

On Oct 13, 2017, I had the pleasure of marrying my best friend, Melissa Petzolt. It was a beautiful day at Ranch Austin and one I will never forget!

Despite being “owners” of a wedding venue, we learned 3 main lessons during our planning process.

- #1) Planning a wedding can be daunting at times
- #2) Planning a wedding can be time consuming
- #3) Most important one is hiring the right vendors. It can make all the difference!**

We couldn't have been more grateful for the vendors that we selected and for the way they worked together to make our wedding the beautiful day that it was.

To help aid you in the planning and budgeting of your wedding, I have listed the vendors we hired, and our total cost spent on the last page

#### **Catering/Bartending – PEJ Events, (512) 388-7650, info@pejevents.com**

As wedding venue owners, we knew that hiring the right caterer can make or break a wedding. We didn't think twice about hiring PEJ Events to cater and bartend our wedding. For the price, there is nobody else out there that will provide the same level of service, professional presentation and quality of food as these guys. We opted for the Barbeque Buffet (chicken, brisket, sausage, sautéed vegetables, baked potato casserole, beans and rolls) with the Texas Tapas Display as our appetizer (queso, guacamole and an assortment of salsas). As always, the food was on point. We chose to upgrade to their china package, however, their disposable plates, cups, and flatware are also presentable options. Their service comes with water, iced tea and lemonade. We added on the fruit infused water which was a very nice touch.

PEJ's bartenders did not disappoint either. We went with the full bar service option which included just about every mixer you can think of, professional bartenders, bar setup, cups and napkins. Their cucumber jalapeno margarita was our specialty cocktail. Not necessary, but a nice added touch.

PEJ Events has many options and will customize to your taste and budget. Whether going with their basic offerings or adding on the upgrades, you cannot go wrong!

#### **Wedding Coordinator – An Event to Remember, Shamika Johnson 512-997-5296, shamika@aetrevents.com**

For us, hiring a good wedding coordinator was a no brainer and Shamika at An Event to Remember was worth every penny! While Shamika does do full service wedding planning, we wanted to do a lot of the planning ourselves and chose to hire An Event to Remember as our day of coordinator. With that being said, this service is so much more than a “day of” service. Our first meeting was many months ahead of our wedding date. We came up with a timeline and a layout and we talked through our vendor selections. Shamika was always available to answer our questions and then met with us again for a final site walk through a few weeks ahead of our wedding. When she showed up on the day of the wedding, we were immediately put at ease. The venue looked amazing and the wedding flowed perfectly. It all came together perfectly. We could not be more grateful for Shamika and her beautiful attitude.

#### **Photography – Peary Photography, (214) 763-1105, pearyphotography@gmail.com**

Peary Photography knocked it out of the park! Both Melissa and I am a bit camera shy and were nervous about being in front of the camera all night. Bill and Karen made us feel extremely comfortable and knew exactly what to do and what to tell us to do. It is very obvious that they have shot more than a few weddings. After it was all said and done, we received our photos very quickly. They are fantastic! Two months later, we literally still cannot stop looking through them. To top it all off Bill, Karen and Allie are genuinely some of the nicest people that you will ever meet. Even our guests came to know and love them. It was a pleasure having them photograph our wedding and we could not be happier.

#### **Floral – Wild Bunches, (512) 858-0868, info@wildbunchesfloral.com**

Hats off to Rachel at Wild Bunches. Our floral arrangements were beautiful and really made our wedding come to life. Prior to reaching out to Wild Bunches we had received a couple of proposals that were way out of our budget. Wild Bunches pricing was almost half of what we were quoted elsewhere. Rachel really spent the time to educate us with regards to how to get what we wanted within the budget that we wanted. We probably called Rachel with questions and changes more than all of our other vendors combined. She was extremely courteous, extremely helpful and our floral was phenomenal.

#### **Cake/Bakery – Simply Delicious Custom Cakes (570) 660-7363, simplydeliciouscustomcakes@gmail.com**

Yum! Candace at Simply Delicious Custom Cakes was a pleasure. She was very helpful in making our selections. We chose to have several smaller cakes and flavors versus one large cake. They were decorated a little differently, but complimented each other

perfectly. Our cake table (using the wine barrels with bar top) was one of our favorite focal points of the wedding. The icing on the cake...it was simply delicious.

