



Venetian Carnival

EVENT EXPERIENCE

Carnival can be traced back to the late 1100s and has had many different meanings, rules, and signification since. The celebration of Carnival officially starts Dec. 26 and last until 40 days before Easter.

This celebration is one of the most beautiful examples of costuming, pageantry and color. Theming your event with a Carnival theme will give you and your guests many options to express yourselves and your creativity.

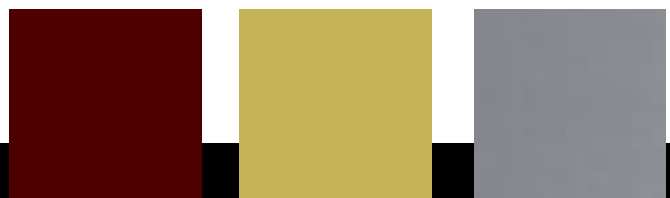
This theme can go as elaborate as you wish to go and can encompass elegant costumes, outstandingly beautiful masks, and some of the most amazing art and music ever to be available to mankind.

Called “il Carnevale” in Italian and known as the most beautiful carnival in the world, this theme is an upscale version of Mardi Gras with added elegance, mystery and allure. This theme is ideal for those who desire an element of mystery, inspiring colors and an evening they won’t soon forget!

When planning this event, let your imagination roam free and think romance, beautiful pageantry, strolling musicians, and the celebration of arts.

Your guests will be transported to the center of the City of Romance during their most celebrated time of the year, Carnival. Your guests should be encouraged to don their most elaborate mask and join the pageantry for an evening of decadence.

From the gondolier singing in an operatic voice near your registration table to the strolling musicians in their mid-century costumes, this night is about romance, creativity, and celebration.



SETTING THE MOOD



COLORS & TEXTURES

Rich colors of greens, golds, purples and reds are all expected at this event. Costumes will be over-the-top with velvet and beautifully adorned masks. Feathers will add to the elegance of the evening and make this night unforgettable.

INVITATIONS

- An accordion invitation with several pop-up venetian masks
- A venetian mask on front that splits in half to reveal the details inside
- Sketched eyes with a 3D mask overlay
- Or just simply decorate with a photo of a beautiful mask or person in Venetian attire

These invitation ideas could be created by your preferred local advertising or

marketing company. If you really have it in you, you could also make them yourself.

ENTRYWAY

Place a living statue fountain in the center of the walkway that guests use to enter the venue. A living statue is an artistic statue alternative where a professional is painted/dressed as a statue and makes very discreet or little to no movements. These are always fun as guests will second-guess themselves when they realize the statue isn't in the same position as previously.

Place silk flame lamps along the walkway to light the path to begin an exhilarating night filled with mystery.



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PRE-FUNCTION AREA

Once guests step inside, have models in ornate mask and costumes along with luxurious vehicles awaiting them. Think Mercedes, Porsche, Lamborghini, and Bentley. Have models in theme costuming serve champagne and allow guests the opportunity to socialize by placing cocktail tables around the room. Use Venetian masks as centerpieces. Strategically place three furniture groupings around the room using sleek white furniture.

MAIN ROOM

Highlight the main room using lighting that reflects on the ceiling. This will help create a more intimate, elegant space. Have masked models greet guests as they enter the room.

Hire servers dressed as Gondoliers to serve Italian red and white wines. Serve delectable hors d'oeuvres. I suggest having three passed and one stationary display of antipasti. This allows a variety of food and availability. Try these for the hors d'oeuvres menu: crispy lobster medallions, caprese salad skewers, goat cheese and caviar topped with spicy mango chutney with a table water cracker.

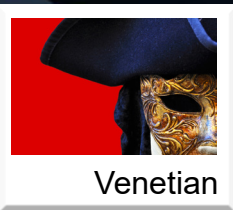
Hang banners of gold, purple, and red in the ceiling and along the balconies. This will accentuate the building or help cover up unsightly space depending on the venue you have chosen.

STAGE AREA

Have violinists performing center stage as guests arrive. For the back of the stage use a Venetian backdrop. Place Venetian statues on either side of the stage with lots of green plants around the perimeter.



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DÉCOR

As guests enter, have two living alabaster statues to the side of the entrance along with feather arrangements on high pillars. Place street lamps around the room so that guests feel as if they are walking the streets of Venice, where Carnival takes place.

A backdrop of a large mask or the Rialto Bridge will certainly bring the event theme home. Add hanging gold chandeliers throughout the room for a touch of decadence. Consider having an all-white dance floor with the event logo right in the middle using a wonderful lighted GOBO. Feather towers around the room will finish off the theme.

