



Above: Best Engagement/Wedding Rings winner E.E. Robbins. Below center: Best Custom Wedding Cakes winner New Renaissance Cakes. Below right: Best Florist Aria Style

wedding is the day for these little girls to be a princess," she says. "Most moms tell me they have to hide the dress from their daughters until the big day because they want to be in it every second."

Engagement/ Wedding Rings

E.E. ROBBINS, THE ENGAGEMENT RING STORE

Emerson Robbins, the affable owner of the wildly popular Seattle-based E.E. Robbins jewelry stores, understands that when a man walks into one of his three locations it may be his very first time in a jewelry store. "We do all we can to help them relax and enjoy the process of shopping," assures the repeat winner. Robbins carries a large array of rings from such designers as Brian Sholdt, Ritani and Jeff Cooper, and offers the opportunity to create custom-designed ring sets. With a refrigerator of Jones sodas, Frappuccinos, trays of freshly baked cookies, comfy armchairs and a flat-screen TV, Robbins keeps plenty of enticements on hand for soon-to-be-engaged gentlemen. When it comes to finding engagement rings or wedding bands, couples appreciate Emerson's no-pressure, highly informational sales approach, which comes from a business philosophy he calls "totally karma driven."

Readers' Choice

Brides do their fair share of planning and have exhausted the possibilities while researching vendors, and they, too, have spoken with their choices for the best.

All-Around Best
Wedding Vendor
AISLE OF VIEW

Boutique Wedding Registry
SUR LA TABLE

Bridal Accessories
LULY YANG COUTURE

Bridal Fitness Plan
THE HEALTHY BRIDE

Caterer
LISA DUPAR CATERING

Custom Dress Designer
LULY YANG

Custom Wedding Cakes
NEW RENAISSANCE CAKES

Dress Shop
LULY YANG COUTURE

Engagement/Wedding
Rings
ALVIN GOLDFARB JEWELER

Live Band/Entertainment
for the Reception
THE MICHAEL BENSON
BAND

Day of Wedding Coordinator
AISLE OF VIEW

DJ for the Reception
JOE YAMADA/CASCADE

Florist
ARIA STYLE

Flower Girl Dresses
MOMS, MAIDS, AND MORE

Formalwear for Men
THE TUX SHOP

Getaway Car/Means of
Transportation
BRITISH MOTOR COACH

Groom's Cake
MIKE'S AMAZING CAKES

Hair and Makeup
GENE JUAREZ SALONS &
SPAS

Hotel for Guests
FAIRMONT OLYMPIC
HOTEL

Invitation Designer
REAL CARD COMPANY

Individual Vendor Web site
ALLABOUTWEDDINGSNW.COM

Most Creative Favors and
Where to Find Them
PACKAGING SPECIALTIES

Mother-of-the-Bride Apparel
MACY'S

Musicians for Ceremony
SALIERI STRING QUARTET

New Reception Site
HIDDEN MEADOWS

Northwest Destination
Wedding Site
CAVE B INN AT SAGECLIFFE

Officiant/Clergy
A HEAVENLY CEREMONY

Place for a Bachelorette
Party
COWGIRLS, INC.

Place for a Bachelor Party
EL GAUCHO

Place to Buy Wedding
Supplies
PAPER SOURCE



Place to Get Gifts for
Bridesmaids
TIFFANY'S

Place to Get Gifts for
Groomsmen
MACY'S

Place to Spend the
Wedding Night
SALISH LODGE & SPA

Place for a Sunset Wedding
THE GOLF CLUB AT
NEWCASTLE

Quintessential Seattle-Area
Reception Site
FAIRMONT OLYMPIC HOTEL

Quintessential
Wedding Registry
MACY'S

Restaurant for the
Rehearsal Dinner
RAY'S BOATHOUSE

Rentals
AA PARTY RENTALS

Spa for Group Manis
and Pedis with Your
Bridesmaids
GENE JUAREZ SALONS
& SPAS

Valet Service
RED CARPET VALET

Videographer
EDIT 1 MEDIA

Photographer
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JANET KLINGER
PHOTOGRAPHY

MICHAEL ROSENBERG
PHOTOGRAPHY

Wedding Planner
AISLE OF VIEW

Wedding Show
SEATTLE WEDDING SHOW

