

UKWHA 2024

Running Order & FINAL Script

Cast (In order of appearance)

Omega Love	W&H Production Director
Emily Williams	W&H
Anthony Baines	W&H
The Mayor of Richmond	The Mayor of Richmond
Louise Roe	Master of Ceremonies
Louise Stage Assistant	Charlotte Saunders
Louise Awards Assistant	Molly Behan
Winners Chaperone 1	Maria Francesca
Winners Chaperone 2	Emanuela Federici
Photographer	James Mason
Social Media	Ella Howarth
Sponsors / Presenters	Various
Parry Cockwell	W&H

SETTING UP SUMMARY

17:00:	Production / Florist arrives
17.30	Catering / band arrives
18.00	W&H Team arrives
18.30	Magician / Louise / Actors arrives
19:00	Elizabeth gates open / guests arrive

EVENT START

19:00: Elizabeth gates / guests arrive / band background music

1. Wade medley
2. Board Walk
3. Cry to me
4. Ain't no sunshine
5. (Jolene)
6. Son of a Preacher
7. (Gigolo)
8. Take it Easy
9. I can see clearly now
10. All about the bass

19:15: Competition entries (10 couples) accounted for by Callum Topazio

19.30: Band moves from background music to first song:

1. Natural Woman
2. Thinking Out Loud
3. If I aint got you

(Matt): Ladies & Gentlemen would you welcome on stage Miss Emily Williams and Mr Tony Baines....

19:45: Emily Williams & Tony Baines

EMILY WILLIAMS: Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen. I'm Emily Williams; it brings me immense pleasure to welcome you to the United Kingdom Weddings & Honeymoons Awards 2024.

To our esteemed guests from Scotland, Feasgar Math, Northern Ireland, Trathnono Maith, Wales, Nos Da, and England, good evening.

We extend our greetings also to friends who have journeyed from countries overseas. To each one of you, whether from near or far, it's an honour to have you here.

Whilst many of us haven't met before, and, for the most part we gather here as colleagues I know that by the end of the evening, we'll all be leaving as friends.

It would also be remiss of me not to express our profound gratitude to Tourism Switzerland. Regina Lai, has kindly travelled from Zurich to be with us this evening. Regina, your unwavering support has been instrumental in bringing this evening to fruition, we are deeply grateful.

Applause for Regina / Switzerland (Tony to instigate if required)

ANTHONY BAINES: I'm Anthony Baines, and I'll shortly be introducing you to our host for the evening, the wonderful and talented Louise Roe.

Firstly, I want to take you back, very briefly, to the 23rd of March 2020. Our then Prime Minister advised us all that the country was going into lockdown.

The lockdown hit families and businesses hard. Within businesses, the wedding sector was hit the hardest. Whilst restaurants remained open for takeout, weddings couldn't even have a decent take in. We were left, quite literally, at the altar. Some friends and businesses never recovered; our thoughts have been, and are, very much still with them.

You see, what this evening also highlights is the resilience shown by so many from the weddings sector. Ladies and gentlemen, the weddings and honeymoons industry is back! With that in mind, and unless you have one of their amazing Las Vegas cocktails in your hand, can I ask you to join me in a round of applause for the weddings and honeymoons industry and for the wonderful work you all do in bringing so much happiness and joy to the lives of so many....

Audience (hopefully) clap...

EMILY WILLIAMS: But it isn't just the wedding industry here this evening. Tonight, we have the pleasure of hosting 10 couples who are finalists in Weddings & Honeymoons magazines "Win Your Wedding" competition.

By the end of this evening one of those ten finalists will win their very own £50,000 wedding! What a life changing and stunning prize.

It's going to be a tense and exciting evening.

So, ladies and gentlemen, let me summarise what we have in store for you....

- 21 exciting weddings industry awards

- Our Charity partner, Include will be showcasing their beautiful choir and highlight the wonderful support that they provide for Down Syndrome, a disability that is very close to our hearts
- We are delighted that celebrity Auctioneer Tom Keane will oversee our auction, which includes some stunning prizes
- And....to repeat....one well deserving couple will win THEIR VERY OWN £50,000 wedding

TONY BAINES: What a great night we have in store.

It's now time to move the spotlight away from Emily and I and to direct it towards our esteemed host and dear friend, the delightful Louise Roe.

Starting her career as the news editor of Vogue.com, Louise swiftly transitioned into TV. She graced the screens of BBC's The Clothes and then crossed the pond hosting NBC's Fashion Star in the United States, along with completing acclaimed work for Fox Asia. Notably, Louise continues to cover all red-carpet events for NBC's Access Hollywood, and now, she's also lending her talents to UKWHA!

So, let's put down our glasses, even those mouth-watering Las Vegas cocktails, and give a warm welcome to our host, the delightful Louise Roe and charming Charlotte Saunders who will be assisting her this evening....

Band Plays a Sting...MOONDANCE Instr.

