Planning Your Special Day

Our Recommended Suppliers
NOW that you have your big day booked it’s time to start planning all the finer details that are going to make it amazing. We’ve put together this booklet to offer a helping hand and give you an idea of what you might need to do and when. We have also included the details of some of the suppliers we work with regularly at the house, we think they are great and wanted you to have the option of including them in your day.

We hope you find it useful!

Planning Your Day

12 months or more until the big day
- Work out your budget.
- Think about what you need, and start researching suppliers - cakes, dresses, cars, photographers...
- Start work on your invite list and expected numbers.
- Who is conducting your ceremony - organise your celebrant.

6 – 12 months before
- Decide on your colour scheme and any themes.
- Re-visit the house with your family and bridal party, if you haven’t already!
- Get in touch with suppliers to make firm arrangements.
- What are you wearing, is it ordered? The dress, the suits/kilts, the bridesmaids...
- Send your ‘Save the Date’ cards - remember you get 10% discount in the Art Lover’s Shop!
- Where are you spending your wedding night?
- Honeymoon.

4 months before
- Get in touch with your celebrant for a run through and confirm ceremony time.
- Think about any stationery needs - remember House for an Art Lover menus, place cards and table plan are all included in your package.
- Organise your wedding gift list - if you are having one.
- If you wish to use the walled garden for photographs you will need to submit an application with Glasgow City Council.

8 – 10 weeks before
- Meet with your Coordinator to go through all the final details of your day - menus, timings, entertainment and the rest!
- Send your invitations and don’t forget to include an RSVP date.
- If necessary order your favours - remember you get 10% discount in the Art Lover’s Shop!
- Arrange hotel rooms for out of town guests - we have a list of recommended hotels, just ask!

2 – 6 weeks before
- Apply and obtain your wedding licence (4 weeks).
- Collate your RSVPs and start to finalise your table plan.
- Confirm the final details for your honeymoon.
- Update your wedding gift list - if necessary.

1 – 2 weeks before
- Email your final table plan details to your Coordinator.
- Meet with your Event Manager/Master of Ceremonies to go through the final details.
- Settle your final payment.
- Collect your marriage licence.

1 Day before
- Deliver items to House for an Art Lover, along with any instructions for assembly/lay-out.
- Keep calm - you’re getting married tomorrow!

Wedding Day
- Once you arrive at the house you can relax and let us look after you, surrounded by family and friends, to have the day of your dreams!

Next Day
- Collect any left over items from House for an Art Lover.
- If you have left your marriage certificate with us for safe keeping, don’t forget to pick it up!
- Have an amazing time on your honeymoon.
Art Lover’s Shop

Our shop offers a stylish range to choose from, ideal if you are looking for some unique gifts for your bridal party. You could even consider a Mackintosh inspired gift for your favours, or one of our postcards for your save the date - a lovely connection to your venue.

All of our couples enjoy a 10% discount in the Art Lover’s Shop!

Chair Covers

We work with a high quality supplier to offer custom made ivory chair covers with bows in a variety of colours. Our specially made chairs are smaller than a standard banquet chair and these covers have been custom made to fit perfectly. We also have the option of ivory table skirts available to order, speak to your Coordinator for more details.

£2.95 per cover/£1.50 per bow

Recommended Suppliers

The Little Cake Parlour
T: 0141 554 3011
E: info@littlecakeparlour.com
W: littlecakeparlour.com

The Little Cake Parlour creates gorgeous cakes, delicious cupcakes, spectacular dessert tables and beautiful favours. Please contact us to make your appointment for a tasting and design consultation.

Rosewood Cakes
T: 07861 788 491
E: edwina@rosewoodcakes.com
W: rosewoodcakes.com

Rosewood Cakes create sensational, innovative wedding cakes that are beautiful on the inside as well as the outside - even the sponges are bespoke to your favourite flavours using artisan recipes. Please contact Edwina to arrange a cake tasting and have your perfect cake designed.

Capella String Quartet
T: 07879 494 625 or 07595 155 956
E: bookings@capellastringquartet.com
W: capellastringquartet.com

Four time VOWS award winners, including the 2017 Outstanding Achievement award, Capella provide stunning music for weddings and celebrations coupled with exceptional customer service. The best of the best!!

Chris Connelly - Pianist
T: 07944 184 174
E: mail@chrisconnelly.co.uk
W: chrisconnelly.co.uk

Chris plays a wide range of music - classical, jazz and pop and is available to play at your ceremony, drinks reception and through dinner.
Floorfillerz - Glasgow Mobile Disco
T: 07788 163 665
E: dj@floorfillerz.co.uk
W: floorfillerz.co.uk

Glasgow Mobile Discos are specialists in wedding mobile disco entertainment in Glasgow and the West of Scotland. Managed by former BBC Scotland and Clyde 1 DJ Dougie Campbell.

