



*From This Day Forward*

WEDDINGS AT

*The*  
*Desmond*



## *The Desmond* Wedding Experience

Filled with love and hope, joy and excitement, this day is yours, and you deserve an experience that reflects your love and creates memories in your heart that last a lifetime.

The Desmond has been helping couples celebrate the magic of their wedding day for decades. We understand the importance of every detail you entrust to us and our staff is dedicated to creating an occasion that honors the love you share.



Photo: Dino Petrocelli

## *Your love comes to life*

Your experience begins when you are greeted by your Desmond wedding planner. An event planning expert, who first listens to your dreams and expectations and then helps you plan every aspect of your special day.

Your Desmond wedding planner is not only there to explain all the services available to you, but to help create a wedding that perfectly fits your every desire.

From our elegant formal ballrooms, to the wide open spaces of our landscaped interior courtyards, from the succulent variety of a lavish buffet to the impeccable attention of our plated dinner service, from butler-passed champagne to open bars and cocktail hours for your reception, the options we offer can create just the celebration you have in your heart.

No matter how extensive or unique your wedding plans may be, your experienced Desmond wedding planner will be with you every step of the way.

# The day of rehearsal

The planning is complete. Decisions have been made. Tomorrow is your big day, but today is your rehearsal dinner—when your celebration truly begins. There will be hugs and smiles and toasts to the love you share with your spouse-to-be and your future lives together.

Such a day deserves to be as carefree and filled with joy as any day to come. And the Desmond offers you and your wedding party the services and attention that will make it so.

As your party arrives, you share in the friendly atmosphere of an open bar cocktail hour. A time to relax, reminisce and enjoy all you've accomplished and declare your readiness. Dinner can be either a lavish buffet, a more formal plated dinner service, or you can dine in the Desmond's Scrimshaw restaurant—recognized as one of the Capital Region's finest. And after dinner the Tavern at the Desmond is a perfect place to enjoy personal time with your wedding party, family and friends.

Should you have guests from out of town, when the rehearsal festivities end, they can retire to spacious guest rooms appointed with classic four-poster beds, fine furnishings, and all the amenities that the Desmond is so famous for.

It will be an evening to remember that lets the joy begin and sets the stage for your special day.



*"We couldn't be more pleased with choosing The Desmond for our wedding."*

*Kate & Alex*



Photo: Michael Conway



# Your special day



The Desmond is renowned for delivering an incomparable level of service to you and your future spouse, the wedding party, and your guests on your wedding day.

Everyone in attendance is welcomed with open arms and guided through The Desmond's elegant 18th century décor by attendants dedicated to expert personal attention.

Your guests begin taking their places—perhaps in a grand ballroom amid the gracious ambiance of damask-covered chairs and spectacular floral arrangements, or in the open atmosphere of a lofting, fountained courtyard with colonial storefronts and decorative floral landscaping. Your Desmond planner and staff see to every detail.

As your wedding party and you take center stage, the dream that you've pursued for the past months becomes a reality. Your guests will be enthralled by the elegance of the surroundings, and the heartfelt expressions of your love and commitment to each other.

And then, your vows complete, and final photographs taken, you are whisked away to your private bridal suite to breathe a joyous sigh of relief, to relax, reflect, and prepare for the festivities to come.

*"Thanks to The Desmond staff for contributing to the best weekend of our lives. We were treated like royalty."*

*Christina & Jack*



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# Your reception: fun, festive, full of joy



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As you and your guests arrive, you'll be greeted by white-gloved butlers passing champagne and hors d'oeuvres. You'll be surrounded by the romantic elegance of floor-length table linens, cloth-covered seating, and sparkling, polished silver. The hum of excitement will be everywhere.

An open bar featuring premium spirits awaits your guests, as well as an astonishing, multi-tiered display of cheeses, fresh fruits and crudités... and a marvelous chef-created antipasto presentation. For your meal, the finest gourmet cuisine prepared by the same chefs who create the delicacies served at Scrimshaw, one of the finest restaurants in the Capital Region.

Of course your wedding cake will be on glorious display. And whether your reception is held in a ballroom or indoor courtyard (where you enjoy a spacious outdoor feeling without concern for the weather), there is ample room for everyone to celebrate your special day with you.

Your reception at the Desmond will be a feast for all the senses, not just the palate. Beginning to end, the service and cuisine will be impeccable. And your guests will depart or stay the night, knowing they have shared in an occasion like no other, a joyous, fun-filled conclusion to your wedding day.

*"We wish to thank every person at  
The Desmond for making our daughter's  
wedding such a wonderful and memorable event."  
Rick & Nancy*



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# *And after —* a remarkable stay

The Desmond is one of the premier hotels in upstate New York, with 323 luxurious guest rooms featuring hand-crafted woodwork, finely detailed fabrics, four-poster beds and elegant furnishings.

Many rooms offer a private balcony overlooking our courtyards, and feature such amenities as a California King bed and separate sleeping and living areas. For the ultimate in luxury, one of our spectacular two-story Duplex Suites with spiral staircase can be your Honeymoon Suite.

The next morning, you and your spouse and guests who spend the night can enjoy a sumptuous breakfast buffet with all the trimmings. It is a beautiful way for the bride and groom to rise and shine with friends and family.

*"All of The Desmond staff  
did an awesome job with our wedding.  
I can't thank them enough."*

*Kim & Jared*





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