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Top spots for celebrations

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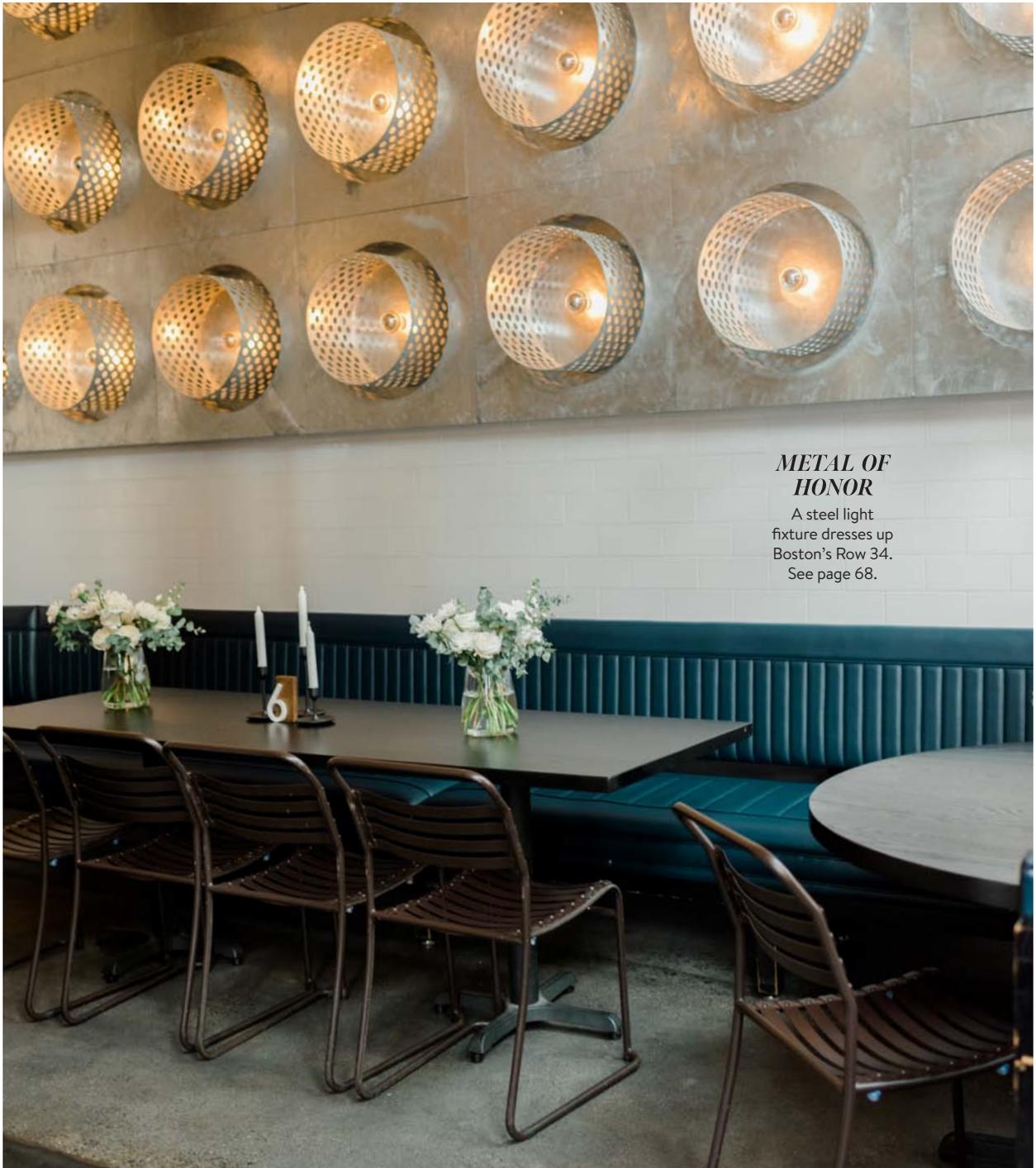
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METAL OF HONOR

A steel light fixture dresses up Boston's Row 34. See page 68.

