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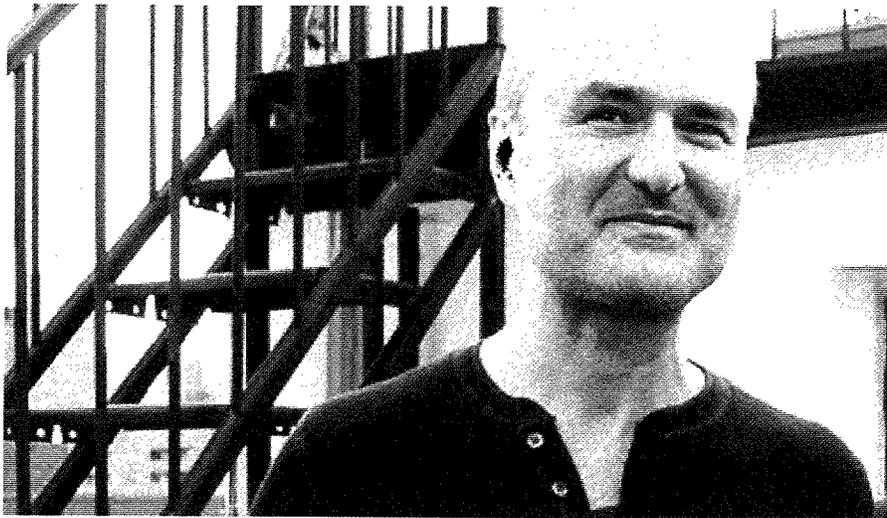


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No phones, Twitter, Instagram allowed at Nick Denton's wedding



Nick Denton (Financial Times)



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When Gawker Media founder Nick Denton marries boyfriend Derrence Washington later this month there figures to be a strong contingent of naturally nosy and forever-tethered journalists in the audience.

The invite list for the evening wedding on May 31 at The American Museum of Natural History includes several of the current crop of Gawker cutthroats like Max Read and Sam Biddle, as well alums such as John Cook and A.J. Daulerio. *New York Post* staffer and Page Six alum Tara Palmeri made the cut also. And hey, kids! David Carr too!

But all those in attendance will have their natural media tendencies kept in check by a strict no-cell phones policy, according to the couple's instructions to invitees Capital got a look at. Denton and Washington will require guests to check their cell phones upon arriving, and to give the couple their "full personal presence" for the wedding's six-hour span.

"You can tend to your virtual presence -- and your Twitter or Instagram followers -- the next day," Denton wrote on behalf of the couple.

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He assured friends that they'll receive photos from the official wedding photographer.

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As for other strictures: "Yes, Black Tie really means Black Tie. Women are free -- and encouraged -- to wear dresses or gowns. Tuxedos or distinctive suits for men, with bow tie. Derrence's guideline: on the Oscar-Grammy scale, somewhere between elegant and scandalous."

In related extended Gawker universe news, founding Gawker editor Elizabeth Spiers also happened to have set May 31 as the date for her wedding to *Daily News* boroughs editor Jotham Sederstrom. That one's at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens.

"Elizabeth and I were having a casual lunch at The Dutch when we discovered we had each fixed on the same date," Denton told Capital in an email. "We have divided up the friends by mutual agreement!"

Spiers said that they'd both put deposits on their respective venues by the time they'd realized there was a conflict, "so there wasn't much we could do about it, but there's actually not a lot of guest list overlap, so aside from the fact that we'd maybe otherwise be attending each other's weddings, it hasn't been a problem."

"Nick and I think alike in certain ways, which is probably why we became friends originally a year or so before we started Gawker, so we both thought it was hilarious--and somewhat predictable--that we'd pick the same date and time," Spiers wrote.

Though we know they are not the only ones, two double-invitees were Lockhart Steele and his wife, Lindsey Green (themselves married earlier this year, in Las Vegas).

"Lindsey and I are invited to both weddings. And we love both parties dearly," Steele wrote in an email to Capital when we asked which wedding they were going to attend. "So, we're using the tried and true Ann Landers approach that I last used in 2005 when two dear friends got married on the same day: we're going to the wedding of the friends who invited us first—in this case, Elizabeth and Jotham.

"I'd be lying if I said I hadn't already been involved in one conversation speculating on the possibility of somehow hitting parts of both weddings," he continued. "(There should be a special Uber service for that.) But in the end I think the respect for the day necessitates choosing one. Then sending nice presents to both."

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