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Wedding Day Stylist and Beyond the Altar

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Wed at the Drummond Ranch BEN HIGGINS From Bachelor to Jessica's Husband

Emily Collins and Ashor Samano 24 April 2020 Austin, Texas PHOTOGRAPHER Cacie Carroll Photography EVENT PLANNER Ashley Nicole Affair





Emily Collins and Ashor Samano were married on April 24, 2021, at The Addison Grove in Austin, Texas. After rescheduling their Chicago wedding twice due to the pandemic, the couple decided to do something completely unexpected and took a spontaneous trip to Austin to select a new venue. They had no ties to Austin other than a love for the city. Emily and Ashor hired the most amazing event planner and three months later, after over a decade of loving each other and a two-year engagement, they finally had the wedding of their dreams. The venue, located in the Texas Hill Country was stunning, the food was excellent, the DJ created a fantastic atmosphere, and the flowers left Emily speechless. The most magical part of the couple's big day was the people they got to share it with - surrounded by one hundred guests, it was smaller than their Chicago wedding would have been, but it felt incredibly intimate, and everyone could feel the joy radiating.

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