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PLANNER

WHIM EVENTS

One does not simply *throw* a super-chic party. From designing tablescapes and communicating with vendors to making sure your aunt isn't pestering you with questions the morning of the ceremony, there are countless details to wrangle. Whim Events specializes in taking care of all of the above and then some—hello, in-house floral design!—ensuring that your event is a stress-free, perfectly polished fete. whimevents.com.

HAIRSTYLIST

MARICRUZ HAIRSTYLES

Maricruz Polito believes brides look their most beautiful when they feel comfortable—and as a result, she's a pro at just about any style under the sun,

from updos and twists to loose waves, braids, and buns. The former Newbury Street stylist has a Waltham studio where she conducts hair trial runs during the week—along with classes for professionals—but come Thursday to Sunday, the mane master is on-site with her brides, creating fresh and elegant looks for their big reveal.

maricruzhairstyles.com.

CATERING

THE CATERED AFFAIR

This culinary juggernaut is the in-house caterer for a slew of the city's high-end venues, including the Boston Public Library, Harvard Art Museums, and the Boston Athenaeum (where it also runs a brand-new café open to the public). Which begs the question: If they trust the Catered Affair to handle their cuisine, shouldn't you? The answer: Yes, you

absolutely should. With the goal of creating unforgettable dining experiences, the team here can curate a personalized menu for your big day—think king-crab tostadas and broiled oysters with sea urchin and black lime—that looks as good as it tastes. thecateredaffair.com.

BAND

HOT MESS

Booking music for your wedding may feel like the next biggest decision after the dress. Do you want a funk band? R&B? Pop? Hot Mess offers the best of every genre (and the killer vocalists to match), so you don't have to stress about committing to a single sound for the whole night. The high-energy, bring-the-house-down band's repertoire ranges from the Beatles and Bell Biv DeVoe to Lady Gaga and Flo Rida, but they can also learn new material on request. hotmessrocks.com.



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