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The much-publicized December 19, 2009 nuptials of Jonas Brothers' Kevin Jonas to Danielle Deleasa was a Long Island fairytale celebration that boasted a stunningly appointed enchanted forest theme. Here to share their "big day" tips with Social Life readers is their celebrity event photography/videography/planning team of Anthony Vazquez, Edward Neary of Joseph Edward, and Michael Russo of Roses-n-Lollipops.

Anthony Vazquez's gallery-worthy wedding images are taking the industry by storm. His extraordinary imagery creates spectacular and timeless photos for clients, while offering a level of talent and perspective that is rarely seen in event photography. Visit anthonyvazquez.com.

1. Really connect with your photographer. Make sure you meet him or her and that the vibe and energy is right. You spend the whole day with your photography team, and if you want rocking images this is an absolute must!
2. Check out your photographer's albums to see if he or she has the variety you are looking for. If you want something out-of-the-box, make sure the photographer has that range. Our albums, for example, are handmade and each is customized for the client's specific desires.
3. Make sure to have an excellent hair and makeup team so you are confident at your photo shoots. And don't be afraid to take risks and try something different!

Edward Neary of Joseph Edwards provides event cinematography in New York, the Hamptons, and destinations around the globe. His unique, soulful filming style, passion for his work, and mastery of the latest videography techniques have earned him widespread acclaim and continue to thrill his growing roster of international and celebrity clients. josephedwardsny.com.

1. Hire a videographer who uses small, hand-held equipment and minimal lighting. Overbearing cameras, carts, dollies, and bright lighting is distracting and can make people uncomfortable so that they don't behave naturally, and true emotions become blurred.
2. Motion picture techniques can transform a wedding video into an extraordinary and emotional film. What is called a steadicam gives a

true movie look and feel, while super 8/8mm film (old home movie cameras) lends a wonderfully nostalgic touch that can intensify the dramatic feel of the video.

3. Don't treat your wedding cinematography as an afterthought! Video offers sound and motion while capturing emotion like no other medium, and will instantly transport you back into the moment – and become a treasured keepsake your family and friends will enjoy for generations.



Edward Neary

Event planner Michael Russo's inimitable sense of style and industrious work ethic has earned him the title of one of the country's most in-demand celebrity event planners. His palpable energy and meticulous attention to detail have made him a favorite among countless high profile clients including Shaquille O'Neal, Kevin Jonas, Joey Fatone, Emmanuelle Chriqui, Jamie-Lynn Sigler, Kathy Griffin and Beverley Mitchell. rosesnollipops.com

1. When planning your wedding, set a budget cap on all expenses. Couples commonly spend two or even three times more than anticipated. A few hundred dollars here and there can add up to thousands in the long run!
2. Entertainment is key. I would say spend about a third of your budget on band/DJ/entertainment. When all else fails, people love to dance and have a great time!
3. Think about wedding insurance. It is more affordable than you think, and will be a life saver if needed. Mother nature sometimes has a mind of her own!



Michael Russo