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# WIPA

Wedding Industry Professionals Association  
NEW YORK

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Dear WIPA NYC Family,

As we head into the second half of 2025, I just want to take a moment to reflect on everything we've accomplished together so far this year. It's been inspiring to see how this chapter continues to grow, evolve, and lead with heart.

We kicked off the year with a packed event at Kleinfeld Bridal that brought our industry together in the most iconic way. From meaningful conversations to impactful connections, it truly set the tone for what WIPA NYC is all about.

Then we took things to a whole new level with our Latin Multicultural Wedding Event. That day was more than just an event—it was a celebration of culture, representation, and the diversity that makes our city and our industry so powerful. It reminded all of us why we do what we do, and how important it is to create space for every story and every background.

And we're only halfway through the year.

There's so much more ahead, from our Wellness Day to our end-of-year Gala, and each one of these moments is a chance for you to learn, grow, and connect. Being a WIPA NYC member means more than just attending events. It means being part of a community that supports one another, that wants to see each other win, and that is committed to raising the standard in everything we do.

Whether you've been here since the beginning or just joined us recently, I want you to know how much your energy and presence matter. Your voice is helping shape the future of this industry. Let's keep showing up. Let's keep building. And let's finish 2025 stronger than ever.

With gratitude,  
Barbie Patel  
President, WIPA New York City Chapter

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# SAY "YES" TO WIPA

Our first educational event of 2025 was held on March 24th at Kleinfeld Bridal, featuring a panel of speakers who discussed the significance of personalization in creating unique wedding experiences. Remarkably, the event sold out in just 14 days!



## SPONSORS:

**Event Planner:** [Sheri Israel with Weddings Accomplished](#)  
**Venue & Panelist:** [Kleinfeld Bridal](#)  
**Panelist:** [Michelle Donson with LM Media Worldwide](#)  
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**Cakes and Panelist:** [Ron Ben Israel Cakes](#)  
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# ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL RELATIVISM WORKSHOP ~ LATIN CULTURE ~

The second educational event of 2025, our Annual Multicultural Relativism Workshop centered on Latin Culture, was held at Lavan Midtown on June 17th. Instead of the typical seated panel discussion, guests participated actively while discovering the traditions, customs, rituals, and superstitions from Argentina, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Spain. Attendees also enjoyed learning dances from the five countries.

