

# THE TOP 50 PEOPLE IN EVENTS

## AUDIOVISUAL & LIGHTING DESIGN

**BART KRESA**  
Bart Kresa Design, *Master Projections Designer*  
Los Angeles

**IRA LEVY**  
Levy Lighting, *President*  
New York

**BENTLEY MEEKER**  
Bentley Meeker Lighting and Staging, *Owner*  
New York

**JON RETSKY**  
Got Light, *Co-Owner*  
San Francisco



Jon Retsky, Got Light

## CATERING

**RON BEN-ISRAEL**  
Ron Ben-Israel Cakes, *Owner*  
New York

**SUZANNE BLEZARD**  
Union Square Events, *Director of Sales & Events*  
New York

**PETER CALLAHAN**  
Peter Callahan Catering, *Owner & Creative Director*  
New York

**SEBASTIEN CENTNER**  
Eatertainment, *Owner & Creative Director*  
Toronto

**ANDREA CORREALE**  
Elegant Affairs, *President & Founder*  
New York

**MARY DEARBORN**  
CxRA, *Vice President*  
New York

**CHRIS DIVINEY**  
Abigail Kirsch, *General Manager*  
New York

**MARY GIULIANI**  
Mary Giuliani Catering and Events, *Owner*  
New York

**BILL HOMAN**  
Design Cuisine, *Co-Owner*  
Washington

**ERIC MICHAEL**  
Occasions Caterers, *Co-Founder & Creative Director*  
Washington

**LIZ NEUMARK**  
Great Performances, *C.E.O.*  
New York

**SIMON POWLES**  
Starr Catering Group, *Founder & C.E.O.*  
Philadelphia

**CARLA RUBEN**  
Creative Edge Parties, *President*  
New York

**CARL SCHUSTER**  
Wolfgang Puck Catering, *C.E.O. & Managing Partner*  
Los Angeles

**BOB SPIEGEL**  
Pinch Food Design, *Chef & Owner*  
New York

**JOACHIM SPICHAL**  
Patina Catering, *Chef & Co-Founder*  
Los Angeles

**CHRIS VERRIOS**  
Centerplate, *C.E.O.*  
Boston

**SYLVIA WEINSTOCK**  
Sylvia Weinstock Cakes, *Owner*  
New York

## CONFERENCE PLANNERS & PRODUCERS

**CHRIS ANDERSON**  
TED, *Curator*  
New York

**RYAN BEGELMAN**  
Summit, *Co-Founder*  
New York

**STACEY FOREMAN**  
NewCo, *Executive Producer*  
San Francisco

**HUGH FORREST**  
SXSW Interactive Festival, *Director*  
Austin

**KAT GORDON**  
The 3% Conference, *Founder*  
San Francisco

**CYNTHIA HORNKETH**  
Gartner Summits, *V.P., Program Management*  
Stamford, Conn.

**JIM LOUDERBACK**  
VidCon, *C.E.O.*  
San Francisco

**MOJ MAHDARA**  
Beautycon, *Founder*  
Los Angeles

**CHARLES MELCHER**  
Melcher Media and Future of Storytelling, *Founder*  
New York

**RICHARD ST-PIERRE**  
C2 Montréal, *President*  
Montreal

**LAURIE WHITE**  
Conference for Women, *Founder*  
San Francisco

**SCOTT WILCOX**  
SWSX Conference, *Chief Innovation Officer*  
Austin

## CORPORATE PRODUCERS & STRATEGISTS

**CHRIS ALBERT**  
National Geographic Channels, *Executive Vice President of Global Communications, Events & Talent Relations*  
Washington

**BOB BEJAN**  
Microsoft, *General Manager of Global Events, Production Studios & Marketing Community*  
Seattle

**CATHERINE BENNETT**  
IMG Fashion Week, *Senior Vice President & Managing Director*  
New York

**KIM BORIIN**  
Guardian Life, *Global Event Manager*  
New York

**LYLLE BREIER**  
Disney, *Senior Vice President, Special Events*  
Los Angeles

**CATHI CULBERTSON**  
Forbes, *Vice President, Event Marketing and Conferences*  
New York

**MICHAEL CURMI**  
Jaguar Land Rover North America, *Brand Experience Director*  
New York

**CHRIS CURTIN**  
Visa, *Chief Brand & Innovation Marketing Officer*  
San Francisco

**DEBORAH CURTIS**  
American Express, *Vice President, Head of Global Brand Experiences & Partnerships*  
New York

**HOLLACE DAVIDS**  
Universal Pictures, *Senior Vice President of Special Projects*  
Los Angeles

**PAM DZIERZANOWSKI**  
Patrón Spirits Company, *Vice President Event Marketing*  
Los Angeles

**NED DUGGAN**  
Bacardi, *V.P., Brand Marketing Director*  
Miami

**TARA DE NICOLAS**  
Amazon, *Director, Marketing*  
Seattle

**VIVIAN EICKHOFF**  
Microsoft, *Group Event Marketing Manager*  
Seattle

**VANCE GARRETT**  
Westfield, *Vice President, Experiential Global Entertainment*  
Los Angeles