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“WHO'S WHO” OF TAMPA BAY WEDDING PROS

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EDITOR'S NOTE: HOW TO CHOOSE THE AREA'S BEST WEDDING PROS

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Marry Me Tampa Bay Editor-in-Chief

When planning a wedding the most important decisions to make (besides choosing your life partner) are the wedding pros you hire to deliver on your wedding day experience.

Selecting your wedding vendors can be overwhelming because there are so many to choose from. Most couples source personal recommendations, Google searches, social media feedback and national listing sites to begin their search, but the number of suggestions you receive can be mind-boggling.

One of the national wedding vendor listing sites has almost 700 photographers cataloged just for the Tampa Bay area! Even the most dedicated wed-to-be doesn't have time to narrow down all of those profiles, plus I personally wouldn't recommend over 70% of vendors on there (even ones with over 100+ 5-star ratings).

One of the best ways to keep wedding planning manageable is to start with a curated list of wedding pros. This can be from your wedding venue's preferred list, a selected poll from personal recommendations, or our collection of "Who's Who" of Tampa Bay Wedding Pros.

We have purposefully kept our Marry Me Tampa Bay list selective to bring you the area's most reputable and respected wedding professionals.

With our "Who's Who" publication, Marry Me Tampa Bay has done the research for you so that you can

focus on narrowing our list even further to choose the right fit for your budget, personality, and style.

Your wedding day is not a day that you can do-over if something goes wrong, so choosing your wedding pros truly is an investment in creating an unforgettable day.

Our focus for selecting our "Who's Who" is intended for couples looking for professionals first and foremost. With experience and talent comes a higher price point, so if you're price shopping, our pros won't be the least expensive, but they will be the most qualified.

You want to hire professionals not only for their knowledge but also to plan for mishaps (because they will happen) and to fix them without taking away from your experience on the day of.

With this 2025 publication also comes complementary insight from the *Marry Me Tampa Bay* editorial team.

Email social@marrymetampabay.com or DM [@marrymetampabay](https://www.instagram.com/marrymetampabay) with the wedding vendors that you're considering, and we'll let you know if they are reputable and share any weddings we've featured from them.

Cheers,
Anna Coats

WHO'S WHO: WEDDING HAIR AND MAKEUP



Michele Renee The Studio

Michele Renee The Studio specializes in airbrush makeup application and hairstyles.

Perfection is a word that we don't take lightly, your wedding day should be perfect! We pride ourselves on quality! It's the one thing our brides tell us we exceed time and time again. To achieve this, we only hire award-winning artists and only use top-quality products! Thoroughly trained in a cornucopia of hair and makeup fields, our team of expert artists and their years of experience will create a memorable wedding day experience,

Bridal hair and makeup range from \$165-\$295

Wedding party hair and makeup range from \$115-\$175

Contact for Indian wedding packages

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Adore Bridal Hair and Makeup

Adore Bridal is an elite hair and makeup team that brings hair and makeup services on-site for your convenience. Our mission is to provide exceptional service and unwavering support with a commitment to the promised schedule. We take pride in our punctuality and ability to ensure bridal parties are ready at the requested time.

Our hair and makeup style is limitless. We are known for natural glam and for creating timeless and effortless looks. Our passion for our work is fueled by the reaction we receive when we hand our brides the mirror to reveal their final look before walking down the aisle.

Hair, airbrush makeup, and lashes for the bride and five additional guests start at \$1,400.

Inquire for details



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Femme Akoi Beauty Studio

Femme Akoi Hair and Makeup is a specialized team of esteemed hair and makeup artists. We provide services to the Greater Tampa Bay area and beyond, coming on-location for your event. We also have two unique studios for your convenience, an upscale Tampa location in Ybor and a cute, trendy, full-service salon in downtown Dunedin.

We specialize in a natural glam look with a boho vibe. We love lived-in effortless styles, braids, fresh skin, and keep up with modern trends.

