

Rave Reviews

for engage!12 :: the breakers

"engage!12 was the most fabulously run event I have ever been to. It ran like clockwork and was packed with great information, wonderful camaraderie and a whole lot of fun."

Harriette Rose Katz, Gourmet Advisory Services

"All I can say is that your brand is like a very fine wine that keeps on getting better! From the excellent branding, the continued theme from beginning to end, the well thought out and beautifully presented meals and music, you did not miss a beat! More importantly, I loved that you filled a room with successful people who were all candid and honest about not only their strengths, but their weaknesses too. It was good to gather such a great group of professionals and create an environment like you did."

Colin Cowie, Colin Cowie Weddings

"I absolutely enjoy the event. It rejuvenates me and charges my batteries."

Sylvia Weinstock

"One of the most valuable aspects of the engage! wedding conferences is the spirit of creative collaboration it fosters. It is a real testament to what they have created that the events can further even the businesses of industry icons."

Liene Stevens, Think Splendid

"The parties were out of control, the inspiration was plentiful and the swag was bomb, too. I've begun to see things differently in our business and our work and I know the catalyst for that was Engage!."

Matt Blum, Matt Blum Photography

"I absolutely was blown away by engage!12. It was one of the best events I've ever attended! The floral, decor, and gifts... everything was out of this world."

Debbie O'Brien, Orient-Express Hotels

"Just when I think it can't get any better, you find a way to surpass all expectations. It was a magical experience that I will never forget."

Amanda Allen, Newlywish

"If you want to be at the top of your game, you need to be around people who are at the top of their game. Birds of a feather..."

Melissa McDowell, House of Papier

"The lessons and ideas and inspiration we took away from our time at engage! is immeasurable. Thankfully and with much gratitude, we can now count ourselves as true Engagees."

Emily Reifel, CPS Events at The Plaza Hotel

Melissa Perrotti, Great Performances

"If you are working in the luxury wedding market, you can't afford NOT to attend an engage! conference in the future. The knowledge, connections and the experience are priceless."

Debbie Orwat, StudioWed Denver

Planners Lounge

"Each engage! gets better and better!"

Amber Housley, Amber Housley Designs

"I cannot begin to tell you how inspired I was, how refreshed I was, how challenged I was by each of the speakers. As a first timer, I was blown away by the detail and extravagance of the entire event. I felt like I was being pampered the entire time!"

Nancy Ray, Nancy Ray Photography



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"We had such an unbelievable time at engage! It has inspired us in so many ways to be better at what we do personally and professionally!"

Korri McFann, Disney's Fairy Tale Weddings

"I can't tell you how amazing it was -- the seminars, the inspiration and the food! It was an unbelievable event. Thank you so much for creating such a nurturing and fun environment for the industry."

Anne Chertoff, Anne Chertoff Media

"My eyes and ears were wide open, taking in every gorgeous visual detail, and absorbing pieces of wisdom that came from both the stage and one-on-one conversations - the attendees and speakers were each inspirational in their own right."

Anne Pope, Tara Guerard Soiree

"Sheer perfection. A wonderfully rejuvenating, fun and inspired experience that was well worth the investment!"

Karen Bartolomei, Grapevine Paperie

"engage!12 was spectacular - the perfect event!"

Sade Awe, The Bridal Circle

"The engage 'experience' is very special. I don't know of another forum in which wedding industry professionals mix so freely and exchange ideas; those just starting their careers, mid-level event planners and the 'celebrities' of the business... and everyone in between! I came home inspired, thoroughly motivated and armed with so many great ideas that I can 'right size' to the Vermont destination wedding market. And, I have started weaving my own network of industry contacts as a result of the hours we spent gabbing, dining and laughing together over the four-day event."

Ted Kapinos, jasper +prudence floral and events

"Everything about your conference positively overwhelmed me! I arrive, remain and leave impressed."

Kawania Wooten, Howerton + Wooten Events

"Engage was just amazing. Thank you for all that you two do to bring such talent together to share their stories and experiences. I have learned so much!"

Cyn Kain, Cyn Kain Photography

"I had an absolutely amazing time, and cannot wait until the next one!"

Cyrus Farudi, Capsule

"It ROCKED! Seriously. Amazing. The speakers, the branding, the fun, the seeing old friends, seeing new. It was perfection. PERFECTION!"

