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DONNIE BROWN

BIO

The wedding day, for most people, is one of the most stressful of their lives. So how has wedding planner Donnie Brown, JWIC survived more than 2,000 of them? He has a secret weapon. "I try to use humor on a day-to-day basis," he says. "Humor makes the day more fun."

But Brown's warm and wacky sense of humor has done more than just smooth over nuptial nerves: it's also made him a reality TV star. Fans of the Style Network's top-rated reality show *Whose Wedding Is It Anyway?*, tune in regularly to watch Brown and other big-city wedding planners pull out all the stops to give couples the weddings of their dreams. And with his clever one-liners, and gregarious personality, Texas native Brown quickly became a fan favorite.

Brown has survived some of a planner's worst nightmares during "Weddings" eight seasons, including a stained wedding dress and a cake threatening to topple, all while mastering grace under pressure... on camera!

Brown's career as wedding guru began at age 16 in Lubbock, Texas, by helping out some friends who owned a floral shop with weekend weddings. It also proved a lucrative enough hobby to allow Brown to put himself through college at Texas Tech University. In 1994, he went pro, opening Dallas-based Five Star Floral Design and Events. Soon Brown had established a reputation in town as a top-notch wedding professional. His clients appreciated his talents with floral arrangements and décor, but more so, his lighthearted approach to a process that can quickly become overwhelming.

In 2001, Brown landed a high-profile celebrity client when country star LeAnn Rimes and fiancé Dean Sheremet hired him to create the perfect look for their wedding day. The couple had been impressed by his enthusiasm and positive energy, which they knew he'd need for their star-studded nuptials. Brown has also worked with actresses Dixie Carter and Emma Thompson as well as the Democratic National Committee and The Dallas Cowboys to show his amazing versatility.

In 2003, Brown became a celebrity himself when *Whose Wedding Is It Anyway?* debuted and quickly became a cult hit. After eight seasons, Brown had emerged as a fan favorite and was the only original planner left. When Style launched another wedding-related series, *Married Away*, in 2006, Brown was back helping couples plan and execute destination weddings.

Between tapings, weddings and his day-to-day business, Brown travels the country speaking at bridal expos and other wedding-related events. Fans flock to see their favorite TV planner in person, and he doesn't disappoint, delivering a gut-busting comedy routine that draws on his real-life experiences and instructs couples on how to get through their big day.

Brown is currently compiling some of his best anecdotes and most useful wedding wisdom into a humorous nuptial planning manual that will feature his trademark bon mots and belly laughs.

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