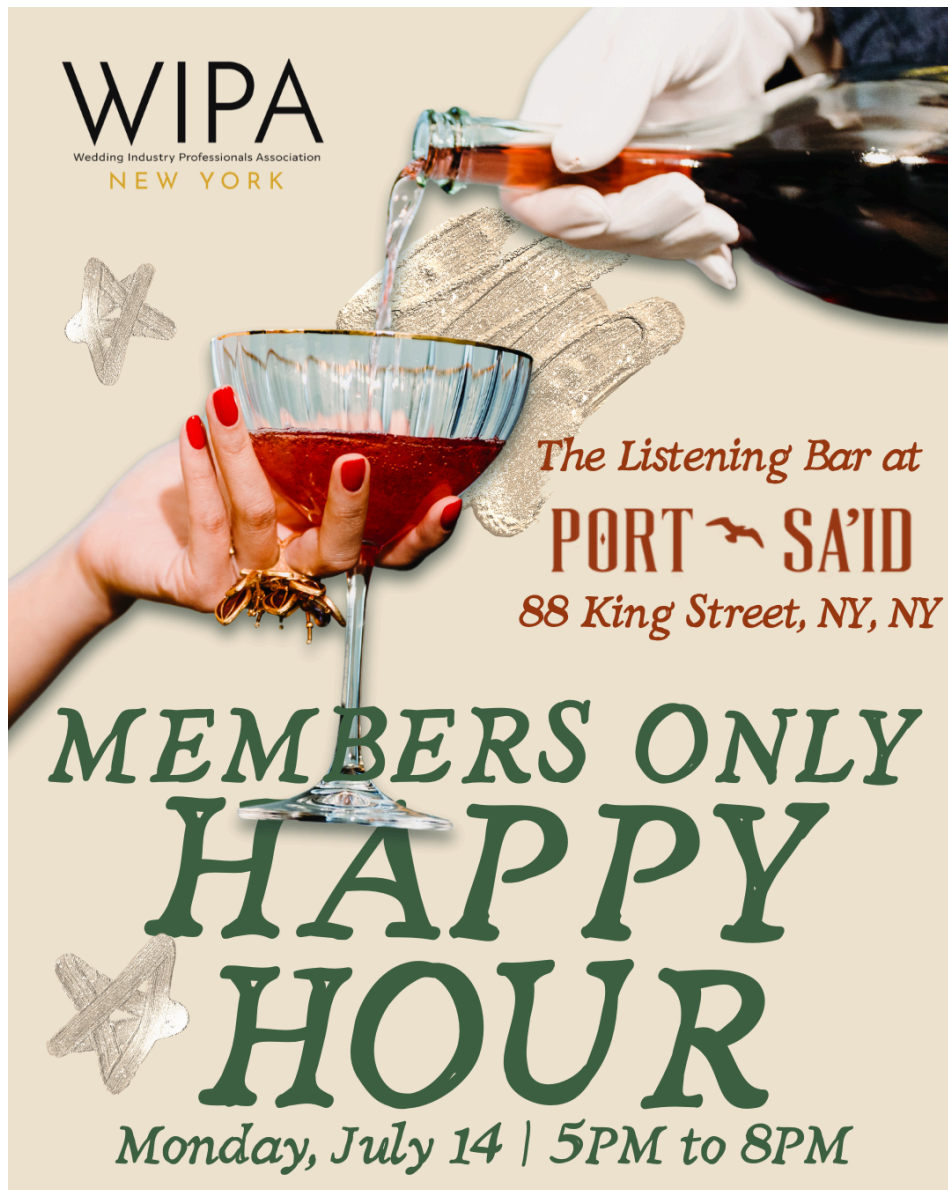


## SPONSORS:

**Event Planner:** [Jose Rolon with Jose Rolon Events](#)  
**Venue:** [Lavan Midtown](#)  
**Food and Beverage:** [Delivering Experiences](#)  
**Floral Design:** [House of Berna](#)  
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**Immersive Entertainment:** [Jordan Kahn Orchestra](#)  
**Draping:** [Tina Mamkegh with Quest Events](#)  
**Event Production:** [Shades of Grey Productions](#)

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Members Only Education Event:** Date and Location TBD

**Wellness Day:** September 30 - Prince George Ballroom

**End of Year Gala:** December 2 - JW Marriott Essex House

# MEMBER KNOWLEDGE CENTER



*We*  
**NEED YOU!**

**Now accepting applications for  
Gala Sponsors**

*December 2, 2025  
JW Marriott Essex House*

- Gala Event Planner
- Stationery
- Event Design
- Photography
- Videography
- Floral Design
- Photo Booth
- Rentals
- and more...

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**UPDATE**

**New disciplines now available on  
wipa.org!**

**Log in to the Member Center to  
ensure your company is listed  
under the appropriate discipline  
(service/product).**

Apparel-Wedding Gowns-Styling  
Beauty Services  
Hair-Make-up  
Beverage-Bar Service  
Cakes-Bakers  
Calligraphy Services-Stationer-Printing  
Catering  
Childcare & Pet Services  
Dance Lessons & Choreography  
Décor  
Designer  
Entertainment  
Event Design  
Floral Design  
Hotel  
Media-Wedding Publications  
Officiant  
Photography  
Photo Booth  
Rentals  
Staffing Services  
Technical Services & Audio Visual & Lighting  
Transportation  
Travel  
Venue  
Videography  
Wedding Business Support Services  
Wedding Planner  
Writing & Painting  
Other

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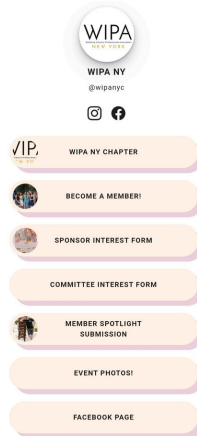
Try the following tips:

- 1- Add [noreply@wipa.org](mailto:noreply@wipa.org) to your safe senders list
- 2- Check your settings in the [Member Center](#)
- 2a- Make sure "Opt out of emails" is NOT checked
- 2b- Be sure New York is selected on the "Email Distribution List"

## INTERESTED IN SPONSORING AN EVENT?

Click to fill out our form below to let us know you're interested in being a sponsor!  
Members are always our first choice, so let us know.

[SPONSOR INTEREST FORM](#)



## Did you know...?

We have a [lnk.bio](#) where you can find easy to access links for WIPA NY info!

## GET FEATURED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA!

Click below to fill out our spotlight form!

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**Also tag @wipanyc  
on your posts and stories!**

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AUTO-  
RENEWAL  
FOR DUES!**