Ali Phillips, Engaging Events by Ali

"Everything was beyond my expectations, which I can't even articulate!"

Rebecca Crumley, The Knot

"My high of 2012 (and I am still on it) was being able to attend the engage!12 conference and reconnect with so many wonderful, creative, inspiring men and women in our industry. It couldn't have been better timing, I came back energized, excited about what the future has in store for me and ready to tackle the world!"

Leslie Mastin, Leslie Mastin Events

"Words cannot express how much gratitude I have for not only putting on an over the top amazing engage!12, but for bringing so many fabulous people together in one room for a few days of some much needed inspiration & motivation! I feel so extremely lucky to be a part of it and I can't wait until I can attend again."

Heather Lowenthal, Posh Parties



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"The opportunity to mingle and engage with the true leaders in the industry was simply invaluable. An amazing event...the feedback and buzz amongst attendees was palpable!"

Drew Bigda The Resort at PawsUp

"Bravo! All of the details and the tireless thought that went into this...Brilliant!"

Freddi Beth Ross, Total Entertainment

"Thank you for creating an environment where people can come to learn, to be inspired, and to share and get to know each other in a professional and yet ever so personal way. You have built an amazing community - a place to belong and to become more than we are."

Andrea Liss, Hannah Handmade

"Every single time I turned around - all five of my senses were blown away. Everything was perfect. Everything was unique. Thank you for welcoming me into this incredible family. Thank you for showing me so many different ways to raise the bar."

Kara Delay, Love This Day Events

"I cannot express how amazing our experience was at engage!12. I speak on behalf of the entire Sandals Resorts team that we walked away with an astounding amount of knowledge, inspiration, and connections."

Debbie-Ann White, Sandals + Beaches Resorts

"The summit exceeded my every expectation! I left feeling re-energized and inspired (to say the least!)."

Michelle Smits, Disney's Fairy Tale Weddings

"engage! is a business summit that elevates the wedding and destination wedding community to better our businesses. There are epic parties, the best brains from across the industry share their insights, and a room of 250 creative people share and celebrate for several days."

Harmony Walton, Bridal Bar and Jet Fete

"Talk about return on investment - within the first few hours of my arrival at the engage!12 I had networked with planners and industry leaders from other major wedding markets and shared the good news about the booming New Orleans wedding industry, soaked up some incredible words of advice from amazing speakers, and checked into the world-renowned resort The Breakers to experience luxury first-hand."

Valerie Gernhauser, Sapphire Events NOLA

"I couldn't possibly put my first experience at the Breakers into words, so I thought it would be impossible to top the experience I had in 2010. Leave it to the engage! team to raise the bar yet again! engage!12 was an extraordinary three days."

Lindsay Pitt, TOAST Events

"As fabulous as the swag, speakers and soirées are, what I love most about engage! are the people I get to meet and have thought provoking, candid business conversations with. Learning from other planners their best practices and challenges, has been monumental in cultivating my business. I love that this conference breaks down the walls and allows competitors to converse and help each other."

Lindsay Pitt, TOAST Events

"This was my third engage and I have gotten so much from attending. Not only has it provided me inspiration for my business, but has introduced me to tastemakers in the industry that have become not only mentors, but friends."

Beth Chapman, The White Dress by the Shore

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"When I began my business, I thought I had to do it alone. The more I grow, the more I realize how important it is to cultivate not only business relationships, but friendships with those who share the same field of work. What a breath of fresh air that has been for me at engage! sharing a room with hundreds of like-minded business owners, many whom I now call friends."

Nancy Ray, Nancy Ray Photography

"engage! was the most incredible experience of my life! I knew this would be an incredible experience as many people told me it would be the best experience, but it far surpassed this and I cannot wait for ENGAGE13!!!!!! Count me in as I will NEVER miss one, I wish I could attend an ENGAGE monthly!"

Gloria Meti, Gloria Meti Inc.

"If you're in the wedding industry, you MUST attend engage! Its a 3-day luxury event full of inspirational speeches by the leaders in the industry, fabulous cocktail parties, divine dinners, dancing, relaxing, and of course, engaging with some of the most influential and creative people in the industry."