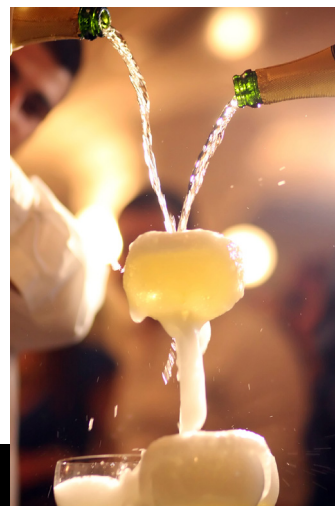
FURNITURE ACCENTS

Carnival is all about celebrating, dancing, and rubbing elbows. Make sure your furniture accents help with the goals you have in mind for your event. Standing cocktail tables, white lounge furniture and unique S-shaped couches right down the middle of the room will do the trick.

CENTERPIECES

There are a several elegant centerpiece ideas that can be used for this event.

- Venetian masks and feathers
- Tall lighted feather columns
- Beads and bobbles
- Floral arrangements on tall clear vases



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DINNER SET UP

Set up an array of round and square tables with gold damask linen. Chiavari chairs with ties will complete the elegant look of the evening.

Set the reception area for a full dinner or cocktails with food stations around the perimeter of the room. If having a sit-down dinner place gold chargers on tables. Serve Porterhouse Steak or Filet Mignon Oscar with a choice of two sides. For food stations have prime rib or beef tenderloin as options. Having a heavy chocolate dessert bar will be a great end to the meal for the evening.

BAR AND CUSTOM DRINK

The room will have an ice bar with a martini luge along with the feature drink, Bombay Sapphire, Cognac, or various wines.

Ask your bartender to wear a white wig and a shirt with the big ruffles down the front. Make sure you let them roll up their sleeves to make those amazing drinks for your guests.

ICE SCULPTURES

Ice is nice but change it up with a living fountain and a champagne fountain flowing with rich gold sparkling champagne. Surround your fountain with purple flowers, beautiful masks, and elegant glassware.

ENTERTAINMENT

Hire roving musicians and Cirque performers to wander the building and interact with guests. Have a prominent local or famous pianist play with a guitarist for the highlight of the evening.





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As the night winds down, have all entertainers line up in a parade throughout the venue. This can serve as the final hoorah for the evening and leave your guests with a fond memory of this elegant event.

For your stage show, hire Nova Era. This exhilarating ensemble is the embodiment of classical music for the new millennium. Nova Era features enchanting original and well-known melodies in the styles of Bach, Vivaldi and other great composers. Each timeless piece is custom arranged and supported by a driving modern day New Age, World, or Dance groove. This unique element sets Nova Era's distinctive sound apart and in a category all its own.

Also consider having a giant harp that has strings that cover the entire space. See William and the Earth Harp for another twist on classic entertainment for this event.

PHOTO OPS

Set aside an area for guests to take pictures with the costumed characters and roaming musicians. People always love having pictures to take home or that they can see on social media to look back on what a fun time they had at the event.

The photographer will be on hand to snap photos and have them ready for your guests as they leave for the evening. Make sure you have an amazing background that reflects the evening's theme and has your company or theme logo on it so guests will remember where the photo was taken; this will bring back wonderful thoughts of the event for years to come.





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supply list

How to determine which elements in each theme packages is right for you and your client:

- \$-\$\$\$\$ Some of the theme elements require a very small investment while others require a higher spend. You can guide your client and help them determine how to use their budget to achieve their desired result.
- Star ratings: Determine the impact your client wants to make. A one-star element in a theme package works well for simple and professional events, whereas a five-star element will leave your client and their guests in complete awe! There are many options in between, so you'll always have a way to meet your client's needs and goals.

Supplies	Source/Notes Vendor Suggestions	Price Range	Value
Invitations:			
Invitations	Create your own with items purchased at your local craft store or use a local print shop	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	****
Entryway:			
Living statue fountain	The Living Garden www.thelivinggarden.com/	\$\$\$\$\$	*****
Silk flame lamps	Blacklight.com or check with Your Local Decor Company blacklight.com/items/ADJENFERNO	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	****
Pre-Function Area:			
Cocktail tables	Check with your local decor company	\$	***
Venetian masks	Carta Alta Maschere Veneziane cartaalta.com/venetian_masks/	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	*****

SUPPLY LIST



Supplies	Source/Notes Vendor Suggestions	Price Range	Value
Pre-Function Area (continued):			
Models	Use a college sorority or a local modeling agency if using a sorority, make sure you donate to their organization	\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	***
Vehicles	Check with a local auto company or car dealership	0-\$\$\$	**
White furniture	Contact your local decor company	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	****
Main Room:			
Lighting	Contact your local lighting company	\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	*****
Models	Use a college sorority or a local modeling agency www.candyapplecostumes.com/white-wigs.html	\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	***
Gondolier costumes	Costumes 4 Less www.costumes4less.com/Gondolier-Costume_AC18490_Prod.aspx?Color=Black+and+White&Size=Men+L+(44-46)&gclid=CjwKEAjw0NytBRD-1d3QsdHNpR0SJACGXqgRPCR-EJR4i0XSRZM82pXCj6aWXvFK8Plw6TMfRj9BoCXofw_wcB	\$\$	****
Banners of gold, purple, red	Your local decorator	\$\$	***
Stage Area:			
Violinists	Local symphony or violin groups	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	*****
Backdrop	Backdrops Fantastic www.backdropsfantastic.com/backdrop_themes/backdrops/Backdrop_GS017-Courtyard_Garden.html	\$\$\$	*****



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Décor:			
Alabaster statues	Statue.com www.statue.com/Products/Lifesize-Sculpture/	\$\$\$\$\$	*****
Feather arrangements	Feather Centerpiece http://www.feathercenterpieces.com/Feather-Centerpieces.aspx	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	***
Pillars	Event Supplies and More http://www.eventsuppliesandmore.com/Plastic-Columns_c_305.html	\$\$	****
Street lamps	Hooks and Lattice www.hooksandlattice.com/outdoor-residential-streetlight.html?gclid=CjwKEAjw0NytBRD-1d3QsdHNpR0SJACGXqgR0cz4Re4AFrhCl6gclp7_KhNpAhgYI77WQsqp2kgFUxoCMelw_wcB	\$\$\$\$	***
Backdrop	Backdrops Fantastic www.backdropsfantastic.com/BA/BA-CA003-Venetian-Carnival-1-AUS-12.html	\$\$\$	*****
White dance floor	Check with your local rental or DJ company	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	*****
GOBO	Check with your lighting company	\$	****
Feather towers	Check with your local decor company	\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	****
Furniture Accents:			
White furniture	Your local decor company	\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	****
Cocktail tables	Your local event rental company	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	****
S-shaped couches	Check with your local decor company	\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	****



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Centerpieces:			
Venetian masks	Carta Alta Maschere Veneziane cartaalta.com/venetian_masks/	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	****
Feathers	Fancy Faces www.fancyfaces.com/Fancy_Faces_Decor/Mini_Towers.html	\$\$-\$\$\$	****
Lighted feather columns	Fancy Faces www.fancyfaces.com/Fancy_Faces_Decor/Mini_Towers.html	\$\$-\$\$\$	*****
Beads and bobbles	Save On Crafts http://www.save-on-crafts.com/search.html?keywords=beads+and+bobbles	\$\$	**
Clear vases	Save On Crafts http://www.save-on-crafts.com/search.html?keywords=clear+vases	\$-\$\$\$	***
Floral arrangements	Local florist	\$\$-\$\$\$	***
Bar & Custom Drinks:			
Martini luge	Check with your caterer	\$\$-\$\$\$	***
White wig	Costumes of Nashua www.costumesofnashua.com/CNWebSite105/Active905/Pages/Wigs/Medieval/MedievalWig.htm	\$\$	****
Ruffle shirt	Costumes of Nashua http://www.costumesofnashua.com/CNWebSite105/Active905/Pages/Shirts/Shirt.htm	\$\$	***
Sculptures:			
Living fountain	The Living Garden www.thelivinggarden.com/	\$\$\$\$\$	*****
Champagne fountain	Check with your catering company	\$\$\$	****
Purple flowers	Work with your florist	\$\$	****



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Sculptures (continued):			
Venetian masks	Magic of Venezia magicofvenezia.com/all-products-1/	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	****
Glassware	Check with your catering company	no additional cost	**
Entertainment:			
Roving musicians	Local symphony or violin groups	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	****
Cirque performers	Associated Entertainment www.associated.net	\$\$\$\$\$	*****
Pianist & guitarist	Local symphony or violin groups	\$\$-\$\$\$\$\$	****
Nova Era	Ask for Nicole at Innovative Entertainment www.inn-entertainment.com	\$\$\$\$\$	*****
Giant harp	Ask for Nicole at Innovative Entertainment www.inn-entertainment.com	\$\$\$\$\$	*****
Photo Ops:			
Costumed characters	Use the characters from above	No Additional Cost	****
Roaming musicians	Use the musicians from above	No Additional Cost	****
Photo backdrop	Drops and Props dropsprops.com/product/venice-photography-backdrop/	\$\$	****