYOB
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