

SOUTH SHORE

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Life of the Party

8 Ways to add excitement to your next special event

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Whether you're planning an intimate wedding, elegant graduation party or festive corporate soiree, South Shore industry experts are ready to make your next event unforgettable. From unique decor and florals to professional photography and entertainment, we've gathered some helpful advice and creative ideas that are sure to engage and inspire your guests.



HOT MESS BAND



High Energy Live Music

Ever since local musician Jason Silverman established the showband **Hot Mess** a dozen or so years ago, the group has garnered numerous awards and has become a favorite choice for South Shore wedding celebrations. The band also plays numerous corporate events each year, firing up audiences with their dynamic performance style and diverse musical repertoire.

"We have a set of 125 songs we can do," says Silverman, who serves as the group's frontman. "We're a show band, so we can sprinkle in special requests. If you add lights and choreography, that equals a real show!" Silverman shares the mic with four of his eight stylin' bandmates, who live on the South Shore, Metro Boston and Central Massachusetts. Ashley Tucker and Carli Hamilton contribute powerhouse vocals, as does keyboardist Graham English and guitarist Zack Gibs. Tim Paul Weiner drives the Hot Mess show train on bass, while Connor Jenks (on sax) and Marcus "Cus" Campbell (on trombone), bend the band's soulful boundaries. Percussionist Jason Kenyon rules the rhythm. The band has played overseas, in Vegas, and down south, but the Boston market is their home.

The experience of watching a live band like Hot Mess perform is electric. "There's been some festivals that we've played and when you look out at the audience from on stage, you feel the energy," says Silverman "We feed off each other. It's intangible. It's the reason musicians do what we do."

So, how should a couple go about selecting a band for the most important event of their life? "See the band perform live, or get a referral from someone who saw them live," says Silverman. After all, nothing beats the thrill of a live show.

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