Bridal hair and makeup range from \$225-\$300
Wedding party hair and makeup averages \$160



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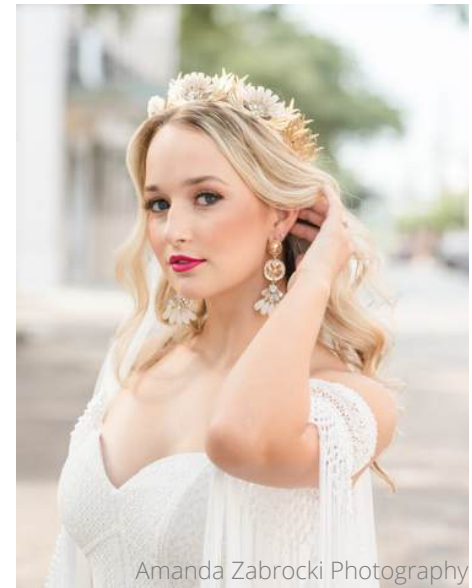
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WHAT MAKES YOUR BUSINESS STAND OUT FROM OTHER HAIR AND MAKEUP ARTISTS?

There are three company quality standards that we promise to uphold. All of our makeup artists and hairstylists are certified and practice proper sanitation procedures. Our makeup artists exclusively use Temptu Airbrush Makeup (visit our website to learn why). We never double book our stylists. Our focus is solely on you!

By combining these standards with our elite team of MUAs and hairstylists we will have you and your entire party looking and feeling fabulous on your big day!

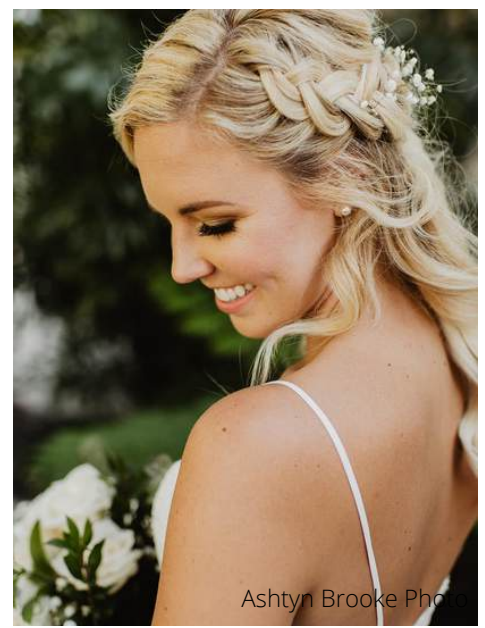


WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO START YOUR BUSINESS?

Weddings became my true calling after a few years of freelancing early on in my career. My love for bridal hair and makeup continued to grow with each happy ending. While working these weddings, I saw a need for a team of stylists to properly service entire bridal parties. Providing hair and makeup for a bride is one thing, but to provide that same level of professionalism and pampering to your bridal party as well can only be done with a team of qualified professionals.



Tiffani Jones Photography



Ashtyn Brooke Photo

We Love Providing Wedding Beauty Services Because:

We do lots of training. We are all seasoned artists and are constantly looking for inspiration and new things to stay fresh and updated on upcoming products and styles. We really do love what we do!

What is one of your passions, non-wedding related?

Painting.
I was an art major and got my Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Florida.

What would most couples would be surprised to know about you?

I was a florist in high school and college! I married my high school sweetheart, and we did a ton of traveling before we had our two daughters.



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Femme Akoi Beauty Studio](#)

Our Wedding Hair and Makeup Style Is:

Effortlessly chic. We are known for our braided boho hairstyles and naturally flawless makeup.

What inspired you to start your business?

I've always been an artist but in college I fell in love with painting faces and never looked back. It's my passion and I love seeking out fellow artists that share the same love of beauty. Not just as an artistic form but also to uplift someone and make them feel confident and the best version of themselves :)

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Michele Renee Zerda

What Inspired You to Start Your Business?

I grew up in a house full of women who loved hair and makeup. When we all got ready together it was such a bonding and fun experience. The getting ready part was almost as fun as the event we were going to!

I wanted to bring this experience to brides and their bridal parties. Why stress out running to the salon or makeup up counter when we can bring the Studio to you!

Where Do You Draw Your Inspiration?

Nature. Everything in nature has its own purpose and beauty. Just like women. Women are all beautiful. We each have our own unique purposeful beauty to us.

Our Wedding Hair and Make-up Style is:

The most important style is our bride's style! Every bride has envisioned the perfect look for her wedding day, whether it's looking like a princess, classic and romantic, modern glam, or oozing sex appeal.

