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**TLC GOES BEHIND THE SEAMS WITH THE NEW SPECIAL
“MY BIG FAT GYPSY WEDDING: BEST DRESSED BRIDES”**

Famed Dressmaker Thelma Madine Reveals Her Most Memorable Dresses
And What It Took To Create Them

They're known for their cinched-up corsets, miles and miles of fabric, and enough bling to blind the average person. These are the over-the-top dresses featured in the hit series MY BIG FAT GYPSY WEDDING, giving young Gypsy brides the days they only dreamed about. Now, the woman behind these captivating creations, UK gypsy dress maker Thelma Madine, returns in an all new special to take a look back at her own personal highlights, favorite moments, and to reveal the secrets and stories behind her most outrageous gowns ever.

MY BIG FAT GYPSY WEDDING: BEST DRESSED BRIDES premieres Wednesday, June 26 at 10/9c on TLC.

After a decade and a half of experience working with this exclusive community, Thelma's outfits are now considered legendary. From a 24-hour creation inspired by pineapples and palm trees and a gown in need of its own precautionary fire extinguisher, to a gown fit for the gypsy community's own "Royal Wedding" and more, MY BIG FAT GYPSY WEDDING: BEST DRESSED BRIDES takes us back through some of Thelma's most unforgettable experiences, proving beyond a doubt that subtle and understated are not words found in gypsy wedding vocabulary.

For Thelma and her team, every dress provides its own set of unique challenges. Each bride has a different story to tell. From the hardships of the travelling life, to the pressure felt by those trying to marry outside the community, MY BIG FAT GYPSY WEDDING: BEST DRESSED BRIDES takes a deeper look into a world rarely seen, showing us everything from design and production, to delivery and the bride's big day.

Keep in touch with TLC's Gypsy Wedding franchise on social media:
#GypsyWedding; <https://www.facebook.com/MyBigFatAmericanGypsyWedding>; @TLC.

MY BIG FAT GYPSY WEDDING: BEST DRESSED BRIDES is produced for TLC by Firecracker Films.

About TLC

TLC is a global brand that celebrates extraordinary people and relatable life moments through innovative nonfiction programming. A top 10 cable network in key female demos, TLC has built successful consumer brands around series including Cake Boss, and has transformed Fridays into "BrideDay" with a lineup of wedding-themed programming anchored by the Say Yes To The Dress franchise. In 2012, TLC had 28 series averaging 1 million P2+ viewers or more, including four series that averaged 2 million P2+ viewers or more: Here Comes Honey Boo Boo, Breaking Amish, Long Island Medium, and Sister Wives.

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SNEAK PEEK VIDEO

Preview: <https://discovery.box.com/s/083dyy7u2ml3lf91zyzx>

Link: <http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/my-big-fat-gypsy-wedding/videos/best-dressed-brides.htm>

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FULL EPISODE PREVIEW – PRESS ONLY

<https://vimeo.com/user6405335/review/69052592/a50c955fb5> (password: TLCGypsy)

PHOTOS

Mary: <https://discovery.box.com/s/3hl1nf122pmb4yhrvpuc>

Lavinia: <https://discovery.box.com/s/c8c7qaxu73yne0bh9fry>

Dolores: <https://discovery.box.com/s/xj9lqrkx8ql89y7ev5p7>

Link to gown gallery: <http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/my-big-fat-gypsy-wedding/photos/best-dressed-gypsies-pictures.htm>