

the excellence awards

AT THE RECENT 2009 VOW AWARDS, WEDDING-DAY SERVICE PROVIDERS RECEIVED RECOGNITION FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE AS VOTED FOR BY PAST BRIDES

Every bride wants her wedding day to be perfect – after all, it is a one-off event. But the success of your special day will depend greatly on the bridal suppliers you choose. From the wedding dress and flowers to the venue and cake, you need your suppliers to keep their promises on the day, as much as you will honour the vows you make for all the years to come.

Experience shows that brides-to-be regard past brides and grooms as the most trusted source of information in choosing suppliers. With the launch of the South African Bridal Industry Academy (SABIA) VOW Awards, bridal couples are now able to rate the services of their suppliers. SABIA in turn uses these ratings to determine SABIA-accredited membership. Members had to have achieved an average of 95 percent from three nominations or more – your guarantee that they have delivered, if not exceeded, on that all-important day.

This year, almost 2 000 brides nominated more than 5 000 suppliers in different categories, and over 100 winners were honoured at the 2009 VOW Awards, hosted by SABIA in Johannesburg recently.

Each award is based on ratings for the Four Pillars of Excellence: quality of product, quality of service, value for money and attitude of staff. This comprehensive points system ensures that only suppliers who offer consistently good service and quality stand a chance of winning. SABIA lists an



[above] Deon Swarts of Cake Genie made this fantasy creation for the 2009 VOW Awards. Past bridal couples voted Cake Genie winner of the Cake Design category for Gauteng.

[left] Leandre Fourie (left) of L Designs, the 2009 VOW Awards national winner in the Couture Wedding Dress category, and Sarah Dirsuwei of The Plantation, the national winner in the Reception Centre category.

[opposite] The 2009 VOW Awards ceremony at The Forum in Bryanston, Johannesburg, where SA's top bridal suppliers were recognised for quality, service, value for money and attitude.

exclusive directory of members as well as the 2009 winners, all of whom represent SABIA members, at www.sabia.co.za.

WIN R10 000!

Voting has opened for the 2010 VOW Awards for couples married between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010. Go to www.sabia.co.za to vote and stand the chance of winning a first prize of R10 000 or two runner-up prizes of R2 500 each. For further details, contact SABIA on 0861 000 380 or email membership@sabia.co.za.



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NATIONAL WINNERS

BRIDAL SHOP:
Annie P Wedding Dress Creations
CAKE DESIGN:
Vanilla House Patisserie
COUTURE WEDDING DRESS:
L Designs
FLORAL DESIGN:
Occasions
HAIR STYLIST:
Exclusive Bridal Hair
HOTEL:
The Vineyard Hotel & Spa

INDEPENDENT WEDDING PLANNER:

Silver Lining Coordination and Décor
MAKE-UP:
Beauty 4 You
PHOTOGRAPHY:
Nicky G Photographic Studio
PROFESSIONAL DJ:
Sound Zone
RECEPTION CENTRE:
The Plantation
STATIONERY:
Special Occasion Stationery

VIDEOGRAPHY:

Hauke Digital Productions

CATEGORY WINNERS

BRIDAL MAGAZINES:
Femme Bride (Bronze)
BRIDAL SHOES:
Pink Chilly Bridal (Gold)
FAVOURS:
Sparkling Bride (Gold)
GIFT REGISTRY:
The Wedding Gift List (Gold); Boardmans (Bronze)
HIRING COMPANY:
Trendy Settings (Silver)

HONEYMOON DESTINATION:

Tranquility Lodge (Gold); Porcupine Pie Boutique Lodge (Silver)
MARRIAGE CELEBRANT:
Wed by Jaco (Silver)
TRAVEL AGENTS:
Creative Honeymoon Solutions (Gold)
WEDDING ALBUMS:
Lucinda du Toit Photographic D'Art (Gold)
WEDDING RINGS – RETAIL:
Uwe Koetter (Gold)

PROVINCIAL WINNERS

BRIDAL SHOP:
Annie P Wedding Dress Creation, GP (Gold); GF Bridal Couture, GP (Silver); Pink Chilly, GP (Bronze)
CAKE DESIGN:
The Cake Genie, GP (Gold); Vanilla House Patisserie, WC (Gold)
COUTURE WEDDING DRESS:
L Design, EC (Gold)
FIRST-NIGHT HONEYMOON:
Tranquility Lodge, EC (Gold); The Plantation, EC (Silver);

The Vineyard Hotel, WC (Silver); Tala Game Reserve, KZN (Silver)
FLORAL DESIGN:
Blooms on the Boulevard, GP (Gold); Occasions, KZN (Gold); Casa de Flores, GP (Silver); Oranje Guest Farm, FS (Bronze)
GROOMS' SUIT HIRE:
GF Bridal Couture, GP (Gold)
HAIR STYLIST: Exclusive Bridal Hair, GP (Gold); Hair Innovations, GP (Bronze)
HOTEL RECEPTION:
Chantecler Hotel, KZN (Gold);

The Vineyard Hotel & Spa, WC (Gold)
INDEPENDENT WEDDING PLANNER:
Silver Lining Coordination and Décor, GP (Gold); JA Events, KZN (Gold); Weddings in Africa, EC (Gold); Naunton's Guest House, KZN (Bronze)
IN-HOUSE WEDDING PLANNER:
Owls Nest, GP (Gold); Bella Vista, KZN (Gold); The Vineyard Hotel & Spa, WC (Bronze)

MAKE-UP ARTIST:
Beauty 4 You, GP (Gold); Nicky G Beauty, KZN (Silver); Cathy Heaton, GP (Silver); Lyn Reece, GP (Silver); Make Up By Madeleine Botha, GP (Bronze)
PHOTOGRAPHY:
Nicky G Photographic Studio, KZN (Gold); Face It Photography, GP (Gold); J&D Photography, GP (Silver); Warren Anderson Photography, GP (Silver); Trent Saunders Photography, KZN (Bronze); Lucinda du Toit Photographic

D'Art, GP (Bronze); Digisky Photographic, GP (Bronze); Agape Studio, WC (Bronze)
PROFESSIONAL DJ:
Sound Zone, KZN (Gold); Black-Tie Entertainment, GP (Silver)
RECEPTION CENTRE:
Stonehaven Castle, KZN (Gold); The Plantation, EC (Gold); Oranje Gasteplaas, FS (Gold); Summer Place, GP (Silver); Bella Vista, KZN (Bronze)
STATIONERY:
Save the Date Magnets, KZN

(Gold); Special Occasion Stationery, GP (Gold); RubyGrey Creative, GP (Bronze)
VIDEOGRAPHY:
Hauke Digital Production, GP (Gold); Lucinda du Toit Photographic D'Art, GP (Silver)
For a complete list of winners visit www.vowawards.co.za
WINNING BRIDES '09:
Chantelle Protheroe (R15 000); Odette Bradley and Tamsyn van Heerden (R2 500 each).