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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 PLANNERS



**Marry Me Tampa Bay readers
receive a complimentary
"Get to Know Each Other Session"**

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Event Planning](#)

Special Moments Event Planning

At Special Moments Event Planning, we don't just plan weddings—we create unforgettable experiences! With over 21 years of making dreams come true, we bring passion, creativity, and a "let's make it happen" attitude.

Whether you're envisioning an elegant ballroom celebration, a toes-in-the-sand beach wedding, or something delightfully out-of-the-box, we thrive on making your vision a reality—no stress, just joy! Our approach? We listen, we brainstorm, we plan like pros, and then we execute every detail flawlessly, so you can soak in every magical moment.

Wedding Day Management ("Day of") – starting at \$1,750
Micro Planning & Execution – starting at \$2,695
Partial Planning & Execution – starting at \$3,295
Full-Service Planning – starting at \$4,495

Our planning services are customized for your needs.

Parties A' La Carte

Our wedding planning style at Parties A' La Carte is organized and detail-oriented. We believe that each couple should have an exquisite and customized wedding with memories to last a lifetime.

With over 10 years of industry experience, we pride ourselves on being one of Tampa Bay's award-winning event planning companies. Our focus is on our clients and their guests.

We offer three packages with Month-of Coordination starting at \$2,500 to Full-Service Planning starting at \$8,000



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EventFull Weddings

At EventFull Weddings we specialize in curating weddings that go beyond the ordinary and are tailored for today's modern couples. Our mission is to bring to life your vision with unparalleled sophistication and creativity. To do that, we offer both design and planning services. Our wedding design style blends contemporary trends, timeless elegance, and the unique essence of each couple.

Excellent personal service is a guiding principle of ours. To ensure every aspect of the wedding planning journey is memorable, we provide a very personalized boutique style service that caters to your schedule and preferences.

Day of Coordination starting 8 weeks from your wedding day starts at \$2,750
Partial Planning starts at \$5,500
Full Planning starts at \$7,000
Destination planning available

Coastal Coordinating

Coastal Coordinating offers day-of to full-service wedding planning. We have 18 years in the industry and have coordinated thousands of weddings and events that have been featured all over!

Our goal is to guarantee that you have the best, most unique experience without the stress. We help with decor, design, vendor communications/recommendations, guest list, timeline management, budgeting, save the dates, invites & much more!

Our packages start at \$1,800 for day-of coordinating, \$3,400-\$4,200 for advisory packages, and \$4,400-\$6,000 for full-planning.

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UNIQUE Weddings + Events

We are also not just wedding planners; we are designers! Our style is your style! Whether it's rustic-country, sleek-modern, or jaw-dropping glam, we can do it all and do it well! We also love it when our clients bring us UNIQUE inspiration - photos from a recent trip to Italy, your grandmother's vintage jewelry, or a beautiful fabric that you came across. We can translate it into a beautiful and fun wedding!

Day of Coordination/Event Management package starts at \$2,400.

Partial Planning services range from \$3,500-\$5,500.

Full-Service Wedding Planning & Design starts at \$8,000.

B Eventful

We strive to inspire others to create an experience that aligns with who they are and what they believe. We aim for a stress-free day while creating a unique event that matches your vibe!

Our ultimate goal is to work alongside your vendor team to create a smooth and memorable wedding. This means assistance with décor, design, vendor communication, vendor recommendations, timeline creation and management, budgeting, and so much more!

Month of Coordination, which begins 60 days prior to the wedding date, starts at \$1,850

Partial Planning starts at \$4,000

Full Planning starts at \$5,000.



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Wilder Mind Events

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We are extremely laid back and are your sense of calm.

Pricing for Month of starts at \$2,800

Partial Planning starts at \$6,500

Full Planning starts at \$10,000

Gulf Beach Weddings

Gulf Beach Weddings is the industry-leading destination beach wedding company that focuses on simple and affordable, yet elegant ceremonies. Since 2011, we have had the pleasure to officiate, coordinate, photograph, and organize over 9,000+ weddings from Clearwater Beach to Siesta Key. Our niche is the 2-100 guest beach wedding ceremony or vow-renewals. We own our reception hall on St Pete Beach.



\$1,195 Intimacy Package (1 Guest)

\$1,295 Simply Beautiful Package (10 Guests)

\$1,595 Wedding Dreams Package (30 Guests)

\$1,995 Perfect Package (50 Guests)

\$3,495 Beach Celebrations Package (100 Guests)

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The Olive Tree Weddings

At The Olive Tree Weddings, we create beautiful weddings and everlasting memories. Our wedding style is modern, romantic, and timeless.

