CLINK TEAM BIOS

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Denise Silverman, CEO
Denise has been planning events in Austin since 2002 – when she launched Soirée – Event Production. Over the course of the next seven years, Denise grew her company to seven full time event planners and boasted about 75 events/year, many of which have been published and/or featured in various news media outlets. She quickly became one of the local industry's busiest and most successful event planners.

After the merger of Soirée and Clink in May 2009, Denise took over as CEO of Clink. In this role, she oversees Operations, Human Resources and Sales/Marketing.

Denise was born and raised in New York and spent nearly nine years in NYC's fast-paced world of marketing and public relations, during which she gained expertise in the areas of project management, client service and event planning. She prides herself on having the unique balance of creativity and business-savvy. And she focuses on providing the highest possible level of customer service.

Denise graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1993 with a degree in Communications, and currently serves as President of Austin Wedding and Event Coordinators (AWEC).

Tanya Posavatz, President/CFO
Tanya launched Clink events in 2002, which quickly became one of Austin's most reputable event planning companies. Between 2002 and 2009, Clink gained a reputation locally as well as nationally as one of Austin's top event planners with widespread media attention and award nominations. A finalist for Event Solutions magazine's "Event Planner of the Year" award, Tanya has also been a multiple-finalist for the international Esprit award, and a multiple winner of the Texas Star Award.

After the merger of Clink and Soirée in May 2009, Tanya took over as President and CFO of the new company. In this role, she oversees the company's finances, new business development and strategic planning.

Tanya was born and raised in Western Pennsylvania, but her event planning career started in the Washington, DC diplomatic circuit, coordinating Embassy receptions and special events for four years. She then moved to Europe, where she developed her taste for European style, and got a "hands on" MBA working for a multinational company. Her international background and extensive travel are key inspirations in her event designs. And her diplomatic background keeps her cool and calm throughout the process.

Tanya is one of only eight Certified Special Event Professionals (CSEP) in the Austin area. She holds degrees in International Politics from Georgetown University and International Economics from Johns Hopkins University. She speaks five languages, and has lived in seven countries. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering with the Junior League. She is a former President of the Austin Chapter of the International Special Events Society and Austin Wedding and Event Coordinators.

Gina Whittington, Creative Director
Having worked in the high-end design industry for more than five years, Gina has an eye for cutting-edge design. If you want a look that's modern and classic, or Austin funky and 100% organic, Gina can deliver and stamp it with details that are one-of-a-kind and speak to her clients' unique personalities.

Gina is well-known as a trend setter in local event design. Her events are often published in leading magazines including *The Knot, Martha Stewart Weddings*, *Austin Wedding Guide*, *Houston Bride, Modern Bride* and *Austin Monthly Home.* Clink's resident expert on GREEN events, Gina has been featured in multiple television, radio and print interviews on how to make an event more eco-friendly.

Gina graduated from Texas A&M Kingsville in 1999 with a degree in Marketing. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Austin Wedding and Event Planners (AWEC), a professional trade organization, and is a featured contributor on event planning for Austin Monthly Home.

EVENT PLANNERS

Aimee Capra
Aimee began her career in high-tech advertising and then as production manager at a nationwide political advertising agency. In this role, she negotiated vendor pricing, oversaw the distribution of hundreds of projects in accelerated timelines, and developed streamlined communications processes - all while keeping her co-workers and clients happy with her upbeat, friendly personality and energetic work ethic.

Aimee graduated from the University of Texas Austin in 1998 with a BS in Communications, and is a member of Austin Wedding and Event Coordinators (AWEC).

Jamie Carpenter
Jamie has more than 10 years of award-winning event planning experience. Her portfolio is vast – having produced events ranging from a city-wide outdoor festival for the Austin Fine Arts Alliance, to posh corporate affairs and numerous non-profit fundraisers.

Jamie is a native Austinite. She earned her 1994 degree in English and Studio Art from Trinity University in San Antonio.

N'Yoka Coleman
N'Yoka spent more than 10 years in the Washington DC area as an event planner for non profit organizations, federal government agencies and large corporations. In her work, she identified solutions for last minute challenges, and mastered project management and budget oversight.

N'Yoka is a native New Yorker and graduated from Hampton University in 1993 with a BA in Communication Disorders in 1993. She also completed several post-graduate courses at Johns Hopkins University. She is a member of Austin Wedding & Event Coordinators (AWEC).

Claire Kelly
Claire's background includes more than six years of corporate event planning at Vignette Corporation. In that role, Claire executed programs such as client user groups, customer/prospect multi-city seminars, and networking events including professional sports suites and executive level golf tournaments.

Claire graduated from Texas State University in 2000 with a degree in Fashion Merchandising. She is a current board member of Austin Wedding & Event Coordinators (AWEC).

Bridget Kennedy
Bridget has more than 12 years experience in the catering industry, including serving as Catering Manager at the Renaissance Austin and as Director of Catering & Special Events at the famous Austin Country Club (ACC). At ACC for six years, Bridget planned small events of 50 guests to weddings of more than 1,000 people.

Bridget received a degree in Recreational Administration from Texas State University in 1999. Former President of the Austin Chapter of the National Association of Catering Executives, Bridget is one of only three Certified Professional Catering Executives (CPCE) in the Austin area.

Britt Roth
Britt's event experience includes having planned luncheons and "meet and greets" at *Teen People Magazine* in New York City, and social networking events for *PINK Magazine* in Atlanta and locally, at *austinwoman Magazine*. Recently, she launched her own non-profit endeavor and hosted an awareness concert at Stubb's BBQ, with huge success.

Britt graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 2006 with a degree in Communication Studies.

Corin Silva
Corin began coordinating events in 1997. Her background combines executive assistance with conference and event coordination for large corporations, start-ups, non-profits and high-demand clients. Most recently, Corin spent five years as an executive personal assistant.

Corin hails from California and received a degree in English Literature in 1996 from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Sarah Wolf
Sarah has a great breadth of experience in event planning having worked on non-profit fundraising events, social events, local live music shows, and supermoto racing. Sarah also manages all of *Rare Magazine's* events – including Austin Restaurant Week, Rare Weddings and Rarest of them All

Sarah graduated from Texas A&M University in 2006 with a B.S. in Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences.