



BRIDAL



## VENUE

### **Boston Public Library**

You can't top the Boston Public Library for jaw-dropping architecture and unabashed grandeur—marble floors, high ceilings, murals, original tiles. Really, it's like getting married in an Edith Wharton novel. Weddings take place after closing time Fridays through Sundays, which adds an element of friskiness to the proceedings. Couples book at least nine months in advance and waive their right to certain whimsical touches (no open flames, for instance)—but it's a small sacrifice for this kind of splendor. Will it be cocktails for 200 in the lovely courtyard, or a sit-down dinner for 180 in the stately Reading Room?

➔ 700 Boylston St., Boston » 617-536-5400 » [bpl.org](http://bpl.org)

your bridal party to the VIP suite at Emerge. A dedicated coordinator will arrange a full complement of facials, manicures, pedicures, massages and any other treatment your racing heart desires. Emerge's rooftop deck, overlooking the Back Bay, is also a huge draw—not least because the staff will order food and wine

custom settings; grooms will surely appreciate the band selections ranging from titanium and white gold to the oh-so-economical palladium. Meanwhile, discounts are available if you register at the store; they also carry crystal, dishes, flatware and other home accessories.

➔ 387 Washington St., Boston » 617-426-4932 » [josephgann.com](http://josephgann.com)

### **PHOTOGRAPHER** **Studio Atticus**

Soft-spoken Connie Miller specializes in “documentary-style” photography; she stands back and lets the happiness unfold, capturing candid moments without forced smiling shots involving second cousins and old roommates. Miller's especially adept at getting couples to relax and flaunt their personalities. “I try not to give too much direction. I let them entertain one another,” she says. Two-thousand frames later, there's sure to be more than a few snaps for the album.

➔ 617-784-2780 » [studioatticus.com](http://studioatticus.com)

### **PLANNER**

#### Rafanelli Events

Why haggle with caterers and feud with fussy florists when Rafanelli can battle on your behalf? Masterminding major corporate events and intimate nuptials alike, these planners pride themselves on thinking of couples as a brand, so everything—from flowers to linens to floor plans—reflects their unique tastes. “We become your brain,” Rafanelli's Emily

Lalone says. Expect intense attention to detail, plenty of personal touches and a wedding that runs like clockwork—with as much hand-holding as necessary.

➔ 867 Boylston St., Boston » 617-357-1818 » [rafanellevents.com](http://rafanellevents.com)

### **REGISTRY** **Koo de Kir**

Are you ready to harm yourself with a registry gun? If so, step away from the trigger and make tracks to Koo de Kir. Offering a sanctuary from shoot-and-choose madness, the Beacon Hill boutique carries quirky housewares (like crustacean-themed Thomas Paul plates) and accent pieces from local designers. It's a good choice for couples who prefer to recycle their Crate & Barrel catalogs.

➔ 65 Chestnut St., Boston » 617-723-8111 » [koodekir.com](http://koodekir.com)

### **SPA PACKAGE** **Emerge**

Your caterer quit. Your mother-in-law had a nervous breakdown. You're ready to elope. Not so fast—simply whisk yourself and

