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Elizabeth's promises 2008 will be an exciting year

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This year promises to be another exciting bridal season as wedding gown styles continue to evolve. The newest designer at Elizabeth's is Sophia Tolli, best known for her work with Maggie Sottero. Tolli's designs feature fitted lace back corset bodices with skirts that hug the curves of the body. Many of the gowns in her line are constructed of light weight taffeta fabrics and feature beautiful hand stitched pleating with lace and crystal accents. From the slimmest aline skirt to the extra full bouffant style, Tolli makes every gown fit for a princess.

Much more attention is being placed on infusions of colour in both embroidery and beadwork. For a more dramatic look wide sashes and bands of colour are available in many contrasting shades. Traditional gowns of rich peau satin in shades of white or ivory continue to be updated in the 2008 collections with the addition of metallic embroidery in both silver and gold to add a touch of sparkle. There is a resurgence of rich beaded lace fabrics integrated into many of the designers' collections; this proves to be a hint of what will be seen in the near future.

Elizabeth's offers an outstanding selection of bridal gowns from size 0-32 plus. Many of the sample gowns are "fit to be tried" which feature adjustable panels that can change the size of the gown from 4-24 plus. This feature gives everyone the chance to feel the fit of the gown in their own size and takes the guesswork out of fittings.

On a budget? You don't need to "cross the border" to save money. Sale gowns are always available, priced from \$99 to \$399. Special orders take a minimum of 12 weeks to deliver, so be sure to shop early. Elizabeth's services all clients from start to finish and offers complimentary steaming and pressing of new gowns, with cloth garment bags for transporting and storing your gown. Alteration services are

available on-site for an additional charge.

New for 2008 is the increased use of crinkle taffeta in many of the bridesmaids' collections. This shimmering fabric offers many iridescent colour options and is extremely lightweight. Fun and flirty cocktail length gowns are still favourites, especially those in soft flowing chiffon and organza fabrics. Looking for something a little different? Why not try a touch of contrasting colour on your bridesmaids' gowns. Warm rich shades such as espresso can be softened with a touch of pink. The options are endless when playing with colour and Alfred Angelo has expanded its selection to 55 fabulous shades and plus size gowns are available at no additional cost for all new 2008 orders.

Today's mother of the bride or groom is looking for something young and simple. Clean, uncluttered lines such as those offered in the Belsoie collection have become a hit. This formal collection features simple clean lines in soft flowing fabrics and offers all of their designs in an outstanding array of colours. Alfred Angelo continues to expand its separates collection for the mother with the addition of 20 new pieces to their Special Occasion Collection. Mix and match your styles and sizes in your choice of 55 colours, the possibilities are endless!

Elizabeth's continues to participate in bridal shows that allow them to showcase the newest styles on available on the market. Upcoming shows include the Mississauga Bridal Show at The Living Arts Centre Sunday, January 13, featuring a bridal blowout sale from 9 a.m.-4p.m. on the upper level. Elizabeth's will also be participating in *The Brampton Guardian's* bridal event on Sunday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Mississauga Convention Center. If you would like more information about Elizabeth's on the upcoming shows call 905-873-1470 or by e-mail elizabethfashions@cogeco.ca

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