Our goal is to make your wedding day fun, enjoyable, and memorable. You, your friends, and your family won't have to lift a finger, so that you all are able to enjoy your wedding day.

Month of coordination starts at \$2,000
90 days of coordination starts at \$3,500
Partial Planning starts at \$6,000
Full Planning starts at \$8,000
Proposal planning packages available

For booked clients, we offer rehearsal dinner/ welcome party planning.

MDP Events

MDP Events meticulously plans spectacular events throughout the Suncoast of Florida and across states nationwide! Every detail is accounted for with extraordinary organization and an attention to personalized decor that resonates with our couples to provide meaningful, thoughtful, and cherished memories throughout every wedding day touchpoint. Our process includes inventive design and intimately crafted timelines that lead into a well-managed, seamlessly coordinated celebration that will leave a lasting impression on every guest for years to come!

We also offer a la carte customization for couples to create a personalized package!



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Oh My Occasions

From conceptualization to flawless execution, our seasoned team specializes in curating unforgettable experiences. Oh My Occasions offers a range of collections, each tailored to different stages in your planning journey, whether you're seeking close guidance or support in organizing all the intricate details, or need a professional guiding you through the remainder of your planning journey.

With over 15 years of unparalleled attention to detail and a commitment to excellence, we offer expert guidance in venue selection, vendor matching, design conceptualization, and seamless event coordination, ensuring every event is a resounding success. As experts in memory-making, our promise is to personalize your event with unwavering trust, reassurance, and some fun along the way! We offer Luxe, Complete, and Partial Collections along with a la carte consulting services, starting at \$2,000. Investment options are customized based on your event needs. Discovery calls are complimentary.

Blue Skies Weddings

Blue Skies Weddings is an award-winning planning and design company with over 25 years of experience creating signature events for our couples, locally and throughout the U.S. and internationally.

We custom design and produce weddings that embody our couples' love story, and we are passionate about providing an unparalleled quality of service and elevating the planning experience for each of our couples for one of the most incredible days of their lives!

We provide a variety of couture experiences for our couples, beginning at \$1,695



[Learn More about Blue Skies Events](#)

Photos: Ledia Tashi



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What makes your business stand out from other planning companies?

Our clients come first. From the first meeting and throughout planning to the execution of their event, our team is there every step of the way. We realize this is one of the most important days of their lives, and we strive to treat it as such!

We are the first to arrive on the wedding day and the last to leave at the end of the night. Wedding and event planning is our passion and full-time commitment. A unique aspect of Parties A' La Carte is our lovely studio, where we have the opportunity to host meetings with our clients.

We take a team approach to planning. Our process is a collaboration built from years of experience, backgrounds, and creativity.

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[Learn More about Parties A' La Carte](#)

Parties A' La Carte is a full-service wedding and event planning company. We customize our services to best suit our clients' needs and always execute every detail to perfection.



JESSICA RALPH

What inspired you to start your business?

I loved planning parties for my children, so I combined my Corporate Event Planning background with my passion for parties and launched Parties A' La Carte! I started by planning lavish social events before branching into the wedding planning industry.

Where do you draw your inspiration from?

Each client is different, so our first inspiration comes from getting to know their likes and dislikes. We follow the latest wedding and party trends while adding our own spin to them to create timeless events.

"Creating a lifetime of memories to cherish is Parties A' La Carte's forté."



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KATY TURCHICH-MARTIN

What inspired you to start your business?

I used to dream of being an interior designer and then stumbled into wedding planning, It was my true passion and the perfect blend of both!

I was planning lots of my friends' weddings and eventually just kept getting requests!

I used to work in the hotel industry, which pushed me further into hospitality.

I love being creative and designing new trends/ Inspirations with my couples.

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**"Let's Create An Experience
Unlike Any Other"**

What makes your business stand out from that of other wedding planners?

We design customized wedding experiences! Our team works with each client to design unexpected, beautiful wedding environments that are custom-tailored to them for their dream wedding day.

Our business is unique because we encompass the true meaning of a whole team of women who are passionate about this industry. We strive to make a wedding day lovely, beautiful, relaxing, and memorable for everyone. No two couples are exactly alike, which means planning each event is a unique experience.





