

- vendors I love -

I loved my wedding. I really did. I didn't love the planning part though, and I knew a lot of the people I wanted to hire before Jess and I were even engaged. To that end, I thought you might find this list helpful. These are some of my favorite vendors I've had the opportunity to work with throughout the years.

Planners:

Gracie Lou Events

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Liz and Adrienne never cease to amaze me with their preparation and attention to detail. I've worked with them on numerous occasions and they are always on top of things to ensure your day flow s as it should.

Elizabeth K. Allen, Inc.

elizabethallenevents.com susanallen@elizabethallenevents.com 617-542-4931

A new addition to this list in 2012, Susan and her entire team could not have been more helpful through the entire process of planning Sarah and Tim's country club wedding, and I look forward to working with her again in the future.

Esq Events

esq-events.com jennifer@esq-events.com 617-910-0430

One of the first wedding planners I met w hen I started my business, Jen's a good friend w ho brings an attorney's level of attention to detail to your event (she's also still a practicing attorney). Whether you're looking for full coordination, or just help on your day-of, Jen's always willing to go that extra mile to ensure things go off without a hitch.

Invitations:

Dear LC

dearlc.com info@dearlc.com

I couldn't be more excited to be photographing Dear LC owner Lynn Caputo's wedding this upcoming summer. A Worcester native, Lynn began designing wedding invitations in 2007 w hen a childhood friend asked her to do her invitation, and not long after that Dear LC was born. Lynn's work has also been featured in USA Today and on Glamour.com.

Officiant:

Leslie Zises

justiceleslie.com leslie@justiceleslie.com 617-244-7155

I first met Leslie when she officiated a last-minute 12/12/12 wedding, and I was immediately drawn to how she told my clients' story, and immediately put everyone at ease. A winner of numerous awards for her work, Leslie is an active member of the Massachusetts Justice of the Peace Organization and is as at ease with a wedding of 10 guests as she is at one with 300.

Cinema:

Maple Loft Studios

mapleloftstudios.com/weddings info@mapleloftstudios.com 781-698-9677

One of New England finest wedding filmmakers, Keith Soucy and his team at Maple Loft subscribe to the same "stay as unobtrusive as possible" philosophy that I do, believing that unstaged authentic filmmaking results in the highest quality possible end result (and the results are truly stunning!)

Ready Set Film

readysetfilm.com hello@readysetfilm.com 800-806-9940 ext. 700

A "Best of Boston" winner, named by Boston Magazine, Jeff and his wife Amanda were some of the earliest proprietors of modern wedding cinema that I met. Perhaps best known for their incredible same-day edits (nothing like ending your reception with a short film!), Jeff and his team are always a pleasure, and most importantly, their work is stunning.

Photobooth:

The Danger Booth thedangerbooth.com 617-329-9653

Looking for a little something extra to kick up the party at your reception? Check out my good friend Zac Wolf's Danger Booth. Based in Boston but willing to travel across New England for a good party, the Danger Booth never fails to provide great blackmail, err, party photos.

Bands:

Not a lot to say about this group, other than you can't go wrong with any of them. All are made up of talented groups of professionals who I always know will liven up your reception.

Kahootz

bostonsbestband.com contact@bostonsbestband.com 877-777-6856

Night Shift

nightshiftent.com info@nightshiftent.com 800-465-1917
The Johnson Brothers Band
swinginjohnsons.com Christ@swingingjohnsons.com 617-312-7661

DJs:

South Shore Entertainment southshoreentertainment.com pat@southshoreentertainment.com 888-751-2410

I've worked with Patrick numerous times over the years and his professionalism and attention to detail are topped by no one. From pronouncing tricky surnames during introductions to making sure the cake isn't cut while I'm eating dinner, Patrick's the consummate professional.

Aaron Denny

aarondenny.com info@aarondenny.com 603-490-0742

Can't decide whether you want a band or a DJ? Aaron's your guy. A talented performer himself, I did a double take during Lindsey and Dave's cocktail hour w hen I realized the great singing I w as hearing wasn't a recording, but Aaron and his guitar.

Ryan Parker

djryanparker.com info@djryanparker.com 603-661-6930

Ryan was the DJ at my own 2011 wedding, which should speak to how highly I think of him (especially as he so deftly denied our guests' hora request, something w e specifically asked him to avoid).

Hair & Makeup:

Liz Washer (makeup)

bridalbyliz.com liz@lizwashermakeup.com 413-539-8035

Don't let the Western MA address of Liz scare you – she frequently crisscrosses New England for photo shoots that include everything from weddings to celebrities. I first met her in 2009 w hen she w as doing Jess's makeup for a fashion project she was modeling for, and have worked with her on many occasions since.

Kristen Strassel (makeup)

Imagebykristen.com imagebykristen@yahoo.com 508-641-2024

Kristen's a good friend who I've worked with on numerous jobs, both corporate and wedding and she never ceases to kick ass. A South Shore native, Kristen has done work with many local TV and film productions as well in addition to her busy bridal schedule.

Lindsay Griffin (hair)

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Another New England jet-setter, I've worked with Lindsay on numerous occasions and her talent and professionalism always impress. In her words, "I use a non-traditional, organic approach to combine modern trends and classic styles."

Bakers:

Sin

eatwicked.com 401-369-8427 jennifer@eatwicked.com

Planning a southern New England wedding? Jennifer and her team at Sin are the place to go for your cake and desserts. Her Providence-based Sin create stunning custom cakes are always fun to photograph, and, in her words, let you, "Eat wicked yet never feel guilty."