Chellise Michael, Chellise Michael Photography

"Nothing skipped a beat, everything was done to perfection."

Jodi Moraru, EVOKE

"engage! is almost always about celebrating the creativity in all of us as wedding professionals."

Katie Martin, Elegance & Simplicity Inc + Eco-Beautiful Weddings

"engage! is a luxury wedding business summit that has changed my business for the better, helped me develop friendships all over the world and has opened doors for me that have changed my life as a wedding planner, a wife, a daughter, a friend, a sister and aunt."

Ali Phillips, Engaging Events by Ali

"Every detail was perfectly planned and orchestrated. We are a tough bunch to impress, but our expectations were exceeded in every possible way!"

Beth Chapman, The White Dress by the Shore

"engage! is an environment that fosters "engaging" round the clock."

Kasey Conyers, Bliss Wedding + Event Design

"Not your typical conference by far, these epic gatherings are a mingling of minds, hearts and passions."

Kristy Rice, Momental Designs

"Every year, I come to engage! feeling hopeful, nervous, inspired and questioning my passion. I leave...fired up, grateful and determined!"

Stephanie Frasier-Grimm, Couture Parties

"This engage! was a perfect 10!!!"

Lara Casey, Southern Weddings/Lara Casey Media

"I have no words for how tremendous engage!12 has been. We are inspired to take our work to an entirely new level."

Emily Ley, Making Brands Happen

"To some, the engage! conferences and the events that accompany them may seem like a great time and a fantastic party -- and they are -- but they have a more profound impact than meets the eye. They're not just inspirational; they create memories and form bonds that go deeper than business."

Liene Stevens, Think Splendid

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"Blown Away" doesn't even begin to describe my experience. I have attended many other industry conferences which were wonderful, but nothing compared to engage!12."

Debbie Orwat, StudioWed Denver, Planners Lounge

"To say that it exceeded my expectations is not descriptive enough. Saying that "The game has officially changed" is a better depiction of what happened to me {while at engage!}. Within that time frame unyielding inspiration fell daily, accelerated growth was ignited, meant-to-be friendships were forged, and my drive, which was already in full-gear, has hit the autobahn."

Melissa McDowell, House of Papier

"engage!12 was a magical experience!"

Emily Thomas, Southern Weddings

"I loved engage!12 SO much! Everything was amazing!"

Katie Fischer Cohen, Katie Fischer Design

"I'm still absorbing everything I learned and experienced at engage!12. I'm forever changed by the people I met and the connections I made. I'm bursting with renewed passion and excitement about my industry and the privilege of being able to work as a wedding planner and designer."

Michelle Gainey, Lemiga Events

"As I continue to grow my business and attend more of this conference, I only feel more faith that there are so many good, smart, artistic and extraordinary people in this world. People that are so willing to share their personal stories for a greater good...And you'll definitely find them there at this happy place called, engage!"

Amber Housley, Amber Housley Designs

"I have gleaned priceless information about our industry and how to further develop my own business. I have solidified connections with colleagues I knew from afar. I have experienced many different people through their candid and heartfelt speeches. And I have had the joy of making wonderful new friends. Part of what makes engage! so special is the spirit in which everyone arrives. It is clear that we all come to seek and to share. People are open. People are smiling. People are happy."

Valerie Romanoff, Starlight Orchestras

"From the inspiration and insights from amazing speakers to the amazing event design down to the smallest detail...the general fabulousness of it all was truly amazing!"

Dora Manuel, Viva Bella Events

"I'm hooked and will be back as much as possible! I am so happy for what this summit has done to enhance my perspective in business and life. I feel like I can take on the world!"

Valerie Gernhauser, Sapphire Events NOLA

"I couldn't afford not to attend. Being in the room, hearing the top event planners speak and being able to share conversations with my industry idols such as Mindy Weiss, Todd Fiscus, David Beahm, Marcy Blum, Colin Cowie, Tara Guerard and Brian Rafanelli was a priceless experience."

Debbie Orwat, StudioWed DenverPlanners Lounge

"engage! is not cheap and it is not intended to be. engage!'s value is distinguished by content and attendees, never price. The sustainable premium means engage! will always have opportunities to distinguish itself further. If engage! ever becomes about price, there will be no place to go."

Sean Low, The Business of Being Creative

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