Eli Meyer Studios



Garry and Stacy Photography Co

Our personality is:

Outgoing, fun, charismatic, caring, and open-minded.

We have the magic recipe for keeping not only the planning of your day on the right track but the day-of running like a well-oiled machine!

What would couples be surprised to learn about you?

I am obsessed with pool floats! (You should see my patio) I just love them, all of them. I think if I could take all my calls in the pool on my float, life would be complete.



Tara Tomlinson Photography

"We wanted to make sure whoever we were working with was a good fit for us, personality-wise, since you do a lot of meetings and correspondence during the planning process, and the planner is also there with you on your big and, at times, stressful day. Coastal Coordinating was a great price for all of the services they were providing as they were bringing so much value to the planning process to make sure everything ran smoothly the day of."

[View Natalie and Joey's Wedding](#)

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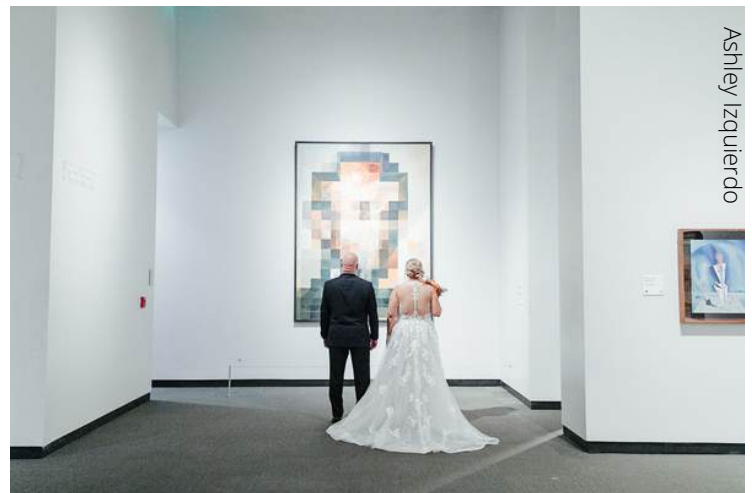


"Leave your guests feeling like they've been a part of something special."

UNIQUE Weddings + Events is a leading wedding and event design, planning & production companies. As a Florida wedding and event planner, we are renowned for creative concepts, strong attention to detail and creating unforgettable experiences for our clients and their guests.

What inspired you to start your business?

After spending many years in the design field working on residential, hospitality and retail interior design, I realized that I could take my education and experience and carve out a niche within the wedding & event industry. We wanted to be the one that pushed couples to truly personalize their wedding and not just "break," but "rewrite" the rules.



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What makes your business stand out from other wedding planners?

All of our UNIQUE Weddings & Event clientele share a passion for "something different," and they are seeking the wedding planner to help them achieve it. Prior to being a Florida wedding planner and event planner, we spent many years in the design field. We utilize our extensive design background by taking our client's vision to a new level, and incorporating new ideas, color schemes, and innovative details.

Each client's event should showcase their own voice, style, and personality and not be restricted by the standard event rules or traditions.

We are not your typical wedding planner, but rather we are designers who plan events!

3 Fun Facts:

I'm originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, so I spent my childhood hitting the Mardi Gras parade route and sucking crawfish heads.

I love anything with tomato, although I'm still not convinced that it's a fruit.

My ideal client is sarcastic and may drop the occasional "f-bomb."



Photos: Eclectic Elegance Photography



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OUR WEDDING STYLE:

We love every kind of wedding style, but we gravitate towards a modern and contemporary aesthetic with a sense of luxury and romance. We enjoy working with moody colors mixed with rich fabrics and textures. Our favorite elements have to be flowers and tabletop decor. Both can easily elevate your event to the next level.

OUR WEDDING PERSONALITIES:

Fun-loving Type-A personalities with a passion for having a good time.



KAREN CERBONI





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WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO START YOUR BUSINESS?

Our inspiration is derived from our passion for entertaining friends and family in beautiful environments. We believe there isn't anything better than bringing people together to celebrate with good food, fun, and a little bubbly!