(Louise & Charlotte come on stage)

19: 55 - LOUISE ROE

Louise to adlip

20.00 - AWARDS START

LOUISE: Ladies and Gentlemen, I will now start the awards.

Band Plays a Sting...MOONDANCE Instr.

20:00 – Award 1. Best Jewellery Designer

Did you know that the wedding ring goes on the left ring finger, because it's the only finger with a vein that connects to the heart?

This symbolic connection to love and commitment is beautifully captured by the talented nominees in our *Best Jewellery Designer* category, kindly sponsored by *Tourism Switzerland*.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are;

- 1) Heulwen Lewis Bespoke Jewellery
- 2) The Diamond Store
- 3) Debbie Carlisle

I would like to invite Regina Lai from Tourism Switzerland to present this award.

Play Video 1 – Tourism Switzerland as Regina walks to stage

(Regina speech)

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Regina opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Perfect – Chorus. Give Faye F sharp. Rpt last line until done

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:03 Award 2. Best United Kingdom Wedding Venue

For most couples, the wedding venue accounts for approximately half of their budget, and the hunt for the perfect location commences nearly a year prior to the big day.

This award is sponsored by Delphina Resorts, who also provide an unforgettable backdrop for a love story to unfold.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are

- 1) Minstead Lodge

- 2) Monkey Island Estate
- 3) Hensol Castle

LOUISE says I would like to invite Giulia Martini from Delphina Resorts to present this award.

Giulia walks to stage

Play Video 2 – Delphina Resorts as Giulia Martini walks towards stage.

(Giulia to give speech)

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Giulia opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Three little Birds – organ intro

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:06 - Award 3. Best United Kingdom Wedding Planner

Wedding Planners are the orchestrators of unforgettable celebrations. They plan, create, manage and ensure that the special day goes off without a hitch, and they do it so wonderfully well.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are...

- 1) Stephanie Longworth from The Secret Bridesmaid
- 2) Natalie Ryan from Luna Rose Events
- 3) Hannah Taylor from The Wedding Taylor

I am delighted for this award to be presented by one of Britain's greatest ever wedding planners, the legendary Charlotte Ricard-Quesada of La Fête.

Charlotte opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays It's all about you – matt gives guitar chord

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:10 – Award 4. Best Stationery Designer

Stationery, it's the unsung hero of wedding planning and a crucial element that ensures your guests know the exact shade of white you've chosen for your white wedding.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are...

- 1) Sarah Field from Peach Wolfe Paper Co.
- 2) Gina Rudd from Gable and Grain
- 3) And Anna Thomas from Evelyn & Elliot

I would like to invite *Anna Francisco* from Milan to present this award.

(Anna to give speech) *Good evening everyone,
It's a great pleasure to be with you all tonight for this special celebration.*

I'm Anna Francisco, one of Italy's leading events and wedding planner with headquarters in Italy and a company in London. With over 22 years of experience crafting elegant and unforgettable weddings is not just a job, it's a passion. I am beyond thrilled to be presenting this award for Best Stationery Designer.

Anna opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Signed Sealed Delivered – Riff once into chorus

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

Louise: Throughout the awards, we're delighted to be sharing with you the love stories of our 'Win Your Wedding' finalists. Here is our first two, Adam & Robyn and Nicole & Chris.

Play video 3 - Adam & Robyn and Nicole & Chris

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:13 Award 5. Best Wedding Caterer

Prepare to embark on a passionate love affair with your palate as the nominees for the Wedding Caterer category, sponsored by Laila Resort, serve up the crème de la crème.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are...

- 1) Eden Catering Solutions

- 2) Food Creations
- 3) The Dinner Ladies

On behalf of Laila Resort, I would like to invite Eleonora Tucci, Group Editor of Weddings & Honeymoons magazine to present the award.

Eleonora walks to stage

Play Video 4 – Laila Resorts as Eleonora walks towards stage.

Eleonora *opens the envelope and says...*

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; *band plays Great Balls of Fire – Piano into. Stop for “Goodness” when needed then 4 stabs*

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:16 Award 6. Best UK Wedding Photographer

As the saying goes “A picture is worth a thousand words.”

In this category, sponsored by *Fujifilm*, we celebrate the talented wedding photographers who have skilfully and beautifully captured the tender moments of the big day, immortalising them forever in time.

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the nominees are..

- 1) Karolina Aukoriute from By Karolina Photography
- 2) Poppy Ashworth from Poppy Carter Portraits
- 3) Abul Shah from ABUL

I would like to invite Harrison Marley from Fujifilm to present the award.

Harrison starts walking

(SCREEN CHANGE) Fujifilm logo shown on screen as Harrison walks towards stage.

Harrison *opens the envelope and says...*

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Fulsome PB – Jase to count

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:19 – Award 7. Best UK Bridal Fashion Designer

Every bride wants to look and feel like a princess on her big day. Therefore, finding the perfect dress that's unique in style but also captures her innermost essence, means the world to her.

