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CHARM CITY CAKES, Baltimore

★★★ Baker/owner Duff Goldman, aka The Food Network's Ace of Cakes, creates the kind of masterpiece that'll have your guests oohing and aahing. "He can make any cake your heart desires." Just tell him what you have in mind and Duff and his staff will work their magic. The place is busy, so for the best service, call rather than email. CharmCityCakes.com; (410) 235-9229

DEBI'S CAKE STUDIO, Baltimore

★ Whether your taste tends toward the traditional or the whimsical, baker Debi Fleury can accommodate your style. "We are still asked about our wedding cake because it was so fabulous," says one happy bride. Others praise the variety of flavors and "so-yummy" taste! DebisCakeStudio.com; (410) 486-5233

PATISSERIE POUPON, Baltimore

★★★ Ever had guests request seconds of wedding cake? That's what happened to one bride whose cake was created by Patisserie Poupon. "It's not only a delicious wedding cake, it's delicious cake, period." They'll keep it simple or go all-out, depending on your taste, but the end result is guaranteed to be "gorgeous" and "delicious." (410) 332-0390

WOODLEA BAKERY, Baltimore

★★ The Hergenroeder family has been baking for Baltimore for more than 65 years. The small, family-owned bakery will deliver a traditional tiered cake that's pure "heaven." Cakes are described as "beautiful" and the fondant work "wonderful," while prices are "fair." WoodleaBakery.com; (410) 488-7717

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A PIECE OF CAKE, Ashburn

★★★ Garnering rave reviews from satisfied brides, A Piece of Cake offers endless combinations of flavors and fillings, plus "lovely" and "accommodating" service. "We had a five-tier, hexagon-shaped cake with berries between layers. It was a work of art. And the flavor was out of this world." "We ate the entire top before the honeymoon," one bride divulges. "It was too good to freeze!" APieceOfCake-VA.com; (571) 333-6826

ALEXANDRIA PASTRY SHOP & CATERING COMPANY, Alexandria

★★ Alexandria's confections look almost too pretty to eat but brides prom-

ise your guests will devour them. "The cake was absolutely delicious. We got two flavors, white chocolate and strawberry shortcake, and both were fantastic." They'll follow your instructions to a tee, so feel free to be very specific about your design. AlexandriaPastry.com; (703) 578-4144

AMPHORA BAKERY, Herndon

★★★ "Friendly, inexpensive, and delicious" is how one satisfied bride describes Amphora. They'll work with you to create exactly what you want, from "sugar cookie orchids" to "Oreo filling" to a design so realistic, your guests could be fooled: "Our cake looked so much like a stack of presents, guests actually placed their gifts around it!" AmphoraBakery.com; (703) 964-0500

CAKELOVE, Washington

✓ You may recognize owner Warren Brown from the Food Network show, *Sugar Rush*. His shop also won WashingtonPost.com's Best Bakery category. But for Brown it's not about the fame: It's all about the cake. And brides promise you won't be disappointed—"If you want the best tasting cake, look no further," raves one fan. CakeLove.com; (202) 588-7100

CAKES BY DESIGN, Alexandria

★ "The best vendor we hired," is how one bride describes her experience with Cakes by Design. The owner is "great to work with" and "created exactly what I wanted." "She was willing to work with us to copy a magazine picture including materials she doesn't ordinarily use," says another satisfied bride. "Cake tasting was provided, and the final product was fresh and looked and tasted great." CakesByDesign.com; (703) 721-9626

CAKES BY LINDA, Falls Church

★ Talk about stellar reviews: "Everyone said this was the best wedding cake they've ever had." "You'll never look back." "They let me mix and match flavors unlike other bakers I visited." One Virginia Knottie says, "Her cakes are in a class all their own." CakesByLinda.com; (703) 893-4782

CAKES PLUS, Laurel

★ Whether you're looking for a simple or elaborate design, Cakes Plus will help create the confection of your dreams—and at a "reasonable price." This Baltimore area specialty store creates "beautiful and delicious" treats with more than 400 cake toppers to choose from. CakesPlus.com; (301) 490-3600

CINDY'S SWEETS, Williamsport

★★★ Brides praise Cindy's craftsmanship and talent, not to mention the taste: "We sent her a design of a cake that we



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