

My Story...

With over a decade of experience in live event management, I am a lover of logistics who takes great pride in being an advocate for my couples as they near their wedding day.

I will make sure your rehearsal and big day are executed without a hitch, and that your ingenious ideas come to fruition. My ability to anticipate needs or problems before they arise and come up with not one but multiple methods of handling them is one of my key strengths. I am known for my hyper-detailed paperwork, and my fondness for logistics and task completion mean that your wedding will be executed with dedication and precision from start to finish.

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., my love for city life has yet to be quenched. Pursuing a degree in English Creative Writing from Georgetown University, my days were equally divided between editing the entertainment section of the university newspaper and producing and stage managing for an upstart theatre company on campus. After graduation and a year-long stint as a graphic designer (where I learned to love the perfect beauty of a well laid-out design), I headed out west for what I lovingly refer to as my "California years." Two years in Berkeley led to three years in San Diego earning my MFA in Stage Management from UCSD. I then - finally! - made the move back east, embarking on three more years of enlightening, challenging, and rewarding theatrical work in the city I now call home.

After 10+ years as a freelance stage manager, I yearned for a bit of stability. While the theatre has been the cornerstone of my professional life, as well as my personal one (I met my husband backstage at Playwrights Horizons, as I was desperately in search of a clip light for a prop table; the rest is history), I sought out new avenues to put my very practical and valuable skill set to use in other ways. Once I realized that planning events was just like managing or producing a production, the rest was history!

After five years in venue management for the iconic Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in NYC, since 2013, I have had the honor of serving as a full-time event planner for The Juilliard School, one of the world's leading arts conservatories. Each year, I directly plan or help my team coordinate over 80 special events. My background is deeply ingrained in the performing arts: I am known to be a kick-ass SM, with a deep reservoir of live event management across all areas (corporate, non-profit, artistic/creative performances, meetings and conferences). You name it, I've done it.

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My friends started asking me to "stage manage" their weddings a few years ago, which I was glad to do, because a wedding is essentially a show, and I love running the show! After my wedding, I realized that my experience can benefit all couples - but in particular anyone who feels left-of-center, or non-traditional, in whatever way that means to them. I work with couples of all shapes, sizes, religions, gender identities, colors, and more! I am a proud LGBTQ ally, and will go down just about any road with my couples in order to ensure they have the wedding of their dreams, whatever those dreams may be! Whether you see yourself as a traditional couple, or want to bring your own unique touch to your wedding (I've seen knife juggling, hand fasting, and cosplay at my weddings), you should come to expect the same level of excellence and professionalism in how your wedding is executed.

That's where I come in!

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Also, honestly, (and this is the selfish part): Every time I coordinate a wedding, I am reminded of my own unique feelings on the day that I was married, and it allows me to personally, quietly, "re-commit" to my marriage and my husband while giving back and celebrating the couple of the day. It all comes full circle, and I would be honored to work with you!

A bit about me...

- I'm an inner nerd at heart, and will converse with you all night long about my favorite moments in the Harry Potter series (Ravenclaw for life), and why Rose and Ten were the pinnacle of Doctor Who pairings for the new series.
- I placed 11th in the Maryland State Spelling Bee in eighth grade, which was televised locally, preserving my middle school fashion sensibilities for posterity.
- Dogs or cats? No contest - canines all the way! I'm the proud mama to a bonded pair - Duchess (a Staffordshire Bull Terrier) and Marley (a Miniature Poodle), who occupy a large swath of my heart with my love for them.
- I spent most of my undergraduate college career firmly believing my career path would be that of a poet. Really.
- You can thank my New York born-and-raised husband for my borderline maniacal NY Mets fandom. I'm also now the co-captain of Juilliard's staff softball team, and we won the trophy in 2014!
- I firmly believe in the serial comma, and will always call you out on your misuse of their/there/they're or its/it's. I was an English major, after all!
- I've had the distinction of working with such diverse and distinct luminaries as President Bill Clinton, Courtney Love, Adam Driver, Danielle Brooks, Alex Sharp, Yoko Ono, the Dalai Lama, Lou Reed, Marina Abramovic, Derek Jeter,

and Anthony Rapp, among many others. There's not much I haven't seen and celebrity doesn't phase me one bit.

- If I'm not running your event, chances are I am either enjoying my awesome neighborhood of Astoria, Queens - so much to see and do!
- Have passport, will travel. My life philosophy is as follows: the world is big; life is short. There's never an excuse not to travel and explore a new corner of this big, beautiful world. (hint, hint, I do destination weddings, too!)