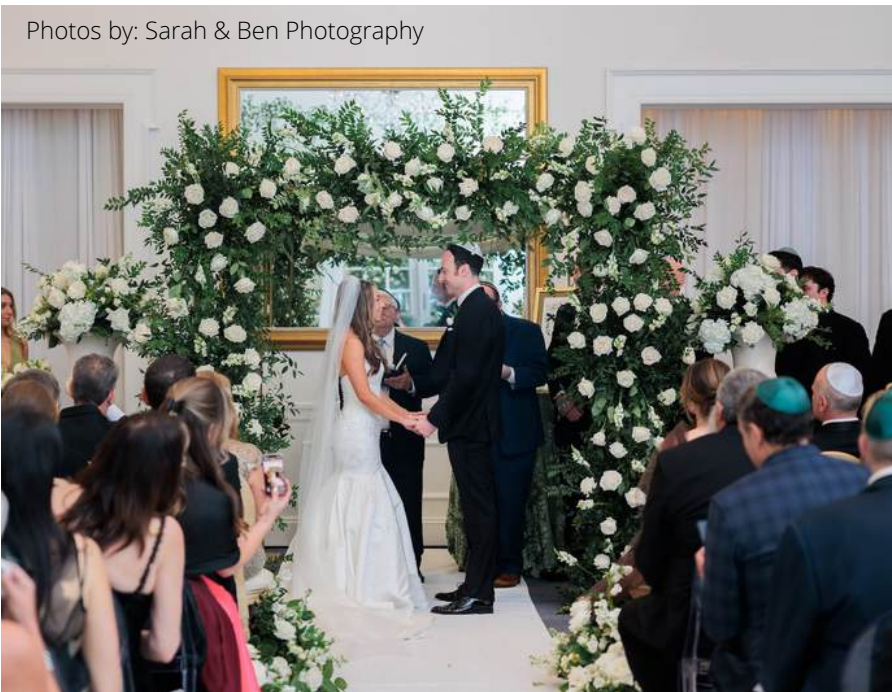
WHAT MAKES OUR BUSINESS STAND OUT FROM OTHER PLANNERS IS:

Our business is unique to others because we are focused on providing a more exclusive boutique planning experience to our clients. We do not limit the number of meetings, calls, emails, or hours spent at the event and we cater to our clients' schedules by meeting at locations and times that are convenient to their busy schedules.



Grace Torres Photography

Photos by: Sarah & Ben Photography





TAMMY WATERMAN

SPECIALMOMENTS EVENT PLANNING

With over two decades of experience as a Lead Dream Maker, Tammy Waterman heads a planning team with nearly 50 years of combined experience in weddings and events.

At Special Moments Event Planning, weddings aren't just what we do—they're what we love to talk about! Founded in 2004 by Tammy Waterman, our mission has always been to create unforgettable celebrations for every couple, no matter their vision or investment. We thrive on creativity, problem-solving, and making magic happen—because we love a good challenge!

Tammy isn't just any wedding planner—she's one of only 47 Master Wedding Planners in the world and leads the only company with two Master Wedding Planners on the team. Her dedication to the industry has even earned her the prestigious Dorothy Heart Award for passion and excellence in weddings.

What is one of your favorite things about being a wedding planner?

It's an honor to be trusted with such a big moment, and after 21 years in the business, we're not just planners—we've become part of so many families along the way. Watching love stories unfold, sharing in the laughter, happy tears, and epic dance floor moments—that's what keeps our hearts in this business!



Photos: Lifelong Photography Studio



Where do you draw your inspiration?

Inspiration is everywhere! First and foremost, our couples and their unique personalities spark so many creative ideas—we love weaving their love story into every detail of their wedding.

Beyond that, we find inspiration in the beauty of nature, the rich history of our surroundings, and the incredible work of our colleagues around the world through the Association of Bridal Consultants. Seeing what's possible, pushing the boundaries of design, and creating something truly personal for each couple—that's what fuels our creativity!

What is a must-have at every wedding?

A wedding planner, of course! 😊 But beyond that, every couple should have a Plan B in place. Life happens, and it's important to think through the "what ifs"—especially when it comes to weather or if a key wedding pro can't make it last minute. Having a backup plan gives peace of mind so you can focus on what truly matters—enjoying the day!

What is one of your passions non-wedding related ?

Travel, experiencing cultures and food from around the world is another place of inspiration.



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Kristen Marie Photography

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WE STRIVE TO INSPIRE OTHERS TO CREATE AN EXPERIENCE THAT ALIGNS WITH WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY BELIEVE.

WHAT INSPIRED ME TO START MY BUSINESS IS:

I have been managing projects and people for over fourteen years. Within the last ten years, I realized that I had a passion for creating events that left a lasting impression. I found myself falling in love, specifically with weddings. I adore being a part of two people becoming one in front of all their loved ones. I also secretly thrive in organized chaos and adore seeing all the details come together.

