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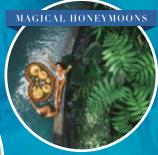
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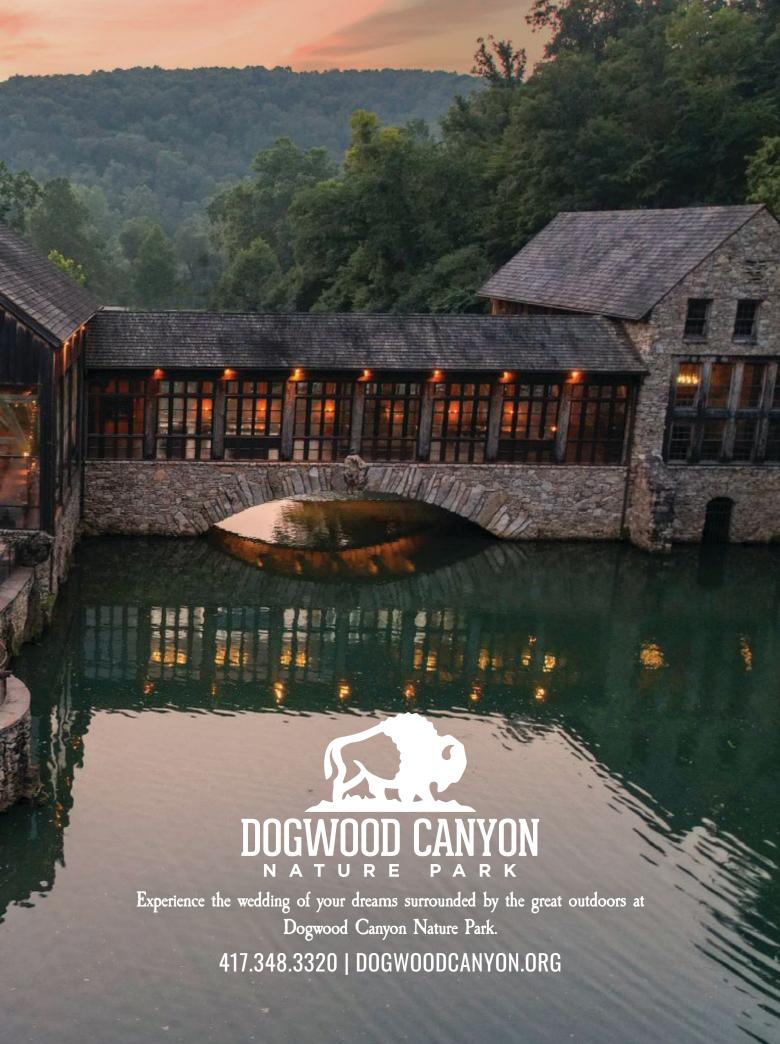
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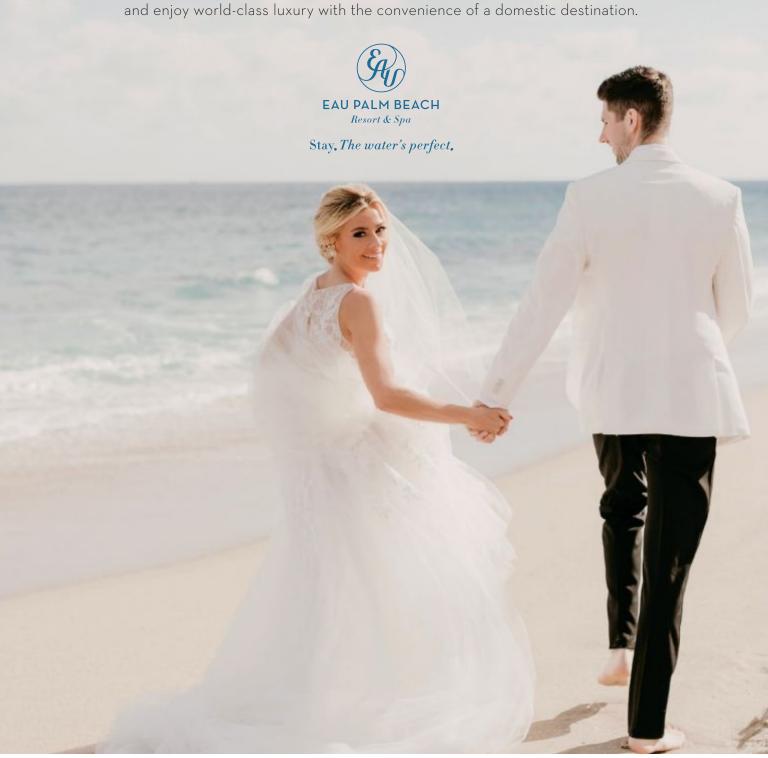




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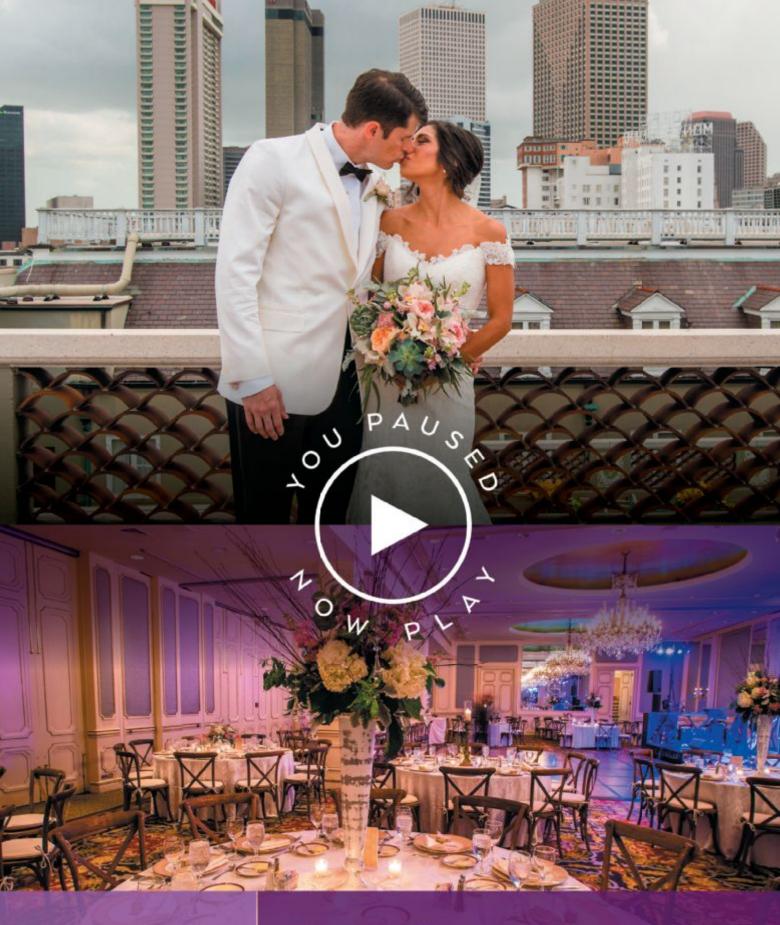