Bercott’s - Bespoke Wedding Ring Specialist
T: 0141 258 3606
E: sales@bercotts.co.uk
W: bercottsdiamonds.com

Bercott’s have been producing fine quality wedding rings since 1904. We work on an appointment basis so that each couple is given our full attention to ensure they choose the perfect designs to suit their budget.

Piping Services Scotland
T: 0141 571 3877
E: enquiries@pipingservices.com
W: pipingservices.com

Established in 1996, Piping Services Scotland have proudly provided professional and reliable bagpipers for over 21 years. Preferential prices available to all House for an Art Lover weddings.

Bygone Photobooth
T: 07933 118 752
E: josephbygone@gmail.com
W: bygonephotobooth.co.uk

Say “I Do” to Bygone. The Bygone Photobooth Company is a unique vintage photobooth experience. Combining classic aesthetics with retro themes, original props and unrivalled quality.

Andrew Rae Photographer
T: 01505 328 323
E: info@andrewrae.com
W: andrewrae.com

A personal favourite. I love working at the House. The light and shadow offered by the design works very well with my style and lets me get creative. I’d love to meet and show you my work.

Brown’s Photography
T: 07791 422 075
E: enquiries@brownsphoto.co.uk
W: brownsphoto.co.uk

Weddings to me are about you. They’re about the people you love and who love you. I’m interested in having your wedding documented as it happens and as you planned it. If, like me, you love skilfully taken images, beautiful light, gorgeous printed photographs and are one of those people who look at pictures over and over, smiling at the memories and moments captured then I think we’ll make a good team.

Gail Photography
T: 0141 620 1320
E: info@gailphotography.co.uk
W: gailphotography.co.uk

I specialise in creative and candid wedding photography in an informal, relaxed style to capture the true essence of your big day. From morning preparations to the evening reception, the whole day is covered by me in a reportage style and tailored to your specific requirements.

Gavin Macqueen Photography
T: 07762 933 108
E: gavinm@macqueenphotography.co.uk
W: macqueenphotography.co.uk

From artistic photography to relaxed shots, Gavin has photographed an array of weddings over the past decade at House for an Art Lover. Tailoring his creative style to suit your requirements, Gavin beautifully captures the magical moments of your day.
Natural Wedding Photography
T: 01505 844 822 / 07910 065 451
E: enquiries@naturalweddings.net
W: naturalweddings.net

We are delighted to continue our long association with the House and have a vast folio of work on file from the venue. Full time professionals with preferred rates for House for an Art Lover’s clients, available day or evening.

DeVille Wedding Band
T: 07763 231 356
E: euanhalket@hotmail.com
W: devilleonline.co.uk

Performing at House for an Art Lover for over 12 years DeVille fit in perfectly with a sound that many have complimented as being one of the best they’ve heard. A professional service is guaranteed from 1st enquiry until last dance. Performing songs from the 50’s, to modern day hits from Ed Sheeran and Gerry Cinnamon, they provide music to suit all ages, including Ceilidh if requested.

Mood Flowers
T: 0845 362 0982
E: info@moodflowers.com
W: moodflowers.com

At Mood Flowers creating gorgeous wedding flowers is one of our passions. From urban chic to a romantic country garden theme, we aim to translate a couple’s ideas into stunning floral creations.

Jenna Clayton
T: 07799 898 185
E: enquiries@jennathemakeupartist.com
W: jennathemakeupartist.com

Winner of The Herald’s Look Awards Expert Makeup Artist of the Year 2018, Jenna is a professional makeup artist and hair stylist specialising in weddings. She collaborates with each bridal party to create a beautiful, bespoke look to perfectly complement your wedding day.

Go2 Event Hire
T: 07803 082 691
E: info@go2eventhire.com
W: go2eventhire.com

Go2 Event Hire, the home of ‘I Love Letters’, our illuminated 5ft light up letters, signs & shapes. You can get creative with over 70 light up pieces from our collection, all delivered & installed to your venue! You can also add Vintage Games from our ‘Just for Fun’ range or complete your chosen style by hiring items from ‘Prop Me Up’! If we don’t have what you are looking for, we can help create your ideas at our dedicated workshop. Showroom also available by appointment.

Angelkin Cards
T: 07738 922 781
E: hayley@angelkincards.co.uk
W: angelkincards.co.uk

Tell your wedding story before it’s even begun with an invitation from Angelkin Cards! Artist Hayley Fallows works from photographs to create a pencil drawing of yourselves outside your wedding venue. This VOWS award winning stationery is a bespoke alternative to typical wedding stationery that’s guaranteed to wow your guests. Illustration services include: Invitations, Order of Service, Canvas Table Plans, Place-cards, Favour Tags, Menus and much more. All priced very competitively.

