



UP-AND-COMING

## *Special Event Planner*

**BRITTANIE  
AHRENS**

EVENT DESIGNER AT HMR DESIGNS



Brittanie Ahrens once took a job at a pizza place at the age of 14 because she wanted to save up enough money to buy a car. Throughout college, she worked three jobs because she wanted to keep herself busy. And just 48 hours after moving to Chicago from Florida, she secured an internship that would guide her to her eventual career. Ahrens is one hard worker.

"I pride myself on being a positive person who can keep a smile on my face through just about everything," says the 29-year-old event designer at HMR Designs. "It's all about keeping calm, no matter what. If one person freaks out, it can be like a line of fireworks. I simply smile and remain in control, which seems to relax everyone."

Working on out-of-town events such as the Super Bowl and the CMT Music Awards keeps Ahrens energized and on her toes. "Not being able to pull from a warehouse 20 minutes away can be crazy," she says. "But in those situations, it's all about teamwork, and we have an amazing team here."