In this category, we celebrate the visionary Bridal Fashion designers who've crafted enchanting gowns straight out of fairytales.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees, weaving their magic with every stitch, are..

- 1) Rolling In Roses
- 2) Rita Colson
- 3) And Josephine Scott

I would like to invite Ellie Harrington, of leading UK boutique Olivers Bridal, to present the award.

Ellie opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Feel Alright – Jase intro, and 5 stabs to end.

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:23: Award 8 - Bridal Fashion Boutique

Before embarking on the quest for the perfect dress, a bride's journey towards her fairytale wedding often starts within the walls of a bridal boutique.

In this extraordinary category, we admire the exceptional Bridal Fashion Boutiques that provide a collection of dreamy gowns fit for a princess.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are...

- 1) BRIDHA

- 2) Pearl and Eve Bridal
- 3) Nicole Mae's Bridal Limited

I would like to invite Anna Roost from Dolder Grand Hotel, Zurich to present the award.

Anna walks to stage

Play Video 5 – Dolder Grand Hotel as Anna walks towards stage.

Anna to give speech (30 secs)

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Anna opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Proud Mary – All in the riff. Vamp the outro

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

(LOUISE) Before we move on, let's take a look at two more of our finalist's love stories, Cain & Celine and Dan & Rebecca.

Play video 6 - Cain & Celine and Dan & Rebecca

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:27: Award 9 - For The Groom

Step aside, James Bond, there's a new style icon in town – the modern groom! From timeless tuxedos to classic bow ties, the For The Groom category is a showcase of sophistication and innovation.

Redefining what it means "Dress to Impress" are this year's dapper nominees.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are:

- 1) Deane & Sons
- 2) Howard and Co Attire
- 3) Scotney's of London Road

We're lucky to have so many fantastic sporting clubs in this area. Our local premier football league club is Brentford, it's literally a ten minute walk from here. We're further delighted that their record signing, Irish International star Nathan Collins, is here this

evening to present this award. Nathan, as well as being a fearless defender on the pitch, is also known for his stylish dress sense.

Nathan opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays I feel Good. Jase count of 5, one verse, sax riff then when ever needed go to "So good" outro once then long riff ending on the Eb

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:30: Award 10: Bridal Hair & Makeup Artist

The Bridal Hair & Makeup Artist category is all about spotlighting the magicians who weave beauty spells with their brushes.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees who make bridal glam pure magic...

- 1) Rowenna Aayling from Makeup by Rowenna
- 2) Ria Rosen from Ria Rosen Bridal Hair
- 3) Rebecca Standing Smith from Bex Standing Smith HMUA

I would like to invite Chris Taylor from Leon Beauty to present the award.

Chris opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Shout – Band Vamp (all in together with shout) . Matt to count (no ending!)

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:33 – Award 11: Wedding Florist

In a world full of trends, flowers remain a timeless symbol of love and beauty. Did you know the world's oldest flower is over 100 million years old?

Just like these ancient blooms, the Wedding Florist category is sponsored by East Winds, a resort in St Lucia with it's own botanical beauty.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are...

- 1) Bianca Gray from The Event Stylists
- 2) Charmaine Taylor from C Taylors Floristry LTD
- 3) Becky Rosario from Rosaria Flowers

I would like to invite Judith Milne from East Winds to present the award.

Judith walks to stage

Play Video 7 – East Winds as Judith walks towards stage.

Judith opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays DayDream Believer – Piano Riff into Chorus

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:37 – Award 12. Celebrant of the Year

Dearly Beloved, we are gathered here today to witness the battle of the celebrants. In this illustrious category, Celebrant of the Year, we honour the masters of matrimony, those who officiate ceremonies that ignite emotions and make tears flow.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are:

- 1) Nicola West from Ceremonies by Nicola West
- 2) Sarah Sweeney from Sarah Sweeney Celebrant
- 3) Helen Noble from Helen Noble, Celebrant of Surrey

I would like to invite The Mayor of Richmond to present the award.

(Mayor to give speech)

Thank you so much for inviting me here today.

Over the years, our delightful borough has been the host to many exceptional events, serving as the backdrop for numerous state celebrations and historical occasions that have left an indelible mark on our shared heritage within the United Kingdom.

And every century or so, our borough witnesses a monumental event that becomes part of its storied history, each contributing to Richmond's unique character and charm. I am

honoured to add another significant event to Richmond's legacy – the United Kingdom Weddings and Honeymoons Awards.

As a staunch advocate for the sanctity of marriage and the importance of home in our society, my husband Professor John Nicholson, and I proudly champion the values that underpin these relationships and this event.

Also, I appreciate I'm biased, but for all our guests staying overnight, please visit Richmond Park with its breathtaking natural beauty and majestic deer, Richmond Park stands as one of the most enchanting settings for celebrations of love. Many wedding photographers encourage couples to have their big day photos taken there. Though it seems The Orangery at Kew Gardens didn't exactly fawn over the idea of my arrival in a stag-drawn carriage (oh deer) I understand.....as the stunning beauty of these gardens must be preserved, indeed they provide us of another example of why I'm so proud of Richmond.

