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Hey there, lucky bride! A new year is here, ushering in a new swoon-worthy wedding season. We went up and down the coasts and zig-zagged in between, and wedding experts everywhere agree: **2014 will be the year of true romance.** Weddings are going softer, sweeter, lusher and more heartfelt. It's a return to classic chivalry, to the things that made our mothers cry, and it's happening just in time for you to **melt hearts and make memories.**

THE MUSIC REPORT

Want a quick cheat sheet to the year's hottest sounds? New York society bandleader Alex Donner and Amber Gustafson report.

Be True to Your Theme

Alex Donner's clients are requesting music to go along with wedding themes ranging from films ("The Great Gatsby") to locales (like France—all songs were performed in French!).

Make it Memorable

Donner creates bespoke favors featuring his couple's wedding music, performed live by Donner and his orchestra, then later transferred onto a CD or mp3.