MET Wedding Cars
T: 0141 812 1553 / 07477 929 838
E: info@metweddingcars.co.uk
W: metweddingcars.co.uk

MET Wedding Cars proudly offer a selection of stunning wedding cars to complement your special day! We are a family business with over 11 years experience in providing our lovingly cared for Beauford, Bentley, Imperial, Viscount, VW, Mercedes and Chrysler cars to couples all over West and Central Scotland. Viewings are also welcome by appointment at our showroom in Hillington.

RPL Weddings
T: 0141 883 1747
E: info@rplweddings.com
W: rplweddings.com

We've filmed many weddings at House for an Art Lover over the years and are local to the venue. We specialise in filming your day unobtrusively, but still provide stunning videos that you will want to watch over and over again.
We have detailed below a list of frequently asked questions regarding weddings at House for an Art Lover, which may be of use to you in preparation of your special day. If you have a query that is not answered by reading this brochure, please do not hesitate to contact our Wedding Coordinator.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What time can I gain access to the House on my wedding day?
A: You have access to the Mackintosh Suite anytime from 1.30pm when the house closes to the public, subject to the timings for your day. The Suite is made up of the Main Hall, Dining Room, Music Room and Oval Room.

Q. Can I arrange a wedding rehearsal prior to my wedding day?
A: You are more than welcome to have a rehearsal at the House. It is best to check that your minister/celebrant is available to do this. Please also contact House for an Art Lover beforehand to confirm availability within the Mackintosh Suite.

Q. Can House for an Art Lover help us to arrange our ceremony?
A: We recommend arranging this yourself. You can either book a minister or if you would prefer a civil marriage you can contact the Marriage Office directly. For Humanist ceremonies please refer to the Humanist Society of Scotland's website www.humanism-scotland.org.uk

Q. Is there a charge to hold my ceremony at the House?
A: The charge to hold your ceremony at the House is £250. This will be added to your final balance.

Q. What music can I have for my ceremony?
A: You are welcome to arrange a variety of styles of music for your ceremony. We can put you in touch with string quartets, pipers etc. You can also use our iPod or CD sound system within the House.

Q. Do we need to arrange flowers for the Mackintosh Suite?
A: Simple flower arrangements for your dining tables are included in the venue hire. Should you wish to upgrade to a bespoke design please contact our recommended florist Mood Flowers (0845 362 0982) to discuss. House for an Art Lover will provide two pedestals, on which you can display additional flowers during your ceremony and drinks reception if you wish.

Q. When should I drop off my favours, table decorations etc. to the House?
A: All wedding items should be delivered to us the day before your wedding. Please ensure you clearly label all items and also enclose an instruction list of exactly how you want items displayed. If you have professionals delivering cakes/flowers etc. they can deliver these on the day of your wedding.

Q. What is the suggested timings of our wedding day?
A: The following is a guideline of the running order we work to at the House but this can be adjusted slightly if necessary to suit your requirements:

- 2.00pm  Guests to arrive
- 2.30pm  Ceremony to commence
- 3.00pm  Photography and Drinks Reception
- 4.45pm  Cake cutting
- 5.00pm  Speeches followed by dinner (or vice versa if you wish)
- 7.30pm  Evening guests to arrive
- 9.30pm  Buffet served
- 11.30pm  Last orders
- 12.00am  Departure

Q. Are wedding photographs and videos permitted in the House and Gardens?
A: Photographs and videos may be taken inside the House and Bellahouston Park. However if you wish to use the adjacent Victorian Walled Gardens, you must complete an application form and submit it to Glasgow City Council enclosing the stated payment no later than 10 days prior to your wedding. We can provide you with a copy of the application form.

Q. Can we throw confetti outside on our wedding day?
A: Yes, biodegradable confetti is allowed within the grounds of the House. You may also supply table confetti for your dining tables or the tables during your evening reception.

Q. Can we have canapés during our drinks reception?
A: Canapés can be served during the interval between the ceremony and dinner. Please see our brochure for menus. Canapés can also be served to your evening guests at their private drinks reception. This is a nice way to welcome them to your reception.

Q. Can a bar be provided for guests whilst photographs are being taken?
A: A cash bar is arranged as standard in the Mackintosh Suite for your guests during this time.

Q. Can the drinks package be altered to our requirements?
A: We would be happy to discuss any particular requirements with you. Approximately 8 weeks before your wedding day, you will be invited to meet with our Wedding Coordinator to discuss your day in detail. At this point you will be able to discuss all the different options for drinks packages.

Q. Can we have drinks served outside?
A: Yes, but only if guests are on the balcony. We are unable to serve drinks on the lawn as this is public space and has licensing limitations.

Q. Do you have a cake stand and knife I can use?
A: Yes, a silver knife and cake stand are available for you on the day. We have both a round and square cake stand.
“Without you, everything has a flatness. I feel as if I’m waiting for something all the time.”

Charles Rennie Mackintosh