

the knot best of weddings 2007

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WEST COAST

caters

EVENTS OF EXCELLENCE, Sunnyvale
EventsOfExcellence.com; (408) 739-3732

MIRAGLIA CATERING, San Leandro
98.1 Satisfaction appears to be the theme at Miraglia Catering, a Bay Area favorite since 1948. "We told them our budget

and they stuck to it." Their gourmet menu selections include many "excellent choices" for guests with "picky palates." Brides agree—"we could not have been happier." CateringAndMore.com; (510) 483-5210

PAULA LEDUC FINE CATERING, Emeryville
(510) 547-7825

Seattle
APULENT, Seattle
Apulent.com; (206) 706-0257

LISA DUPAR CATERING, Redmond
LisaDuperCatering.com; (425) 851-3250

SEASONED IN SEATTLE, Seattle
97.5 With prices that are "just right" and "superb customer service," Seasoned in

Seattle wins rave reviews. "Things couldn't have been more wonderful." Seattle Knotties gushed about their "superb customer service" and "flexibility"—"they even threw in a few extra dishes on the house." SeasonedInSeattle.com; (206) 723-5596

THE UPPER CRUST CATERING, Seattle
TheUpperCrustCatering.com; (206) 783-1826

florists

Los Angeles

AVA'S GARDEN, Redondo Beach
87.4 A "very accommodating and flexible" floral design studio, Ava's Garden only does one wedding per weekend so they can give you their full attention. Special touches include organza, pew boxes, arches, votives with tea lights, candle garden centerpieces, and aisle treatments. AvasGarden.net; (310) 780-2790

JACKIE COMBS FLORAL DESIGN, Northridge
JackieCombsFloralDesign.com; (818) 363-7861

best of florists

THE FLOWER GIRL
Dana Point, CA

THE FLOWERHOUSE
Livermore, CA

LOVES ME FLOWERS
Seattle, WA

MICHAEL'S FLOWER GIRL
San Diego, CA

SHIRVAN DESIGN
Burbank, CA

KALEIDOSCOPE FLOWERS, Santa Barbara

87.4 "Simplicity, clarity, and elegance" is Kaleidoscope Flowers' motto. "Our flowers were stunning and better than I had envisioned!" The helpful designers are "easy to work and offered ideas that enhanced our flower arrangements without exceeding

our budget." KaleidoscopeFlowers.com; (805) 962-0032

MY WEDDING BLOOMS, Los Angeles

89.3 For over 15 years, the floral team at My Wedding Blooms will accommodate you to create the wedding of your dreams. "Your wedding, your way" is their motto. Their designs are unique by only using the freshest and most colorful flowers. MyWeddingBlossoms.com; (323) 227-6600

R. JACK BALTHAZAR, South Pasadena
RJackBalthazar.com; (323) 222-7002

SHIRVAN DESIGN, Burbank
91.5 With promptness and attention to detail, these floral designers know what brides are looking for. "We really liked the ability to preview the flowers the day before the wedding." Their flexibility is an added bonus—"we were able to make changes easily and were not disappointed." Shirvan.us; (818) 845-0488

THE SPIRALED STEM FLORAL DESIGN, Anaheim Hills
TheSpiraledStem.com; (714) 488-1529

VISSER'S FLORIST & GREENHOUSE, Anaheim
VisserFlorist.com; (714) 772-9900

Orange County
BIXBY KNOLLS FLOWERS, Long Beach
BixbyKnollsFlowers.com; (562) 426-6996

THE FLOWER GIRL, Dana Point
92.6 "Superb quality!" and affordable prices make The Flower Girl a hit in Orange County. Fantastic blooms—"she even got peonies for my bouquet when they were out of season!"—that are hardy enough to last "nearly a month!" make this a must-visit florist. MyFlowerGirl.com; (949) 248-1570

JASON KENNETH DESIGNS INC., Costa Mesa
JasonKenneth.com; (714) 434-2890



TREND ALERT

purple flowers

Purple is the new pink with shades as deep as aubergine to as pale as lavender creating a wonderful wedding palette. This bouquet artfully combines orchids punctuated with dahlias. Bouquet by Branch Out Floral and Event Design, San Francisco, CA. BranchOutFlowers.com; (415) 254-4799

San Diego
EMBELISHMINT, Coronado
Embellishmint.com; (619) 322-9368

ENCHANTED FLORIST, San Diego
96.1 Not simply a florist, this downtown floral-design studio is beloved for its hip and modern arrangements. If color and variety are at the top of your list, then

make a trip to this enchanted florist. Enchanted-Florists.com; (619) 990-3001

GREEN, San Diego
(619) 544-0504

MICHAEL'S FLOWER GIRL, San Diego
88.3 The staff here knows how to take care of its customers. "Priscilla Rubio was won-

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