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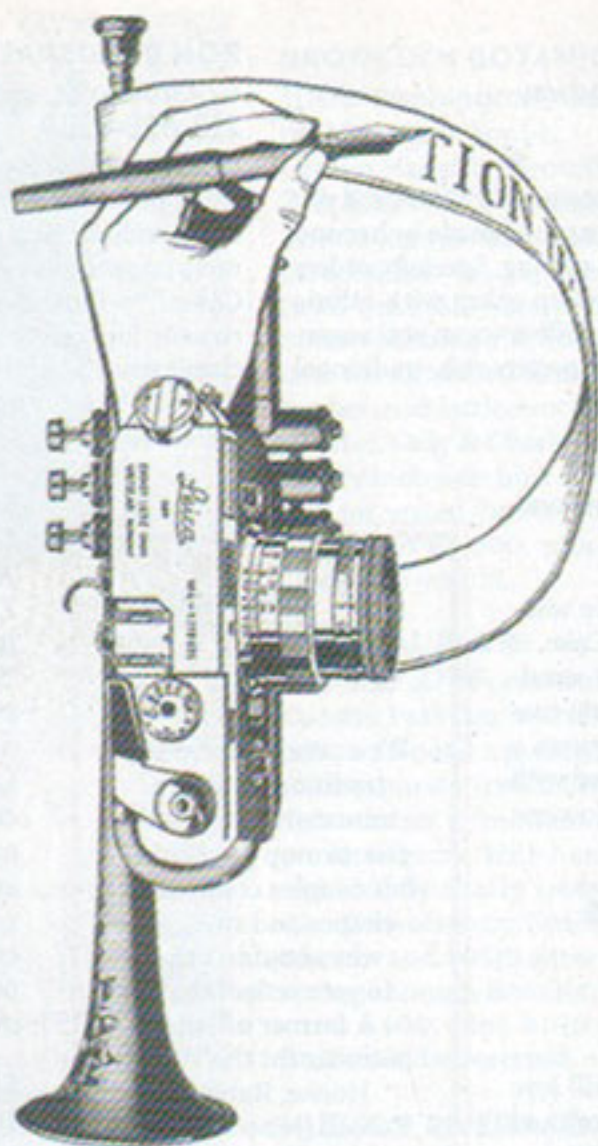
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### Wedding Planners

#### DAVID E. MONN, LLC

807 Sixth Ave., at 28th St.  
212-242-2009; davidmonn.com

Transforming the Met into an English garden party complete with espaliered apple trees and moss-covered stairs—as Monn did for 2006's ultraluxe Costume Institute Gala—is just one of the reasons many call this dapper society planner the "Architect of Style." Prices upon request.

#### DAVID REINHARD EVENTS, LLC

212-535-1520  
davidreinhard.com

For the past six years, Ann David and Nicky Reinhard have tag-teamed to create a hands-on boutique approach to planning weddings. Their limit of two events per month allows the pair to spend most of the year planning everything from urban receptions to destination weddings in Tuscany. Both have had more than ten years experience planning events, and their rates start at \$25,000.

#### DAVID TUTERA

470 Seventh Ave., nr. 35th St., eleventh floor  
212-229-9280  
davidtutera.com

Known mostly for his A-list parties than weddings (though Star Jones used his services with much success), Tuteria can deliver the ultimate in luxury and couture style, turning your wedding into a paparazzi-worthy event. Expect to pay about \$250,000 for 175 guests and be sure to call nine to twelve months ahead of time.

#### ELEGANT OCCASIONS

212-704-0048; elegantoccasions.com

Celebrity wedding planner Jo Ann Gregoli, president of Elegant Occasions, which offers services in New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Rome, specializes in upscale weekend and destination weddings around the world. She did the wedding of Jamie-Lynn Sigler (of *Sopranos* fame), among others. Prices upon request.

#### FÊTE

419 Park Ave. S., at 29th St., fourth fl.  
212-725-7268; feteny.com

The incomparable Jung Lee heads up this on-the-rise planning and design boutique, which is among the most sought-after in the country; her Wharton-grad partner, Josh Brooks, supplies the business acumen. Together, they've come up with ultracreative, detail-oriented weddings for couples of all budgets. They also offer a free consultancy service for couples who are planning on their own. Prices upon request.

