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ON THE PAGES THAT FOLLOW,
we bring you the best wedding vendors
of 2012. From florists with flair to
destinations that dazzle, meet the
Wisconsin wedding professionals who
make it their business to make your
special day a dream come true.

BY JEANNE KOLKER

[1] BEST FAVORS

THE FINALISTS ARE: *Auties Flipbooks, Do Me a Favor, Gail Ambrosius Chocolatier*

THE WINNER IS:

GAIL AMBROSIUS CHOCOLATIER

MADISON | 608.249.3500 | GAILAMBROSIUS.COM

"Gail Ambrosius chocolates are simply the most delicious chocolates in Madison. The chocolates we chose were the Goodman Community Center Hearts—the profits go to the Goodman Community Center. My fiancé and I feel it is important to give back to our community, and what better way to do that than with chocolate?"

—Heidi Banfi, Chicago, married June 30, 2012

[2] BEST INVITATIONS

THE FINALISTS ARE: *The Paper Deli, Sugar Pear Design, Sugar River Stationers*

THE WINNER IS:

SUGAR PEAR DESIGN

VERONA | 608.288.8976 | SUGARPEARDESIGN.COM

"We were thoroughly impressed by Kathy Mancelle's willingness to devote time to fully understanding us and what we envisioned for our wedding. After the initial consultation, we really felt that she would personalize her designs and work with us to customize pieces that not only fit us, but also our budget. She asked us questions beyond just those about our wedding, trying to really understand us as a couple. When we received our invitations and other pieces, we could tell that they were high quality and made with care."

—Stacey Novogorain, Madison, married August 20, 2011

[3] BEST ACCESSORIES

THE FINALISTS ARE: *Brandi's Bridal Galleria, Etc., Janie, Marah's Elegant Bridal*

THE WINNER IS:

MARAH'S ELEGANT BRIDAL

MOUNT MORIS | 608.437.6107 | MARAHSELEGANTBRIDAL.COM

"My first appointment with Marah was the kind that every bride should have. I felt like I was spending an afternoon with friends, even though I didn't know any of them. I found a beautiful dress, perfect for my wedding in Italy, and I loved it ... my mom cried when I tried on the sample. I loved my dress-buying experience so much that I also decided to buy my jewelry there. Meg, Marah's jewelry maker, custom-made earrings for me to match the headband that I fell in love with! Everyone should feel that awesome about their wedding-day choices."

—Sarah Jackson, Burnesville, married May 5, 2010

[4] BEST INDOOR RECEPTION SITE

THE FINALISTS ARE: *Lake Windsor Golf Club, Monona Terrace, Overture Center for the Arts*

THE WINNER IS:

MONONA TERRACE

MADISON | 608.261.4000 | MONONATERRACE.COM

"I firmly believe that Monona Terrace was the only venue in Madison that would have worked for us. We had a large group (approximately 275 guests) and wanted to have an outdoor wedding ceremony and reception at the same venue. We were able to stay within our budget, thanks to creative planning, and achieved a very elegant, classy and fun affair. The entire staff at Monona Terrace was friendly, courteous and professional—they're in a league of their own!"

—Ashley Clamage Hogan, Madison, married July 3, 2011

BEST OFFICIANT [Not Pictured]

THE FINALISTS ARE: *Ceremonies by Design, Happily Ever After Wedding Officiants, Let's Get Married Wedding Officiants*

THE WINNER IS:

HAPPILY EVER AFTER WEDDING OFFICIANTS

MADISON | 608.831.0993 | HAPPILYEVERAFTERWEDDINGS.INFO

"I chose Happily Ever After because when I first came across their website, I noticed that Jim and Connie Engmann welcomed diversity. Both my husband and I are from Taiwan and we were unsure as to 'how' to get married here. But Jim made it really easy for us by letting us know what to do and when to do what, with great patience. On our wedding day, everything went perfectly because they made sure everything was in place."

—Brandy Li, Madison, married September 18, 2011



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