

Business of the Month

From The Confetti Box



THE Confetti Box has gone from strength to strength over the past 21 years. Maria Kelly, who heads this family-run firm and a designer for 25 years, said: "My business is very well established within the bridal industry – so much so that we were nominated for Best Bridal Retailer 2006 and also we were finalists for Best Window Display in the national competition"

With more than 400 gowns now in-store, Maria's bridesmaids' department has the largest selection in the north west with more than 165 styles to choose from – all in fantastic colour ways.

The menswear department ranges from Italian silk suits to buy (or suits for the groom who is going abroad to get married) to traditional suits to hire. Maria has seen all the fashions come and go over the years. Do you remember Princess Diana's gown which started the rage for big puffball sleeves which lasted the whole of the '80s?

In Maria's opinion: "You will always get slightly odd styles but on the whole these days, brides are so much more sophisticated and generally know what

they want." With all the gowns beautifully housed over four floors and with more than 12 different designers to choose from, Maria and her family have decided to expand so they have purchased a new shop to cater for exclusive mother-of-the-bride fashions. It is called Diva Couture and the great thing about the new shop is that it's next door so everything can now be co-ordinated from the bride and bridesmaids' colours to the groom's wear. And let's face it, there is a diva in every mum!

The Confetti Box prides itself on having its own in-house headdress designer who can create that perfect look. Whether it is a funky design or a traditional tiara, you can rest assured that you will be with true professionals who will make choosing your special outfit a complete pleasure.

The Confetti Box is based at 19 Church Street, Eccles, Manchester.

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THE grand opening of Diva Couture took place last Saturday, January 20 with the Mayor and Mayoress of Salford performing the ceremony. The new store now adds another dimension to complement its sister store – The Confetti Box. Diva Couture is next door but one to The Confetti Box and it is exclusively tailored for mother-of-the-bride and grooms' fashions. Once again, this new centre is situated in a beautiful Victorian-listed building. The fashions cover three floors and everything has been

designed to the highest standards with all the top designer names included as well as labels such as Condici, Presen, Michel Ambers, John Charles and Frank Usher to name but a few. Diva Couture also stocks Italian shoes and handbags. It also has its own in-house head dress designer who can cement the whole outfit together with designer fascinators or hats.

Diva Couture is based at 23 Church Street, Eccles, Manchester. Telephone 0161 707 8880.



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