Before their big day, we have our brides send over inspiration pictures so that they can visually communicate their ideal look, so on the wedding day we can create the fairytale look of their dreams. We always want our brides to feel and look their absolute best.

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WHO'S WHO: WEDDING DRESS & ATTIRE



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Truly Forever Bridal

At Truly Forever Bridal, we offer an extensive collection of high-end wedding gowns featuring many renowned designers, including Justin Alexander Signature and Diamond, Randy Fenoli, Rosa Clara, Morilee, Pronovias, Allure Couture, Adriana Papell, and Signature Private Label. We want you to feel celebrated from the moment you walk in. Our dream team provides the ultimate bridal experience, assisting you in finding your dream dress and bringing your vision to life with attention to every detail.

We carry all of the accessories to complete our bride's look, including veils, jewelry, belts, boleros, capes, and more. If your dress requires alterations or modifications, we will schedule you with one of our 4 incredible subcontracting seamstresses, in one of our locations, to ensure the best fit. And we don't forget about our mother of the bride, mother of the groom, and flower girls! After your wedding day, make sure you contact us to clean and preserve your wedding gown to carry on the memories of your special day.

At our Tampa location, we have an extensive in-store collection of designer gowns. That means you can take home your dress the same day. We also offer a layaway program. If your dream dress comes out of our special-order selection, it usually takes 4-6 months to arrive.



Truly Forever Bridal is Florida's largest bridal boutique, with two locations in central and southwest Florida.



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Lifelong Photography Studio

OUR DESIGNERS:

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OUR DRESSES:

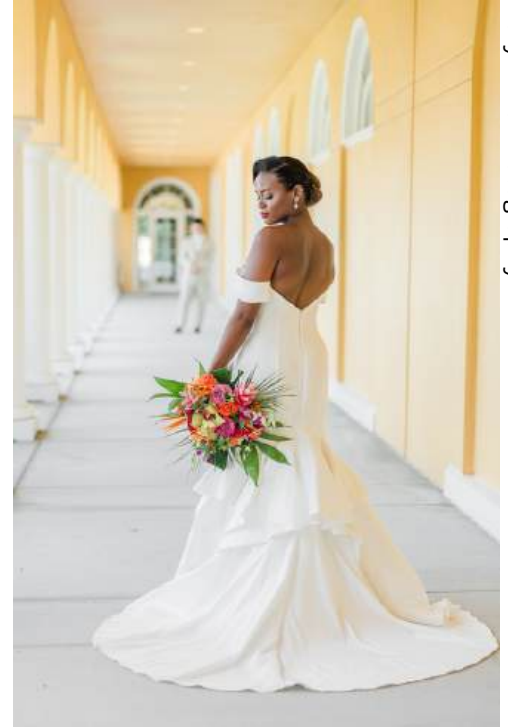
We carry bridal gowns in sizes 2-36 in a variety of styles to fulfill each bride's vision, individual taste, and budget.

Prices range from \$1,300 to \$5,000, with most of our gowns ranging from \$1,500-\$3,000.

Our Tampa location carries 2,000 gowns in-stock, while our Sarasota location carries 300 gowns in stock, with special orders available.

We offer 2,000 beautiful gowns in sizes 2-36.

Lifelong Photography Studio



Mary Anna Photography

OUR PERSONALITY:

Our dream team gives each bride an experience that is personalized to your needs and wants. We want you to feel confident and celebrated for who you are.

Everyone on our team puts their heart and soul into serving you and your bridal party.

Our mission is to make you feel beautiful, empowered, and supported on your wedding day and throughout your marriage.

One of our many passions is investing in the longevity of our brides' marriages. We host seasonal date nights to allow our couples a night away and a chance to connect with other couples.

WHAT MAKES OUR BOUTIQUE STAND OUT

We offer appointments in our two exquisite private VIP Crystal and Diamond rooms.

This experience invites you to bring up to 10 guests to accompany you as you work one-on-one with a stylist for up to two hours in our exclusive upstairs diamond suite to select your gown. In our elegant, private, comfortable space, we will serve you and your guests with a wine refreshment to toast the celebration of saying "YES!" to your dress.

This roomy space is the perfect place for your bride tribe to celebrate and spread out as you model the gowns that you select on your way to finding the dress of your dreams.

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