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BELLA BLEU COCKTAILS AND COUTURE

Just as fall was approaching, Bella Bleu Bridal had a giddy night of accessorizing (and cocktails!) with brides and their families. Turns out it was a reunion of sorts with many brides knowing each other! Featured designers included Haute Bride, Maria Elena Headpieces, Sara Gabriel Veiling and Headpieces, and Ti Adoro Jewelry! Sashes and headpieces seemed to be the focus and we were not short on choices! A sparkling enjoyable evening was had by all!



CELEB PLANNER DIANN VALENTINE CUFF LAUNCH

The Left Bank Jewelry & Bridal Finery hosted celebrity Event Planner, Diann Valentine for a private cocktail party to launch her revolutionary wedding cuff designs. Guests enjoyed Hennessy cocktails while tweeting up her new cuff designs. Diann's unique cuffs, bedazzled with Swarovski crystals and orchids take the place of traditional wedding bouquets allowing your gorgeous dress details to show, keeping your hands free and having a wonderful wedding keepsake!

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THE 1ST CHICAGO NOTWEDDING

With dinner and drinks, a vow renewal ceremony and a dance-party reception, The NotWedding is a killer alternative to a bridal show. The Chicago NotWedding at City View Loft showcased the very best of Windy City wedding vendors. For brides and grooms, the event was a source of inspiration, a resource in finding trusted wedding vendors and an emotional reminder to plan for what comes after the wedding, a marriage.

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COCKTAILS & DIAMONDS

Erin Gallagher Jewelry hosted a special invitation "Cocktails & Diamonds" event in their Lincoln Park boutique for trend-setting Chicago gals. Stylish guests got a first look the newest jewelry collections added to their gallery—diamond pave stackable bands, Brazilian druzy pieces and octagon halo cocktail rings. Each guest was also treated to a mini manicure—a perfect way to show off that new black diamond pave band (or two)!

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COSMOBELLA 2015 COLLECTION PREVIEW

On October 24-26th Brides by Demetrios hosted a showing of the 2015 Cosmobella Collection. This stunning line of wedding dresses featured timeless designs with both modern and elegant details. Additional showings will be taking place in 2015 so brides can view more styles from this much-loved collection.



CHRISTOS COSTARELLOS U.S. DEBUT

The Christos Costarellos collection made its national debut in Chicago, the second debut of its kind for Chicago brides at Dimitra's Bridal Couture! Recently listed third in Mark Ingram's nine bridal designers to watch for *Town and Country* Magazine, this rising star still makes every gown out of his atelier in Athens, Greece. Costarellos' signature, fashion focused interpretation of the ethereal and feminine has resonated with brides the world over.



DIY DECADENCE

A Perfect Event hosted a brunch full of wedding and party trend inspiration. Fall trend tables were styled by A Perfect Event, Cupcake Favors by Maddiebird Bakery, BBJ, Hall's Rental Service. Pure Kitchen Catering served a Jars Bar and Waffle-Wiches, Mindy Segal's Hot Chocolate Chicago a custom Cookie Bar, local Real Russian Vodka was served up Agua Fresca style in mini bottles, Martin Miller's Gin Kumquat Marmalade, Boozy Coffee infused with Triibe, Shop Sweet Lulu party details, Shutterbooth photo booth, Tamara Gruner Photography, Live Etch a Sketch Portraits, and more.

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ERICA KOESLER TRUNK SHOW AT JAMES CICCOTT BRIDAL SHOES & ACCESSORIES

This event featured exquisite selections of designer accessories from handmade veils and intricately designed headpieces to complimentary earrings and haircombs from the Erica Koesler collection. Brides and guests delighted in wearing and sampling these handcrafted signature pieces designed with Swarovski crystal and pearls from the worlds most prestigious artisans.

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KATE SPADE/BELLA BRIDESMAID STORE EVENT

Bella Bridesmaids and kate spade New York hosted a special evening of sips, snacks and fabulous footwear, elegant apparel and sparkly statement pieces. Brides to be were styled head to toe kate spade for every celebration during her engagement year and her honeymoon too! Bella Bridesmaids and kate spade made these brides, and her bridesmaids, the toast of the town!

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LUXURY BRIDAL EXPO

Designer Carlos Ramirez for Liancarlo came to Bridal Expo Chicago Luxury's event held at the historic Congress Chicago Plaza Hotel to present his latest Fall 2015 collection straight from New York Bridal Fashion Week! Presented in the hotel's majestic Gold Room, brides were treated to a guest appearance by the designer as his newest gowns graced the runway. Designers Rivini, Lazaro, Victor Harper Couture, Hayley Paige and Matthew Christopher were also shown.

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MACY'S TRUNK SHOW

August 9th The Bridal Salon at Macy's State Street hosted the American launch of the new Demetrios Couture Collection. This luxury collection was a feast for the eyes capturing the 2015 trends of sheer extravagant backs accented by covered buttons, beading or lace. Demetrios himself visited the salon prior to the event and took that opportunity to discuss the inspiration behind his stunning new collection.

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POSTURE PERFECT

Village Paperie and Meringue co-hosted an evening of carriage, cosmos and cupcakes. Fletcher Pilates expert, Molly Jo Anderson of Helios Center for Movement instructed brides with breathing techniques for wedding morning stress relief. Brides were also guided through easy tips to walk down the aisle and stand tall at the ceremony, kick up their heels at the reception (without falling over) and achieving that elegant, long and lean look in the photos! This is a not to be missed event!

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THE BRIDAL PLANNING EXPERIENCE

Weddings Enlightened hosted "The Bridal Planning Experience" at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, a premiere wedding destination in Galena, IL. Engaged couples made a weekend of it, attended educational seminars for insider's tips inspired by wedding pros, and grooms-to-be enjoyed the bachelors' lounge while brides-to-be joined the vendor showcase featuring latest bridal fashions by season. The evening ended with a wedding reception dinner, live music, and dancing.

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THURSDAY THERAPY

Chez, a new wedding venue just off the Mag Mile, welcomed 110 wedding industry professionals to its elegant loft space for a morning of networking. While enjoying a delightful breakfast, wedding planners enjoyed Chez's bountiful natural light and high ceilings. Overheard among the gossip: "in this modern white space, a bride could realize any wedding dream!"

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WED ALTERED DAME COUTURE TRUNK SHOW

Chicago's own Indie Wed and the Cleveland-based eco-friendly wedding collective Wed Altered joined forces to throw a bridal pop-up shop at the Polymathic Living Room in Humboldt Park. Brides tried on dresses from a bevy of out-of-town designers, who were selected for their focus on sustainability, ethical production, and green business practices. Local accessories designers rounded out the selection.

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WEDDING SALON BRIDAL SHOW

Wedding dreams came alive for brides and grooms at Wedding Salon on October 13 at the InterContinental Chicago. The most prestigious vendors in the industry came together under one roof to assist couples in planning their fantasy weddings, featuring the most creative trends and resources. Highlights included cake tastings, makeovers, gown previews, giveaways, luxury goody bags and top vendors including Alton Lane, Aruba Tourism Authority, Kerzner International and Vacations with Flair and Simply Love Films.