I am also proud that this national event has chosen Richmond as it's base, and as we continue to cherish the rich history and cultural heritage of Richmond, let us look towards the future with optimism and commitment to preserving the values that make our borough truly special and working on the values that make relationships everything. I am thrilled to witness the unwavering support of our community for love, commitment, and the bonds that unite us all. Enjoy the event, enjoy the evening and enjoy your time in Richmond.

The Mayor opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Stand by Me: Matt give chord to Faye. Into chorus. Cha Cha Cha ending

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

(LOUISE) On the theme of love, we're happy to share the next two of our 'Win Your Wedding' finalist stories. Let's meet Jacob & Harriet and Nicole & Cameron.

Play video 8 - Jacob & Harriet and Nicole & Cameron

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20:41 – Award 13. Wedding Cake Maker

Did you know that in medieval England, wedding guests used to bring small cakes to stack on top of each other, forcing newlyweds to lean in for a kiss over the precarious tower?

Find out which nominees have risen to the occasion by elevating the art of cake making to new heights.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are...

- 1) Emma Stewart from Emma Stewart Cake Design
- 2) Lisa Marie from Lisa Marie Cakes
- 3) Catherine Paratian from Caked by Catherine

I would like to invite Kevin Bossino from the Gibraltar Tourism Board to present the award.

Kevin opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Crocodile Rock. Once round outro riff, the la la las until end

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

20.45 – Award 14. Music and Entertainment

This category has, without doubt, world class talent. Get ready to be serenaded by the incredible nominees of the Music and Entertainment category who have graced us with their talent.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are:

- 1) Robyn Taylor Official
- 2) Chelsea Nolan Wedding Singer
- 3) Auline-Jean Melbourne

These finalists are so special we must take a look at this video.

Play video 9 - Music & Entertainment 3 finalists - go back to nominees slide

I would like to invite Jason Knight to present the award. Not just our Musical Director for this evening - Jason has performed all over the world for many successful bands and claims to have provided the entertainment for over 200 wedding parties.

(Jason to give speech)

Jason opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

*Winner is brought to the stage; band plays All shook up: Matt counts in to Pete solo, into bridge.
Use "All shook up to end"*

(SCREEN CHANGE to default - keep for choir)

20.50: - (Break from Awards). Ladies & Gentlemen, we will take a short break from the awards and please welcome on stage Tony who will introduce us to the Include choir from our designated charity *Include*.

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Break from awards: Charity Choir (15mins)

2 songs from the choir (Tony to cover this segment)

Presentation from Alix Lewer introducing someone from the choir who has also recently got married.

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Tony will thank the choir and restart the awards, inviting Louise back on stage for the final six awards.

(Screen stays on default)

21:05 - Award 15: International Wedding Venue

And now, for the category that will make you want to say "I DO" all over again...It's the International Wedding Venues. From fairytale castles to tropical havens, these stunning venues have played host to some of the most wonderful unions.

(SCREEN CHANGE) So grab your passport as this year's nominees are...

- 1) Italy's CastelBrando**
- 2) Ser Casasandra from Mexico**
- 3) And from Turkey, Casa Lavanda**

I would like to invite Roberta Torresan, one of Italy's most successful event planners; Roberta has kindly flown in from Rome to be with us this evening.

Roberta opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

*Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Summer of 69 – Matt D count in All in on riff / Outro.
Matt solos, Stabs riff to end*

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

21:10 – Award 16. Destination Wedding Planner

Destination Wedding Planners have turned dreams into a reality in some of the most breathtaking locations around the globe. There are no borders when it comes to celebrating love.

(SCREEN CHANGE) Let's raise a glass to our phenomenal nominees...

- 1) Christine Caubere from CC Weddings & Events**
- 2) Simona Parisi from Brilliant Wedding Sicily**
- 3) And Silvia Cicconi Event Planner**

(SCREEN CHANGE to image slide) This award is sponsored by *Villa Renaissance*, based in the stunning Turks & Caicos Island.

On behalf of Villa Renaissance, I would like to invite our very own Anthony Baines to present the award.

Anthony walks towards stage.

Tony opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Unfortunately, Simona cannot join us tonight as her connecting flight was cancelled, but we would like to invite Roberta Torresan, fellow wedding planner and her good friend, on stage to accept the award on her behalf.

Roberta is brought to the stage; band plays Hey Ya – Band round to start, then chorus (and slow end vox)

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

(Louise) The love stories of Kim & Lee and Rosh & Iszy are so romantic, let's hear it from the lovebirds themselves.

Play video 10 - Kim & Lee and Rosh & Iszy

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

21:14 – Award 17 - Honeymoon Resort

Did you know the tradition of post-wedding getaways dates back to ancient civilisations, where newlyweds would escape for a month of mead drinking seclusion to boost their fertility?

