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## FALL'S GLAMOUR GOWNS

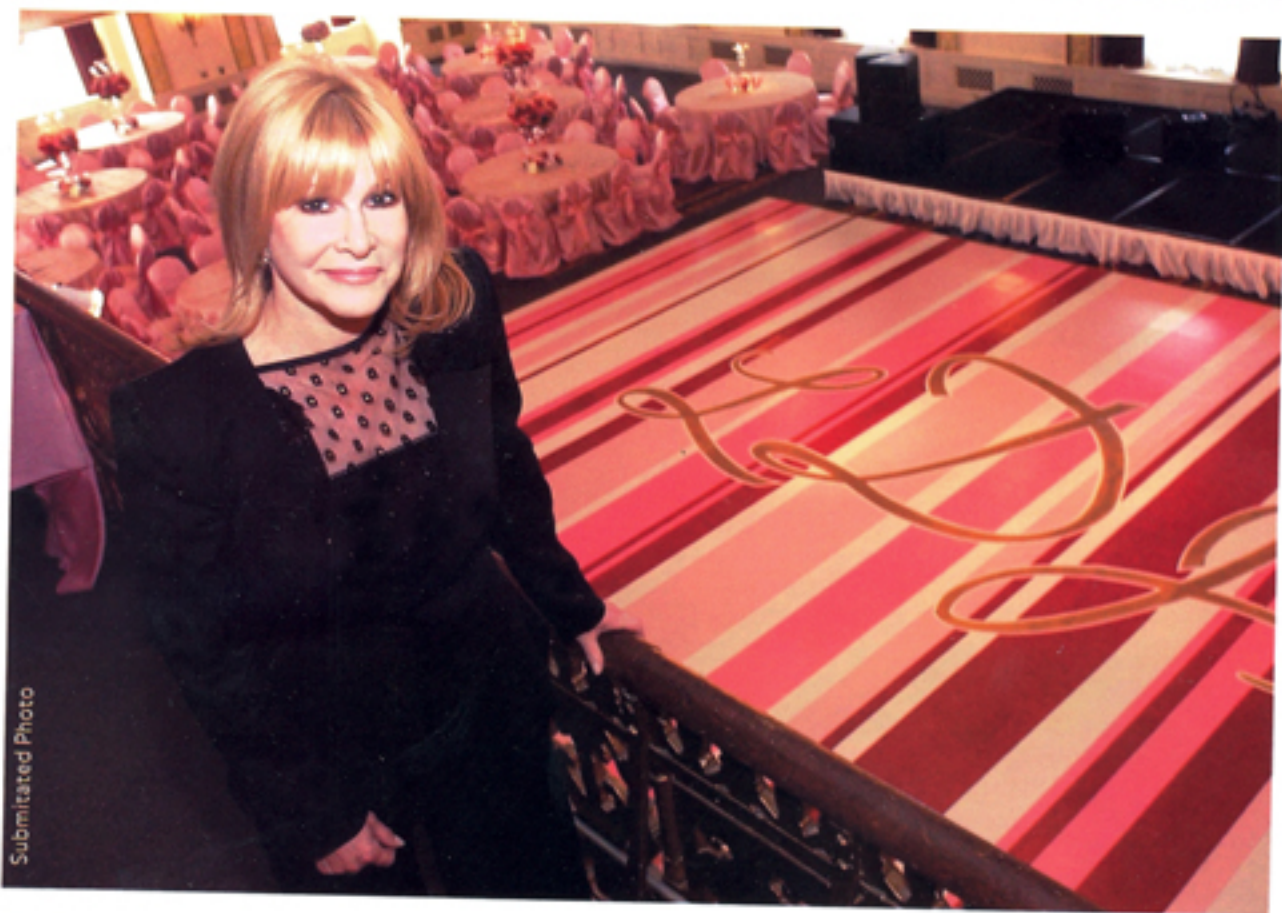
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And what's in  
Jim Roddey's closet?



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## BONNIE CHIRIGOS, CREATIVE AFFAIRS INC. AND STUDIO-E

The wedding plans were almost complete: 75 guests at Round Hill Hotel and Villas in Jamaica, a sunset rehearsal dinner, the ceremony on a balcony overlooking the Caribbean Sea, and a reception celebration beneath luxurious silk canopies.

But Bonnie Chirigos wasn't finished.

Each guest received a gift bag that was hand woven by a woman Chirigos met while scouting the

island. The bags were personalized with the same logo Chirigos created for the couple's wedding stationery. The totes were filled with beach towels, suntan lotion, visors and flip-flops stamped with the couple's names on the soles.

"With everyone walking around, their names were all over the beach for a week," she says. "It was very cute."

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Chirigos has brought her unique style to weddings and other events for more than 20 years as founder of Creative Affairs Inc. and studio-e-entertainment. She loves tradition, she says, but always strives to do something fresh, stylish and very personal.

“I have a unique clientele,” she says. “They come to me because they want something a little out of the box. They want to be traditional, but they want something that’s a little bit more in touch with their personal style.”

It might be a Moroccan-inspired post-reception bash complete with round beds topped by chiffon canopies, or a special performance by Michael Bolton for the newlyweds’ first dance.

“We’re always a little bit different. I love it when someone walks into a room and says, ‘Oh, this is a Bonnie party,’” she says. “I care about tradition, and I care about things that are fresh and new.”

—BY MAGGI POTTS



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