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(The Best of) BEFORE & AFTER THE WEDDING

Wedding Show

WINNER: SEATTLE

WEDDING SHOW

Known for: Two-day bridal extravaganza with all the wedding vendors you can fit under one roof

**FINALISTS: URBAN UNVEILED;
WEDDINGS IN WOODINVILLE**

Boutique Registry

WINNER: SUR LA TABLE

Known for: Top-of-the-line cooking gadgets, linens and kitchenware, from Cuisinart to Le Creuset

**FINALISTS: TABLE TOP & HOME;
STUHLBERGS**

Quintessential Wedding Registry

WINNER: MACY'S

Known for: More than 800 locations and easy-to-use registry services

**FINALISTS: CRATE & BARREL;
TARGET**

Place for Bridesmaids' Gifts

Place for Groomsmen's Gifts

WINNER: NORDSTROM

Known for: A wide selection of gifts for her, including jewelry and cosmetics; everything for that special guy, from cuff links to designer shades

**FINALISTS FOR BRIDESMAIDS' GIFTS: LOCAL ARTISTS ON ETSY.COM; SOMETHING SILVER
FINALISTS FOR GROOMSMEN'S GIFTS: REI, TIFFANY & CO**

Bachelor Party

WINNER: LUCKY STRIKE

Known for: Upscale retro bowling alley serving tantalizing bar food and drinks

**FINALISTS: EL GAUCHO,
TULALIP CASINO**

Bachelorette Party

WINNER: BUTLER

TRANSPORTATION

WOODINVILLE WINE TOUR

Known for: Customized tasting tours through Washington wine country, led by wine aficionado and owner Stuart Butler

**FINALISTS: CHOPSTIX, ELAIA
SPA AT HYATT AT OLIVE 8**

Spa for Group Manis and Pedis

WINNER: SPA SCOTTA

Known for: Chic day spa with available catered lunches, and new longer-lasting shellac manicures

**FINALISTS: GENE JUAREZ;
JULEP NAIL PARLOR**

Rehearsal Dinner Restaurant

WINNER: CANLIS

Known for: More than 60 years of impeccable food and service, and two private dining rooms with views of Lake Union

**FINALISTS: RAY'S BOATHOUSE;
SALTY'S; PALISADE**

Hotel for Guests

WINNER: HOTEL 1000

Known for: Super-swanky downtown digs with pedestal bathtubs that fill from the ceiling and über-popular virtual golf club

**FINALISTS: EDGEWATER;
FOUR SEASONS**

Transportation/Getaway Car

WINNER: BRITISH

MOTOR COACH

Known for: Variety of classic British getaway cars, plus limo options for wedding-party transportation

**FINALISTS: BUTLER
TRANSPORTATION,
RARE FORM LIMO**

Valet Service

WINNER: BUTLER VALET

Known for: Outstanding customer service (they personally greet every guest) since 1994

FINALIST: RED CARPET VALET

Place to Spend the Wedding Night

WINNER: ALEXIS HOTEL

Known for: Recently renovated boutique hotel nestled mere blocks away from Pike Place Market

**FINALISTS: SALISH LODGE;
WILLOWS INN**

Voting Methodology: The Best of Bride 2011 winners are the result of an online survey in which more than 1,200 brides and wedding vendors voted for their favorites.