Prepare to swoon over our nominees for the Honeymoon Resort category, sponsored by Blame Her Ranch....

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are

- 1) Wilderness DumaTau
- 2) Oblu Select Lobigili
- 3) Blue Safari Seychelles

Steve and Linda Blamer sadly couldn't attend this evening; so they have asked if our lawyer Lucinda Nicholls could present on their behalf. Let's welcome her to the stage.

(SCREEN CHANGE to image slide) **Play image of Blame Her Ranch and Lucinda presents award.**

Lucinda opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) **And the award goes to...**

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Dancing in the Street – Sax riff to start Matt to count.
Riff on signal

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

21:18 – Award 18. Sustainability

From zero waste ceremonies to carbon neutral celebrations, these sustainability superstars are proving that green and gorgeous go hand in hand.

(SCREEN CHANGE) **So let's raise a recycled glass to the nominees:**

- 1) Little Green Wedding
- 2) Ycona Eco Luxury Resort
- 3) Hayne House

I would like to invite *Anthony Baines* on behalf of Coco Collection to present this award.

Anthony opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays a sting simultaneously which ends when the winner has collected award and is leaving stage.

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

21:22 – Award 19. Influencer of the Year

Get ready to scroll, double tap and obsess over the nominees from the Wedding Influencer of the Year category, sponsored by Regent Porto Montenegro. Lets honour the digital dynamos and their influence on Happily Ever After.

(SCREEN CHANGE) The nominees are...

- 1) Jamie Doody from The Social Wedding
- 2) Vicci Massey from The Healthy Bride Guide
- 3) Alexandra O'Connor from Content For Brides

I would like to invite Kai Dieckmann from Regent Porto Montenegro to present this award.

Kai opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Mustang Sally – all in together

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

21:26 - Award 20. Rising Star

Brace yourself for the meteoric rise of the wedding world's brightest talents in the Rising Star category.

Sponsored by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

These up-and-coming visionaries are rewriting the rules, infusing tradition with their fresh perspective and innovative ideas.

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the nominees are...

- 1) Poppy Hansford from The Wedding Guest Chaperone**
- 2) Jennifer Crooks from The Modiste**
- 3) Katie O'Callaghan from Cakes by Katie**

I would like to invite Lynn Goya from Las Vegas Tourist Board to present the award.

Play Video 11 – Las Vegas Tourism Board as Lynn walks towards stage.

(Lynn to give speech 30secs)

It is my great honour as Clark County Clerk to present the Rising Star Award on behalf of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Celebrating love lies at the very heart of our city, and as the Wedding Capital of the World, we are passionate about championing the individuals who bring these magical moments to life. Join us in celebrating the shining talent and bright future of our deserving winner. May the dazzling lights of The Neon City illuminate their path to success!

After video - back to nominees slide

Lynn opens the envelope and says...

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Valerie – Slow Riff Version. Jase Count

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

(LOUISE) - And now for our last two finalists, get inspired by the true love shared between Sam & Natalie and Summer & Ash.

Play video 12 - Summer & Ash and Sam & Natalie

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

21:30 – Award 21. Lifetime achievement award

Saving the best till last, we present the esteemed Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by The Omnia. This is an honour that pays homage to an individual whose unwavering passion and tireless dedication has left an indelible mark in the world of weddings.

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the list of legends are...

- 1) Tracy Lavin from Tracy Lavin Events
- 2) Donna Palimeri from Kefalonia Weddings
- 3) Becca Grover-Jones and Chesca Maiden-Wood from Dolecka Bridal
- 4) Freya Rose from Freya Rose London

I would like to invite Lucinda Nicholls on behalf of the Omnia to present this award.

Lucinda opens the envelope and says

(SCREEN CHANGE) And the award goes to...

Winner is brought to the stage; band plays Brown Eyed Girl: Single Riff, then into Sha La Las, riff out

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

This concludes our awards. I hope you'll agree that there has been some terrific talent here this evening. I would like to ask Callum Topazio, Chairman of the judging panel, to officially close this award process for 2024.

Louise leaves stage

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(SCREEN CHANGE stay on default)

Callum: Thank you so much Louise and I'd like to start by saying a big congratulations to all of our category winners! It is such a joy to celebrate with them.

As chairman of the judges panel, I have had the pleasure of overseeing the whole judging process, from our very first application to crowning our winners tonight. It is so rewarding to meet the faces behind the applications and I have felt so inspired by all the stories I've read of perseverance and strength among our applicants to get to the position they are in today.

We've also got our 'Win Your Wedding' Competition winner to announce shortly which is so exciting! To get to know our special couples has been a really rewarding experience and for them to allow us to play a part in their engagement story is an honour. We can't wait to make some dreams come true tonight! But before we see who our winners are, please put your hand in your pockets for this evening's auction.

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Callum walk off stage, band plays Abba - Money, Money, Money. Lucinda walks on stage as band plays. **BAND LEAVES STAGE FOR REST BREAK**

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21:40: AUCTION

(SCREEN STAYS on default)

(LUCINDA) We now welcome you to a truly special event – our charity auction.