Lap of Luxury

Whether it's metropolitan glitz and glam or picturesque views of the Northeast's natural beauty, New England's top-notch hotels can fit any vision for your big day.

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SEASIDE STUNNER

For your big day at **the ViewPoint Hotel**, let love be your beacon—or look beyond the altar to the iconic Nubble Lighthouse in the distance. The York, Maine, resort boasts authentic New England charm with its sweeping views of the Atlantic, rocky coasts, and, yes, even a historical lighthouse. But don't let the scenery steal the show on your big day; make an entrance to remember on the winding stone staircase leading to the aisle, set up on the property's manicured emerald lawn. Afterward, a sailcloth tent aglow with bistro lights creates an elegant ambiance for post-ceremony dancing and dining. (The ViewPoint partners with local caterers offering fresh coastal cuisine, from chilled mussels to Maine salmon tartare.) Bonus: The oceanside hotel's nine luxury suites underwent extensive renovations in 2018, so you can be sure that guests who choose to stay over will retire comfortably at the end of the night.



THE VIEWPOINT HOTEL ▲

York, Maine
HEAD COUNT Up to 175 seated
PRICE Starting at \$35,000

REHEARSAL DINNER

For a celebratory meal that suits your nautical nuptials, feast in **Dockside's** semiprivate dining room overlooking York Harbor. The restaurant serves up classic New England fare, including its signature "Drunken Lobster" sauté, a spread of buttery shellfish nestled in potatoes, cream, and Irish whiskey.

ART DECO DRAMA

Ditch tired tradition for swanky wedding-day swagger at the **Graduate Providence**, located in its namesake city in Rhode Island. Formerly the Providence Biltmore, the historical boutique hotel—decked out with trendy décor and retro finishes—was fully renovated and rebranded with a new name in 2019. For your big day, choose the art-deco-inspired Capital Ballroom,

featuring opulent columns and glittering chandeliers, or opt for the smaller but equally stunning Summit Rooms for a more intimate affair. While its aesthetic drips drama, the Graduate keeps weddings stress-free by providing a seasoned planner to help you navigate all the details of your ceremony and reception. The only pressure you'll face? Choosing from the hotel's sizable list of food options, courtesy of the in-house catering team. (Do you pick the comprehensive seasonal buffet or a custom plated dinner, featuring dishes such as chicken *française* and champagne-and-asparagus risotto?) Talk about a good problem to have.

COUNTRY GLAMOUR

The Williams Inn may have made its debut in the summer of 2019, but its luxe interiors—inspired by the stone and timber of local farmhouses—possess all the Old World, rustic charm of the Berkshires. With 3,200 square feet of space dedicated to hosting expertly planned events, the venue can accommodate indoor affairs in its wood-accented ballroom, bright with natural light. Plus, the service here is top-notch: The inn offers an experienced event coordinator, a locally sourced charcuterie display, a custom cake, an open bar, and other thoughtful features in every wedding package. Hosting an airy soiree out on the lush lawn? The staff will even provide fans and shawls, as well as flip-flops so guests can comfortably dance the night away.

GRADUATE PROVIDENCE ▶

Providence, Rhode Island
HEAD COUNT Up to 240 seated
PRICE starting at \$99 per person

UNIQUE VENDOR

Mirror, mirror on the wall, whose photo booth tops them all? With Providence-based **Magic Mirror**, you can choose from a variety of backgrounds and props, pose in front of the interactive, touchscreen mirror, and get wedding-reception memories sent to your phone immediately—just like magic.



THE WILLIAMS INN ▶

Williamstown, Massachusetts
HEAD COUNT 225 seated
PRICE Starting at \$120 per person

PREWEDDING ADVENTURE

Saddle up and explore the Berkshires' lush forests, gentle streams, and seemingly endless grassy fields with your loved ones—and a four-hooved friend. DeMayo's **Bonnie Lea Farm** offers guided horseback rides through miles of trails woven throughout the family-owned property.

