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## SUNDAY BEST WEDDING TRENDS

# VOWS TO WOW

Unique venues with relaxed, fun atmosphere highlight romantic spring wedding season

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The classiest gown. The best-dressed groomsmen. A festive farm or chic downtown venue. Planning a wedding comes with plenty of decisions, and we're here to help. If you haven't found the perfect dress or your favorite flowers, this list of wedding trends can put you on the path to what's hot this season.

### Location, location, location

"Creative and unique wedding locations like summer camps, ranches, mountaintop lodges and rustic retreats are all very popular right now," Maggie Lord, founder of Rustic Wedding Chic, says.

Couples also are leaning toward exotic venues such as castles, private estates, museums and even caves. The best part about a unique venue choice is that you don't have to go overboard on all of the décor — you can let the space speak for itself. But keep in

mind that the logistics could be trickier than they would in a traditional wedding venue.

### Flower power

Environmentally conscious couples might opt for a just-picked-from-the-garden look for wedding flowers. Choices could be softly colored, mixed blooms such as garden roses, tulips and sweet peas for spring and summer weddings.

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## Garth Brooks adds 4 shows at Bryce Jordan Center

From staff and wire reports

Country singer Garth Brooks will play six shows, including back-to-back performances in late April and early May, at State College's Bryce Jordan Center. He was scheduled to perform 7 p.m. May 1 and 2. He added four shows at the Penn State venue and also will perform 7 p.m. April 24; 7 and 10:30 p.m. April 25; and 10:30 p.m. May 2. Tickets for the shows are \$63.23 before fees. Vis-

it [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or call 800-745-3000.

His 2015 Garth Brooks World tour, alongside wife Trisha Yearwood, marks his full-time return to the road since retiring in 2001 to spend more time with his family.

Brooks released his ninth studio album, "Man Against Machine," last year. The album marked his entry into digital music through the launch of GhostTunes, his own online retailer and download/stream-

ing service, and he became the best-selling solo artist of any genre in the U.S. His 135 million albums sold put him just above Elvis. Only the Beatles have done better.

At the concerts, Brooks said he will play a few songs from his new album and some fan favorites.

"When I go see the guys I love, I pay my money, I go stand in my seat — I come to hear the old stuff," he told The (Portland) Oregonian. "We'll play a sprinkling of the new album. But the ma-

jority of stuff we're going to play is old stuff because we got eight studio records compared to one new record."

Brooks told the newspaper he hopes to tour for another 20 years.

"I love every second of it, and can't get enough of it — I don't even want to use the word 'work.' No matter how busy I am, it's fantastic," he said.

The (Portland) Oregonian contributed to this article.



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