Our charity *Include* also holds a special place with our team; Down Syndrome is a cause that resonates deeply for two of them in particular.

Our Chairman's niece, the much loved Anna, has Down Syndrome and she's had so many happy moments and experiences as a member of the *Include* choir (*pause*), to the extent that her singing continues for days after she's left rehearsals.

Whilst our esteemed Event Planner Charlotte Ricard-Quesada, who has created such a beautiful event for us this evening, wasn't so fortunate. Her beloved sister passed away from Down Syndrome issues at the age of just three. When charity partners were initially discussed Charlotte immediately requested that Down Syndrome be supported. We unequivocally agreed.

Money raised this evening will allow members of the Down Syndrome community, like Anna, to have beautiful experiences and opportunities that otherwise wouldn't be possible.

Our celebrity auctioneer Tom Keane, has kindly donated his expert services for us here this evening free of charge. Thank you Tom, will you now join me?

(Tom goes on stage)

(LUCINDA) Let us all open our hearts and wallets tonight as we bid on some extraordinary items whilst supporting this noble cause....

(Lucinda, steps aside from lectern, and Tom Keene starts the auction)

(SCREEN CHANGE to auction logo slide)

(SCREEN CHANGE - prize 1) our first lot is a Taylor Swift fan pack.....

First up we have a Taylor Swift fan pack, the ultimate treasure trove for every die-hard Swiftie. This exciting package includes, Taylor Swift merchandise, Concert Memorabilia, friendship bracelets, posters and so many more goodies!

Get ready to immerse yourself in the world of Taylor Swift with this fantastic package.

(SCREEN CHANGE - prize 2)

Play video 13 - Delphina Resorts

Our second lot this evening is from Delphina Resorts.....

Next up we're offering you a luxurious 5-night half-board holiday – with free entry to the spa - at Delphina Resorts in the breathtaking paradise of Sardinia, worth over £1,000.

Relax in style surrounded by the golden sands and crystal clear waters of the Mediterranean Sea. Seize this opportunity to be captivated by the allure of Sardinia.

(SCREEN CHANGE - prize 3)

Play video 14 - Coco Resorts

Our third lot is from Coco resorts...

Item number 3 is not just a getaway, it's a dream come true.

Worth, \$6000, a chance to escape reality and immerse yourself in pure bliss with a 5-night full-board holiday – including free airport transfer - at Coco Resorts in the Maldives.

Bid now to experience a slice of paradise.

(SCREEN CHANGE - prize 4) the fourth lot is a Brentford signed shirt.....

Calling all football fans for item number 4, Get ready to score big with a signed t-shirt by none other than Nathan Collins, who dominates the field as a centre-back for Premier League Club Brentford.

This exclusive memorabilia is a must-have for any true football enthusiast. Bid now and take home a piece of football history! Priceless!

(SCREEN CHANGE - prize 5)

Play video 15 - East Winds Resorts

Ladies and Gentlemen, I think we've saved the best for last.

last, but certainly not least, our final item on auction, an all-inclusive 7-night stay – includes free airport transfer - at Eastwinds Resorts in the stunning paradise of Barbados.

Worth £7,000, don't miss your opportunity to indulge in the beauty of this tropical haven and make unforgettable memories at this exquisite Caribbean retreat.

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

Parry writes amount on cheque and goes on to stage with cheque and it to Lucinda. She announces how much money has been raised and invites & Alex on to stage, to award the cheque to Alex (head of choir)

BAND BACK ON STAGE

Band plays Money, Money, Money Sting (Parry, Lucinda, Tom, Alex come off stage)

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(Auction finishes, Louise comes on stage)

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(SCREEN STAYS on default)

WIN YOUR WEDDING

(LOUISE says) This is the penultimate moment. In just ten minutes, someone is going to be walking away with a magnificent prize. Ladies & Gentlemen one couple will win a £50,000 Wedding.

The judging panel have overseen this entire process for months and months, reading all of the applications vying for the big prize. They have shared this emotional journey with so many.

Ladies & Gentlemen; now is the moment of truth...

(Band do drumroll, Charlotte enters with gold envelope on a cushion, followed Lucinda)

Lucinda Nicholls, of Nicholls & Nicholls lawyers, can you confirm that that envelope has been sealed, in a safe for the past 24 hours and that it has not been tampered with?

Miss Nicholls, can you confirm that to your knowledge none of the judges have been subjected to undue influence.

(Lucinda confirms)

LOUISE says Charlotte, please bring me the golden envelope.

(Take envelope; open envelope)

In no particular order, the three finalists are:

(read contents of envelope)

Pause, whilst some couples are excited and cheering

Ladies and Gentlemen, the ultimate winner will be announced within the next ten minutes. I would like to call back on stage Tony and Emily so that we can find out a little more about the three finalists.

Louise leaves stage, Tony and Emily come on to stage.

Tony: Thank you Louise and congratulations to our three finalists.

Tony: But before we crown the winner, we have a special treat for you. One of the more creative members of our team will share a glimpse of the finalists' captivating stories from their perspective.

Emily: Please would you welcome to the stage, Aixa Casanellas, who will now share the story of our first couple, Robyn & Adam.

(Actress performs Robyn and Adam story)

Scene 1 - Robyn & Adam

Robyn: It's was so long ago when Adam and I first met.

Maybe 9 years? I was just a singer, and this local guy sent me a message. He was some sort of rapper, and he had a band and he wanted me to sing in one of his gigs. The day comes and I walk in to meet the band and I saw Adam.

He wasn't the rapper, he was in the band. But the moment I saw him, I knew it was special.

I thought “that’s it”. For me, it was love at first sight, but for many years nothing happened...

Three years later, Adam messaged me. He said he had started his own band and asked if I wanted to be the lead singer. ARE YOU KIDDING!? Yes!!!

We had a year of friendship and that made things so smooth for us. We didn’t have the awkwardness of a first date. We’d been hanging out together for so long I was comfortable enough to go ask him things like “is there something on my teeth?” And he’d check my teeth! That would never happen on a first date!

So when did our relationship start. Mmmm, I think it may have been the 1st March 2015. Yes; that was it. I’ll never forget that we shared a foot long subway on the way home from a gig. It will always be the best meal I’ve ever had. We then watched titanic and had our first kiss. From that day we have been inseparable....so I don’t want anyone in here knocking subway!

And we were then working together, living together. A lot of people were worried for us, saying “what if it doesn’t work out?” But here we are. It worked out. It worked out well. I’m so happy. Almost 10 years later, strong. We’re so strong! For example, Adam has a habit of singing the wrong song lyrics and I realise that I’m singing them too. That’s love eh? That’s strong.

And the proposal; well Adam had been planning this birthday party, he was inviting everyone to the garden, and he was having the band play too. It was gonna be the opportunity to ask me the question. But then the weather was bad, the garden wasn’t ready, the party got cancelled... but we had a trip to Mexico planned. And that was it.

I didn’t think he was gonna propose. And when he did, I said “no” like 5 times out of shock. No, no, no, no no.....I was so shocked I kept saying no until.....I said YES. It’s the best yes I’ve ever said. The best. And we got that on camera too. Yes, we’ve got the memory forever.

We never thought we’d have an amazing, big wedding as we always perform at other peoples, so it would be so special and unique for us to celebrate our love and get married by winning this prize. It would be amazing and the catering looks amazing too or maybe we should just have subway’s on the menu?

(Tony introduces Summer & Ash story)

Scene 2 - *Summer & Ash*

Summer: We met in a very different way! Ash runs a charity and we happen to both be in Nepal in 2015 but somehow we didn't meet... we met about 6 months later at a different work. Ash was the first to reach out and I first I thought him a little bit of a stalker... then I realised we had been working at the same charity all along.

We developed a beautiful friendship and went from there to decide to get married!

Ash made a trip to Everest Base camp and sent me a video of him, standing next to the altitude mark, holding a piece of paper that said "Bear would you marry me?" I must've gone at least half an hour without realising what the message on his hands said. I thought it was just a video of him saying "look at me! I'm here!"

Every time we got close to the idea of actually having the wedding something would always come up. Pay for this, pay for that, help this person, help over here. It took a long time and a lot of effort but here we were... WE DID IT! WE SAVED UP! And just then when we were about to plan our wedding, my dear mum, out of the blue, needed double surgery. And just like that, with no hesitation, we spent our savings 52 thousand pounds down. But we would do it all over again; my mum is more important than anything.

And then dear Tracy called us on Valentines day this year to tell us we were selected as finalists for this wonderful evening to bring this community together through our stories. We are thrilled at the opportunity to finally celebrate our wedding and long awaited honeymoon.

We've been through so many milestones across the world as a couple and as individuals, and we would do it all over again, even if it means we have to continue waiting for our turn to celebrate, because helping others means so much to us. But that's the same passion that unites our love so strongly and keeps us looking forward to our wedding day which one day we're convinced will happen. One day, it will happen!

(Tony introduces Nicole and Cameron story)

Scene 3 - Nicole & Cameron

Nicole:The day I met Cameron... we just sat and talked to each other all night. Then I spilled orange juice all over my dress. But we carried on talking all evening and that was it for us.

We became friends though... we became friends and stayed as friends for a few years till we realised we did like each other... a lot... I practically moved in with him and his parents as soon as we got together. We were just inseparable.

Cameron had some challenging years... his father left before he was two years old and his grandfather really stepped in as that second parent. Within six months of us being together, his grandfather passed away... He was a great example of a man, he was an amazing human being, and Cameron's hero...

It was a very dark period for him and all I could do was to be there, and keep strong for him. I'd do everything to help him get through it. I always will.