**DJ – Complete Weddings, (512) 458-3535, info@completeaustin.com**

Highly professional and all around best DJ company we have run across in the business. They are also very cost efficient which is a plus. We have recently made these guys our resident DJ at Ranch Austin and now require all new bride/grooms signing in 2018, to hire them for all their music/audio needs.

Completes basic DJ service runs \$995 but any RA brides currently booked, gets a \$100 off. *\*If you choose not to hire Complete DJ for your event, you will be grandfathered in since booked in 2017 but we will still need to approve your hired third party DJ.*

**Hair & Makeup – Katy Reddell Beauty, (254) 749-9947, kreddellbeauty@gmail.com**

Melissa LOVED Katy and her team. I believe her exact comment was, “I didn’t think I could look that good, but Katy made it happen!” All of the girls were extremely impressed with Katy and her team. Everyone was gorgeous!

**Rentals – Uptown Event Rentals (512) 839-1860, info@uptowneventrentals.com**

Look no further than Uptown Event Rental for fantastic rental items and furniture. We rented their farm style tables as our head tables along with their matching x back chairs. We placed them down the center of the room. They looked fabulous and really complimented the room as well as the chairs that Ranch Austin already provides. We also rented some fantastic lounge furniture to place outside around the dancefloor. Uptown Event Rentals has a great selection of items and are really great to work with.

Guest Count		165		
<b>CATERING/FOOD</b>	Y/N	Per Person	Total	<b>Call Vendor(s) Below to Verify Pricing</b>
Total Catering, Food & Full Service Staffing	Y	\$28.00	<b>\$4,620.00</b>	PEJ Catering (512) 388-7650
<b>Bartending Staff &amp; Set-Ups</b>	Y/N			
Serving Beer and Wine Only	N	\$8.00		
Serving Beer, Wine & Mixed Drinks	Y	\$10.00	<b>\$1,239.46</b>	PEJ Catering (512) 388-7650
*TABC certified bartenders, bar tables and black linens, ice for chilling and serving, clear plastic cups, cocktail napkins, stirrers, bar equipment, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, ginger ale, club soda, tonic water, cranberry juice, orange juice, grapefruit juice, pineapple juice, margarita mix, bloody mary mix, sour mix, simple syrup, lemons, limes, cherries, olives and bitters.				
Linen Rentals For Tables (not provided by venue)	Y	\$18.00	<b>\$495.00</b>	PEJ Catering (512) 388-7650
Cake Cutting Service & Plates	Y	\$2.00	<b>\$330.00</b>	PEJ Catering (512) 388-7650
<b>ALCOHOL PURCHASED BY CLIENT</b>	Y/N			
Purchase beer and wine only.	Y	\$5.00	<b>\$825.00</b>	Average price if purchased @ Specs
Purchase hard alcohol for mixed drinks.	Y	\$3.00	<b>\$495.00</b>	Average price if purchased @ Specs
<b>Wedding Cake Budget</b>	Y	\$8.00	<b>\$1,320.00</b>	Simply Delicious Custom Cakes (570) 660-7363
<b>Cupcake Budget</b>	N	\$6.00		
<b>DJ Budget</b>	Y	1	<b>\$895.00</b>	COMPLETE DJ (512) 458-3535
<b>Photography Budget</b>	Y	1	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	Peary Photography, (214) 763-1105,
<b>Floral Budget</b>	Y	1	<b>\$2,800.00</b>	Wild Bunches, (512) 858-0868
<b>Event Coordinator Budget</b>	Y	1	<b>\$1,250.00</b>	Shamika Johnson 512-997-5296
<b>Officiant Budget</b>	Y	1	<b>\$350.00</b>	S&S Weddings 512.569.5701
<b>Rental Fee Paid to Ranch Austin</b>	Y	1	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	Average Rate
<b>TOTAL COST OF WEDDING</b>			<b>\$22,619.46</b>	