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Wedding Consultant to the Stars David Tutera to Appear at the 2022 Columbus Weddings Show on Jan. 15 and 16

(Columbus) – The 2022 <u>Columbus Weddings Show</u>, presented by Worthington Jewelers, returns to the Ohio Expo Center, 717 E. 17th Ave., in Kasich Hall on Saturday, Jan. 15, and Sunday, Jan. 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Through a VIP experience, guests can meet celebrity wedding planner, author and TV host **David Tutera. Tutera will also** make a daily appearance between two Runway Shows, which will be overseen by Columbus Fashion Council founder **Thomas McClure.**

The event that Central Ohio engaged couples look forward to every year has returned and includes everything to-be-weds can imagine to map out their perfect day: more than 125 wedding companies and experts offering guidance and products from the ring to the honeymoon and everything in between. Couples will be inspired, generate new ideas, meet with vendors and designers face-to-face and get their toughest questions answered—all under one roof. Attendees can taste samples from 20+ chefs and bakers including cakes, sweets, caterers' special creations and hors d'oeuvres. They also have the opportunity to see the most wedding gowns in one place, inspect invitation designs, compare photographers' work and consult with other wedding professionals. Many vendors will offer special discounts only to show attendees.

"We are tremendously excited to be back after a pandemic-forced pause, and to have the opportunity to present one of the best wedding shows in years," said Emma Frankart Henterly, editor of *Columbus Weddings* magazine and Columbus Weddings Show spokesperson. "We are fortunate to be able to book David Tutera – our audience loves him because he is highly entertaining, has a vast knowledge of the mechanics of putting together a successful and memorable wedding event and has seen it all!"

The Columbus Weddings Runway Show, choreographed by Thomas McClure, will feature the latest trends in gowns by David's Bridal and Dublin Bridal, and men's formalwear by Dublin Bridal and Men's Wearhouse. The Runway Shows are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. both days. David Tutera will make his appearance from 2:15 to 3 p.m. both days.

Awarded "Best Celebrity Wedding Planner" by *Life & Style Magazine*, **David Tutera** is an event planner, bridal fashion designer, author and professional speaker. He is the host of WE TV shows *My Fair Wedding with David Tutera* and *David Tutera's CELEBrations*. Tutera is the author of seven books, including *My Fair Wedding*, *The Big White Book Of Weddings: The How-To Guide For The Savvy, Stylish Bride* and *Disney's Fairy Tale Weddings*. David Tutera has teamed up with Mon Cheri Bridals to create his wedding dress collection; David Tutera for Mon Cheri bridal gowns are available at more than 600 authorized retailers internationally. His client list includes – among many others – Jewel, Star Jones, NY Giants' Antonio Pierce, Shannen Doherty, Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey, Elton John, Barbara Walters, and Nancy Reagan.

Thomas McClure is the founder and executive director of the Columbus Fashion Council, a nonprofit organization that has a mission to provide scholarships to fashion design students while providing a platform for local and emerging fashion designers. The organization oversees Fashion Week Columbus while developing additional programs that help elevate and develop Central Ohio's fashion industry and community. Since 2010, the organization has provided almost \$40,000 in scholarship funds to Central Ohio fashion design students, provided a platform for more than 150 Ohio-based designers and over 2000 models and has produced more than 130 fashion shows. **Women's Wear Daily** ranks Columbus No. 3 in the nation for the number of resident fashion designers, behind Los Angeles and New York.

Ticketing Information

Early-bird tickets are now available online, courtesy of Twirl, at www.CbusWeddings.com. Pricing and special packages are as follows:

Individual:

Early bird = \$10 online After December 31 = \$12 online At the door = \$15

Couples Pack (admission for two):

Early bird = \$18 online After December 31 = \$20 online At the door = \$25

Squad Pack (admission for four):

Early bird = \$32 online After December 31 = \$36 online only Squad Packs must be purchased online in advance.

Parking is \$5 cash. Tickets for the VIP Experience with David Tutera are \$25 and will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis to the first 30 guests for each day of the show. Tickets must be purchased online.

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