#### FRANCESCA EVENTS

646-227-9474; francescaeevents.com

By appointment only

A graduate of the French Culinary Institute, Francesca has well-placed connections in the restaurant world that will ensure that your guests enjoy the feast as much as the ceremony. Her highly exclusive reservations (taken on a referral basis) are worth fighting for. Prices upon request.

#### KAREN BUSSEN

336 W. 37th St., nr. Eighth Ave.  
212-643-6880; karenbussen.com

Though she has planned weddings for stars like

Robert Downey Jr., Bussen is one of the few planners who actually answers her own phone. With complimentary consultations, and a low starting price of \$5,000, Bussen's simple but classic designs will make you feel like you spent a fortune regardless of your budget. Call at least six months in advance.

#### LYNDSEY HAMILTON EVENTS, LLC

156 Franklin St., nr. Hudson St., No. 3  
212-274-0074

lyndseyhamiltonevents.com

Lyndsey Hamilton Events has come a long way since she began it after her own, self-planned wedding in 2003. They now handle weddings in New England as well as New York and were even featured on the last season of the Style Network's *Whose Wedding Is It Anyway?* Day-of packages begin at \$3,000, full services at \$10,000.

#### MARCY BLUM ASSOCIATES

133 W. 19th St., nr. Seventh Ave.  
212-929-9814; marcyblum.com

Co-author of the indispensable *Weddings for Dummies*, Blum is known about town for making the planning as much of a celebration as the wedding itself, which is why Billy Joel and Katie Lee recently chose her to turn their manse into a Tuscan farmhouse with orange trees and *faux* shutters festooned with herbs for the big day. All-inclusive flat rates start at \$30,000.

#### PRESTON BAILEY

147 W. 25th St., nr. Sixth Ave., eleventh fl.  
212-741-9300

With 27 years of celebrity shindigs under his belt (Donald Trump, Donna Karan, and Oprah have all placed events in his hands), Bailey is well suited for the couple that wants ultimate extravagance. Any hall he touches becomes a confluence of large, but tasteful, arrangements of flowers, ferns, and sparkle. Call at least six months before wedding. Prices upon request.

#### SAVE THE DATE EVENT CONSULTING

31 E. 32nd St., nr. Madison Ave., Ste. 601  
917-742-7449; savethedatenyc.com

Specializing in Indian and Pakistani weddings, Sonal Shah knows where to find the right choreographers for the Sangeet, henna artists for the *mehndi* party, and groom's horse and carriage for the Baraat—not to mention how to combine all three ceremonies into one. Prices range from \$3,900 to \$12,000.

#### SOFIA CROKOS EVENTS

180 W. 20th St., nr. Seventh Ave., Ste. 9U  
212-929-1076; sofiacrokos.com

A boutique firm based in Manhattan, Sofia Crokos Events is going global by opening an office in Europe. They offer a variety of services, including venue selection, contract negotiations, and floral design—and they've done all manner of weddings, all over the world. Prices upon request.

#### SORAYA WEDDINGS & CELEBRATIONS

79 Bridge St., nr. Front St., Brooklyn Heights  
646-256-3816

sorayajollon.com

After planning her own wedding in Spain, Soraya now provides the service to nontraditional brides and grooms, same-sex couples, or anyone looking to wed in a private club in Manhattan or their own backyard. For one couple getting married in the recreation hall of the groom's childhood camp, she covered the walls in burlap to create a rustic feel. Prices upon request.

#### VAN WYCK & VAN WYCK

224 W. 30th St., nr. Seventh Ave.  
212-675-8601; bronson@vanwyck.net

After graduating from Yale, Bronson Van Wyck used the skills he honed hosting parties as an undergraduate to coordinate receptions for diplomats while working as an aide in the American embassy in Paris. Before long, he left Paris to go into business with his mother, Mary Lynn, hosting parties for the Clintons, the Gores, and the Bushes. The family also focuses on society events for the corporate world as well as the fashion industry. Prices upon request.