



# The Columbus Athenaeum News

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## New Preferred Vendors on the List!

We would like to welcome Jan and the crew from Flowers on Orchard Lane to our Preferred Vendor List. Jan has done a wonderful job for our clients in the past, and we are looking forward to many beautiful receptions to come. She recently opened an office downtown on Main Street, so stop by for a visit next time you are at the Athenaeum. Sue Larson at [Le Gateau](#) has been added to the list, and Sue's cakes are always beautiful works of art that also taste delicious! Michelle Sauer of [Sauer Cakes](#) in Gahanna is now a preferred baker, and we look forward to seeing her creativity in action. Additionally, [Cake Studio](#)'s Katie Koivisto joins the preferred bakers after many successful TCA events. A new DJ company joins us too; we look forward to many fun nights ahead with Andy and the gang from [Columbus Pro Djs](#).

## New Hors d'Oeuvres Selections!

Several new delicious bites have been added to the hors d'oeuvres included with the Dinner Packages. The new staff favorite is the Chicken Puffs, puff pastry filled with your choice of Chicken Wellington or TCA Barbecue Chicken. A vegetarian option is available with a puff pastry filled with Mushroom Duxelle. Also new are the Mini Bruschetta Pizzas, slices of grilled baguette topped with zesty tomato sauce and Pepperoni or Cheese. Thanks to Chef Lynn for his inventive new tasty treats!



Courtesy of Nicole Dixon

## Featured Photo

Thank you and congratulations to Natalie & Tim, who celebrated their 8/30/08 wedding in the Priory & Large Theatre! Thanks for this amazing photo taken outside TCA's front door on 4th Street—we especially love the bubbles!

## TCA Tips and Advice—Details Meetings

Keep an eye on this section for helpful hints from TCA staff on a variety of topics. If you would like to submit a question, please feel free to email us!

Life is already hectic enough, and then you add trying to plan your wedding reception! For successful and efficient event planning, TCA staff have come up with some helpful hints for scheduling details meetings with your vendors.

Schedule appointments to discuss details with your Sales Representative, Hotels, DJ, Photographer, and other Vendors. Keep in mind most of your contacts have varying schedules from week-to-week, with additional events and commitments to attend to. By scheduling an appointment, you should be assured that your contact has the time to provide the attention to detail that your event deserves. To make sure that all of your details are covered, come prepared with pertinent documents and questions. Try to limit the number of attendees to those that are directly making decisions about your event.

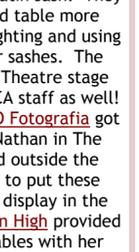
Refer to TCA's General Conditions for Appointments. In-office or telephone meetings to discuss event details must begin and conclude during standard weekday office hours—Monday-Thursday 9:30am-4:30pm and Friday 9:30am-4:00pm. Payments can always be accepted without an appointment during standard business hours listed above and including Saturday 12:00pm-4:00pm.



Stunning new Ribbon Taffeta tea length table cloths available (Onyx/Snow shown)! This elegant look was debuted at Brooke & Paul's 9/20/08 ceremony and reception combination in the Large Theatre. It is currently on our Lobby display table. Speak to your Sales Rep for more information and more exciting [linens](#)!

## Hello! My Name Is...Manuela!

Manuela (pictured with new baby nephew Alexandru) comes to Columbus from Brasov, Romania—near Dracula's castle! Many of you may know her as our friendly front desk Sales Assistant, but she also is an experienced Banquet Captain, bartender, and server. When she is not at work, Manuela takes classes at Columbus State toward a degree in Hospitality Management. Manuela says,



“A few days before my brother got married, my sister-in-law told me that she had lots of bad dreams, like...the cake crushed on the floor, or that she fell down during the ceremony. I told her that no matter what happened, they didn't need to worry because those would just be things that they would laugh about in a few years. The most important thing is the love that they have in their hearts for each other, and the fact that they will have a life to spend together. So, my advice for each bride & groom is: Don't forget to have fun and enjoy your special day!”

## Featured Event—Nikki & Nathan 6/28/08



Nikki strikes a pose in the Small Theatre. Courtesy of KISO Fotografia

Nikki & Nathan held their ceremony in the Priory at 5:30pm and followed with their 6:00pm reception in the Small Theatre. Nikki chose the Ivory tea length table cloths with a Burgundy napkin and Ivory chair covers with a Burgundy satin sash. They chose to make their U-Shape head table more unique by adding dramatic under-lighting and using the Buttercup satin for their chair sashes. The Landscape backdrop for the Small Theatre stage was a big hit with the guests and TCA staff as well! Photographer Karen Evans with [KISO Fotografia](#) got some amazing photos of Nikki & Nathan in the Priory, Small Theatre, Lobby, and outside the Athenaeum; she was kind enough to put these photos in an album for us, now on display in the Lobby! Jill Stember from [Flowers on High](#) provided the final touch to the beautiful tables with her centerpieces. DJ John Rose from [Team DJ](#) provided the music as the guests danced the night away. Ruthie from [Ruthie's Cakes & Desserts](#) baked and decorated the elegant 4-tier wedding cake.

Thank you & best wishes to Nikki & Nathan!

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