

## House of Maya Bridal Salons is moving to Downtown Norfolk

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House of Maya's new location on Granby Street opens March 1. (Handout)

VIRGINIA BEACH – House of Maya Bridal Salons announced on Tuesday that their Pure English Couture Bridal, Silk Social Occasion Studio, Maya Couture and Maya Couture on Main will merge into one storefront.

Set to open on March 1, the new store will be located in downtown Norfolk at 258 Granby St., owner Maya Holihan said in a news release.

The 13,000-square-foot retail space will combine the House of Maya headquarters and corporate offices on the second floor, allowing for a “more streamlined and efficient operation, increased accessibility for customers, and collaborative opportunities with downtown area businesses, institutions and organizations.”

“When I moved to Norfolk in 2003, my wish was to open a bridal shop on Granby Street and name it Downtown Bridal,” Holihan said in the release. “Life took a different course and I ended up purchasing Tiffany’s Bridal in 2004 instead. I’ve spent over a decade growing my business and my brand, and the realization of

coming full circle after almost 13 years in business means the world to me.”

Holihan later opened a second store in Suffolk, which split into two storefronts in 2015. In 2015, Holihan purchased Virginia Beach-based bridal stores Pure English Couture Bridal and Silk Social Occasion Studio, a license of the wedding planning company The Bridal Dish and Privee Bride of Ghent.

The following year, Holihan acquired the longest running bridal show in Virginia, Uniquely Yours Bridal Showcase, which takes place at SCOPE every January. She’s also the Founder and CEO of House of Maya Online, LLC, an internet marketplace for wedding attire and goods, which launches in the coming months.

“We are beyond thrilled to have House of Maya come downtown”, said Chuck Rigney, Economic Development Director for the City of Norfolk. “The incredible energy Maya brings to everything she does is legendary, and her vision for the future growth of this industry is revolutionary. The House of Maya will make downtown the region’s go-to place for everything related to bridal needs and accessories.”

House of Maya Online, Privee Bride of Ghent and House of Maya Prom will all move to the Maya Couture location on North Military Highway.

“The Military Highway location is where it all began, so it holds a special place in my heart,” said Holihan. “With the upcoming launch of my internet company and the opening of the Norfolk Premium Outlets, it made sense for me to create an outlet experience in close proximity to the outlet mall.”