His grandfather kept diaries too. He wrote a diary entry, at least a page a day for seventy years and I made it into the diaries! It's a wholesome thing you know? To have been part of his diaries and to have met a person that means so much to Cameron. It's a full circle moment for us.

Oh yes... remember how I said that we had been friends for a couple of years until we finally realised: oh... yes, this is it! Well, we're both performers, and this was our first show together, we had been friends for a while now, and so we're about to go on stage performing in Phantom of The Opera. We're on opposite sides of the wings and looking across the stage, at each other. Cameron says that was the moment he realised he wanted to marry me. And so, in that same stage he proposed! I normally notice things, if he's up to something, but I had no idea! And so he surprised me, on stage... In front of 700 people... can you imagine if I had said no? We still had more shows to go as well!

But of course I said yes, and we're happily performing together again, in The Wizard of Oz. The Director has given us the night off this evening to be here and I'm just waiting on the day we look at each other across the altar, just like we did across the wings of the stage, just like we did across the wings of the stage.....

As actress finishes final scene, leave stage as Band starts performing Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

Louise comes back on stage.

(LOUISE says) What a heartwarming performance from Aixa Casanellas. We are so excited for the final moment of our evening.

Ladies & Gentlemen; let's now meet the couples in person. Would Robyn & Adam kindly join me on stage.

(Robyn & Adam come on stage)

Louise says: Shall we have a look at your story.

Play video 16 - Robyn & Adam

(After video finishes - SCREEN CHANGE to default)

Louise says: I would now like for Summer & Ash to join me on stage. Now let's take a look at their story.

Play video 17 - Summer & Ash

(After video finishes - SCREEN CHANGE to default)

Louise says: And now, I'd like to invite the final couple to join me, Nicole & Cameron. Let's have a look at their love story.

Play video 18 - Nicole & Cameron

(After video finishes - SCREEN CHANGE back to default)

Louise says: I'd like to call the Editor-In-Chief and Chairman Of The Judges Panel, Eleonora Tucci and Callum Topazio, to the front of the stage. After overseeing the entire process, sharing in their journey, their experience and a little bit of their love, it is only right that you announce our winner. Eleonora and Callum, everyone.

(Eleonora & Callum come on stage)

Charlotte brings The winner's envelope on a cushion.

Callum picks up the envelope.

Callum says: Before I open this, I want to remind you of the prize.

(SCREEN CHANGE - The First Prize slide)

Callum: We have a fantastic prize for our winners tonight. As you know, they will win their very own £50,000 wedding, with all the extras included. Our couple will be in the capable hands of the talented Charlotte from La Fete to ensure the big day runs smoothly. We also have every element of the aisle style with a stunning bridal gown, suit for the groom and £1000 accessories voucher from Freya Rose on offer. Our talented collaborators are also providing: beautiful photography, chic stationery, a tasty cake and the best rings. And the cherry on top, a £12,000 luxury honeymoon to the O2 Beach Club & Spa in Barbados. It's an amazing prize!

But none of you will go home empty-handed tonight - our other two finalists will receive either a six night stay at Thalassa Boutique Hotel & Spa, in sunny Cyprus. Or a 2-night stay in a luxurious Beach Hut at The Cary Arms & Spa, in glorious Devon.

(SCREEN CHANGE to default)

Callum says: Now, the big moment. I feel our Group Editor, Eleonora should read out the winner's name.

(SCREEN STAYS on DEFAULT)

(Eleonora reads out winner name)

(Winners come forward)

Music / classical music. Tracey finds Mother and get her on stage.

Ring moment.

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(Tony and Emily come back on stage after win your wedding winner announced)

Tony: What a wonderful moment, I hope you'll all join me in wishing our winning couple all the best in the future and a wonderful wedding, which you'll be able to see in Weddings and Honeymoons Magazine when it is published!

Emily: I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to our host for this evening, Louise Roe, I think you'll all agree we've been in great hands tonight and please could you join me in a round of applause for our fabulous host.

Emily: And to give us an idea of our 2025 prize, let's welcome Lynn Goya to the stage who is going to tell us more about next year's prize.

(Lynn comes on stage for speech - 'Viva Las Vegas' plays as she leaves stage)

(Tony comes back on stage)

Tony: Before we go, I'd like to thank the band, (names of band members)

It's been an honour and a privilege to host you all this evening. Hope you had a wonderful time, we look forward to seeing you next year, when I'm delighted to announce that next years awards will be on 13th February, at the world famous Dorchester Hotel. And

applications for next years awards will be opening soon, you'll find all the info on our website.

Now, over to the Stanmer Band to finish the night with some classic wedding dance floor fillers!

THANK YOU!

End songs

1. Queen
2. Kiss
3. Abba
4. 9-5
5. Sweet Caroline
6. Purple Rain

End of the event

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Jason Knight
Faye Streak
Matt Hodgson
Matt Devitt
Pete Durgerian
Geoff Smith

Keyboards / Musical Director
Vocals
Cahon
Guitar
Saxophone / Harmonica
Bass