

The background of the image shows an outdoor wedding ceremony. In the foreground, there are several gold-colored folding chairs with light purple fabric draped over them. The ground is covered with a green artificial turf. In the background, there are large floral arrangements in shades of white, pink, and purple, and a blurred view of a wedding arch or similar structure. The overall scene is bright and festive.

WEDDING WONDERS

*Your Essential Guide to
Creating the Perfect
Wedding Ceremony*

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With hundreds of weddings and elopements celebrated, and the photos to prove it, here is an expert list of things you and your fiancé need to know in planning your best day ever!

An officiant is more than someone who shows up, says a few words and oversees the signing of the documents. The mood, tone, and feel of your wedding is set by your officiant.

As an experienced officiant, I ensure that you, your fiancé and your bridal party feel comfortable knowing the details of how your ceremony will unfold. It's my job to ensure that the timing, the flow and the content of your ceremony make sense, that it's meaningful, and that it is your love story.

Tradition can be followed; however, adding uniqueness and individuality to your ceremony is encouraged and welcomed. After our first interview, I'll write your ceremony and guide the proceedings as you wish. You can be involved as much as you like in the creation of your ceremony, or, if it's too much, I'll do it for you.

I'm a reputable officiant in that I've got bigger picture vision and can easily navigate and pivot hiccups that may unexpectedly occur, with strong presence and a professional attitude. It's important to have someone who can take charge, guide with firmness and offer love as the constant before and during your ceremony.



Creating an ambiance of calm and cool, and being collected are essential, and this is something on which I pride myself. Brides and grooms need to know that they can place their trust and their dreams in the hands of their officiant, knowing that a steady hand and positive presence have their best interests at heart.

I'm all about the photo opp, and photographers who have worked with me know that I'm mindful of setting things up for the right angle, the right perspective and the right look. Simple things matter, like the color coordination of my outfit to match the bridal party and getting out of the way for photos of vows and the kiss. Slowing everything down to ensure the high points are captured perfectly is also essential.

Punctuality is a must, as is being available to answer questions and queries. I've never missed a wedding nor have I been late in seven years and I have no intention of doing this ever. Naturally, this goes along with reliability, so please choose your vendors with a positive reputation to ensure your day goes as planned.



Let's talk about personality! Bold, beautiful and bodacious is what I offer as an officiant, and light hearted easygoing humor is what I offer.

Keeping the mood high during a torrential downpour and keeping your guests motivated to walk through the woods when it's raining cats and dogs is a necessary attribute, since on the west coast you never know what will happen weather wise from one moment to the next.

On the topic of weather, it's important to know what your Plan B is if the weather decides to be uncooperative. We always plan for the best, yet having a contingency plan is necessary. Keep in mind the date of your wedding and be ready for anything. Too hot, too cold, wind, rain, hail, smoke and more, have the potential to manifest, even in the height of wedding season.

Location, location, location is your starting point since once you have your venue and date confirmed, you can reach out to vendors.

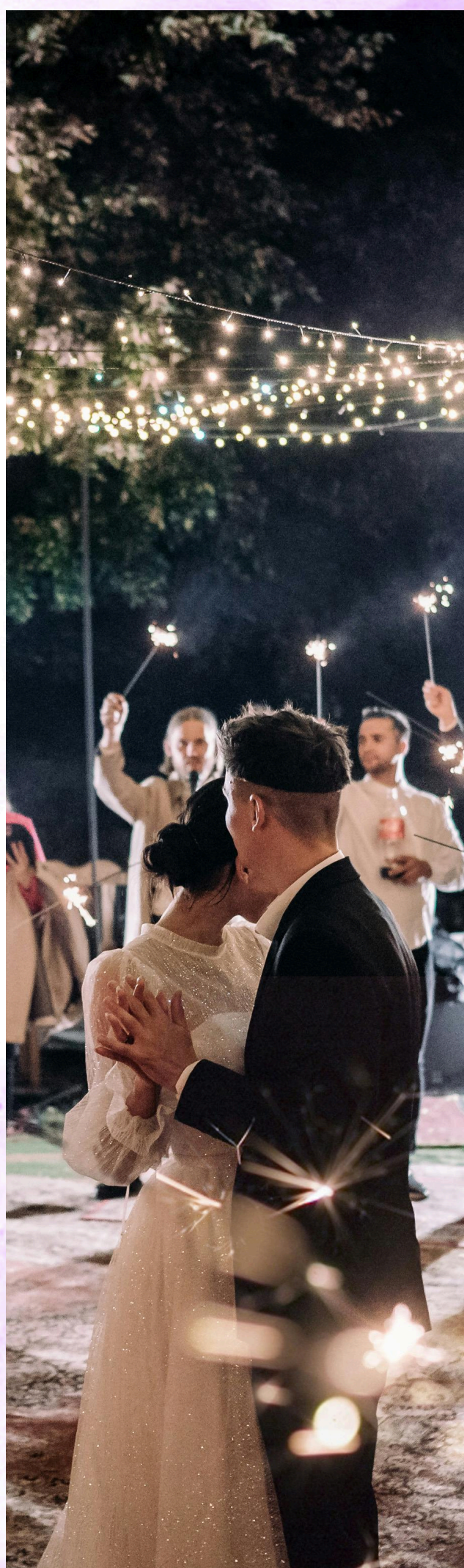
Vancouver Island is magnificent for its variety of wedding venues, and the options are more than you could ever dream possible. There is forest, beach, hotel ballroom, or your home backyard. The list is endless.

Music is a much talked about topic and is important to understand. In my experience the number one glitch in any wedding is Spotify, and the person on the end pushing the buttons to make this happen.

Yikes! Be sure you have someone who takes this job seriously, is reliable and organized, and has practiced on the device they will be playing. Better yet, have your professional DJ include the ceremony in their package.

Wedding planners? My thoughts are mixed. Some need them, and some don't. The variables are as many as there are expressions of love, so be sure to vet out your preferred planner and find one who matches your vibe. At the minimum a day-of-coordinator is highly recommended if you want to be able to enjoy the day without needing to refill the toilet paper in the much used washrooms.

I'm seeing more and more elopement style or micro style ceremonies, and I believe this type of celebration will be an option into which more couples will lean. It is less expensive, more intimate and easily able to fit in with busy schedules.





With all of this said, ask yourself if you want your ceremony to be lighthearted, easy going and feeling truly like it's your best day ever. If so, then let's chat.

There's no fee nor obligation, and I'd love to guide you on your journey of starting this new chapter with your best person, your person.

At the end of the day what matters most is love, that is the love you share with and for each other, and the love that you wish to remember when you look back on your wedding day.

Please allow me the gift of holding space, creating a vibe, and celebrating with you your ideal vision of how you and your fiancé want to say 'I DO'! Because I'm on stand-by, and I say 'I DO' to you!

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