OUR WEDDING STYLE IS:

We welcome all wedding styles and aesthetics. We have designed everything from a old Hollywood vibe to a dark and moody Halloween ambiance to a timeless, elegant, and classy style. My favorite aesthetics to design are modern, elegant, and timeless.

OUR PERSONALITY IS:

Fun, enthusiastic, caring, honest, organized, empathetic, and detail-oriented



Wild Love Photo



Lifelong Photography Studio



Nicole Morisco Photography

WHAT MAKES YOUR BUSINESS STAND OUT FROM OTHER PLANNERS?

We are committed to not only bringing your wedding vision to life but also ensuring that you have a stress-free day. Our team works together to go above and beyond to ensure our clients enjoy their day.

ONE OF OUR NON-WEDDING PASSIONS IS:

I am passionate about supporting other young mothers in their goals and aspirations. Nothing brings me more joy than seeing another Girl Boss succeed!

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Since 2011, Gulf Beach weddings has officiated coordinated, photographed, and organized over 9,000+ Weddings from Siesta Key, FL, to Pensacola Beach, FL.

Our niche is the 2-100 guest beach wedding ceremony or vow renewal with pre-designed wedding packages customized to fit every need.

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WHERE DO YOU DRAW YOUR INSPIRATION?

A Florida resident my entire life, we would visit the beach on vacation, holidays, family reunions, etc. I always thought it would be cool to one day get married on the beach. We try to keep it simple, offering couples a variety of colors, flowers, aisle ways, and locations across Florida's Gulf Beaches.

WHAT WOULD COUPLES BE SURPRISED TO LEARN ABOUT YOU?

I didn't get married until age 35...at that time the company had performed something like 7,200+ weddings. Better late than never! She's the perfect fit so it was worth the wait!

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DELANEY DRIVER

Where do you draw your inspiration?

Outside of drawing my inspiration first and foremost from the couple, I draw my inspiration from everything around me. I have several ideas that are stored in my memory bank and dream visions I work on with other vendors before we even have the client. I always have my eyes open because you never know what will spark an idea!

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"Where Imagination Meets Preparation"



Bri and Bryce

What makes your business stand out from other planners?

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Regina As The Photographer

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LAUREN GERTZ

WHERE DO YOU DRAW YOUR INSPIRATION?

I draw my inspiration from my couples. I love working together to have fun and really help them figure out what their special day will look like through style, design, timing, and all pieces in between.

Seeing their ecstatic reactions during the planning and then on their wedding day is what makes my heart sing!

WHAT MAKES YOUR BUSINESS STAND OUT FROM OTHER WEDDING PLANNERS?

Our backbone of pure passion. Not only do I adore planning weddings, but having a huge motivational inspiration makes each and every celebration extra special.



Stephanie Lanni Photography

WHAT IS A MUST HAVE AT EVERY WEDDING?

My must have for every wedding is at least one component of a personal custom detail.

I love when couples have fun, quirky, different details that make the wedding about them and their relationship. It really makes for a special piece of the day and gives guests even more insight into what their relationship is all about.

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Joshua Kane Photography



OH MY OCCASIONS

WEDDING PLANNING & EVENT DESIGN

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Abby Hart Photo

AMBER SCHRYVER

WHERE DO YOU DRAW YOUR INSPIRATION?

Oh My Occasions was truly built from an innate passion and talent for curating special occasions. I draw inspiration from working professionally within special events as a project manager and creative designer, combined with my background in theater and film. Here, I witnessed grand productions rich with elements from lighting and costumes to music and a talented ensemble – an immersive journey that begins the moment an audience member steps into the theater or gets settled in for a film.

I deeply value the significance, rarity, and uniqueness of bringing friends and family together for important occasions. My inspiration stems not only from the artistry and visual splendor of theatrical performances but also from the love that unites people during these occasions.



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OUR STYLE IS:

Oh My Occasions is a planning and event design firm for luxury gatherings and extravagant weddings. From modern concepts and architecturally unique designs to subtle personal touches and a more timeless approach, we aim to curate an event that leaves your guests with that “oh my” reaction.

We are renowned for our commitment to crafting tailored celebrations that feel elevated and personal, with an unwavering dedication to elevating beyond the basic aesthetic.

We collaborate closely with you in an innovative, stress-free approach to event design, resulting in awe-inspiring celebrations that are both visually stunning and deeply meaningful.



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