

TORONTO STAR  
thestar.com  
*National*  
**BRIDAL SHOW**

**JANUARY 22-24, 2010**

**Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place**

Hours: Friday 5 pm - 9 pm \* Saturday 10 am - 9 pm \* Sunday 10 am - 6 pm



*Brides-To-Be*  
**FREE  
ADMISSION**

REGISTER ONLINE, JANUARY SHOW ONLY!

ENTER TO WIN A  
**\$4000**

HOME DÉCOR  
PRIZE PACKAGE

The Bay & Home Outfitters  
National Gift Registry

**SLICE™  
CASTING CALL!**

VISIT THE  
RICH BRIDE POOR BRIDE

booth to fill out an  
application and audition  
on camera!

For more information on ticket prices, directions and promotions visit us online

**www.bridesintoronto.com**



# Making a toast to remember

Being asked to be someone's best man or maid of honour is an honour to be cherished. Often the best friend of the groom or bride, the best man and maid of honour often want to reciprocate the honour of their role with a toast that illustrates just how much they care for the bride or groom.

But once the time comes to sit down and think about their toast, the best man or maid of honour are often in the dark. Giving a wedding toast, after all, is not an everyday event, and for many people it will be a one-time experience, if they're even asked at all. Though a certain amount of pressure comes with the responsibility of giving a toast, keeping a few ideas in mind when writing a toast will make the process go more smoothly.

• Thank the guests. Thanking the guests for attending is a good way to break the ice. Be sure to thank the hosts as well. Traditionally, the hosts are the bride's parents. However, thanks to the escalating costs of weddings, many are now financed by both the bride and groom's parents, and oftentimes by the bride and groom themselves. Therefore, you can avoid any missteps and simply thank the parents of the bride and groom after thanking the guests for joining in the festivities.

• Introduce yourself. While the bride and groom certainly know who you are, chances are many of the guests do not. Introduce yourself at the beginning of your toast. When doing so, you can explain your relationship to the bride or groom.

• Keep things light. While jokes should remain appropriate (every wedding has kids in attendance), keeping the toast jovial is a good way to keep the festive mood of the day going.

• Add an anecdote. Add a light-hearted anecdote that illustrates your relationship to the bride or groom and how much they mean to you. An older brother, for instance, might tell a tale of the innocent joking around brothers do, while a younger sister might spin a funny yarn about how she once used all of her older sister's makeup. Just make sure the anecdote is appropriate for everyone in the audience.

• Raise a glass, but do so after the toast, and not before. While everyone knows to raise a glass at the end of the toast, some best men or maids of honour raise one too many glasses before it's time to give their toast. Don't drink to excess before it's time for you to give your toast, or you'll risk being the talk of the reception for all the wrong reasons.

—Metro Editorial Services



**Find  
a car.  
Fast.**

Wheels.ca has tens of thousands of active listings and lets you search and compare multiple vehicles at once. So finding the right car is easy. And fast.



**Wheels.ca**

Your friend in the  
automotive business.