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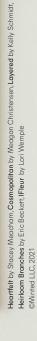
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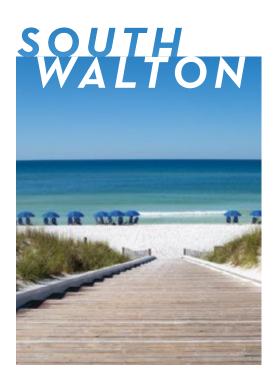
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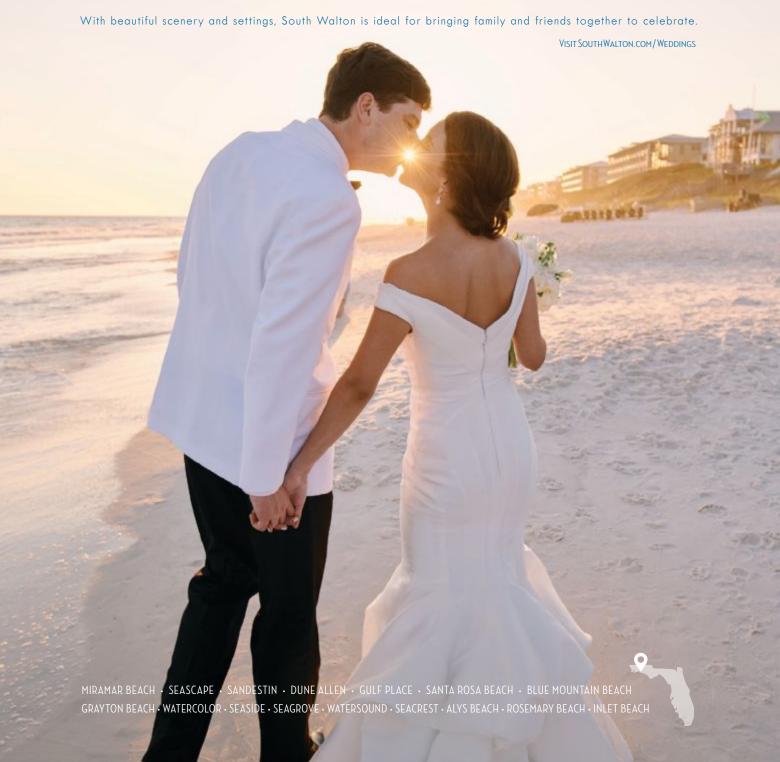








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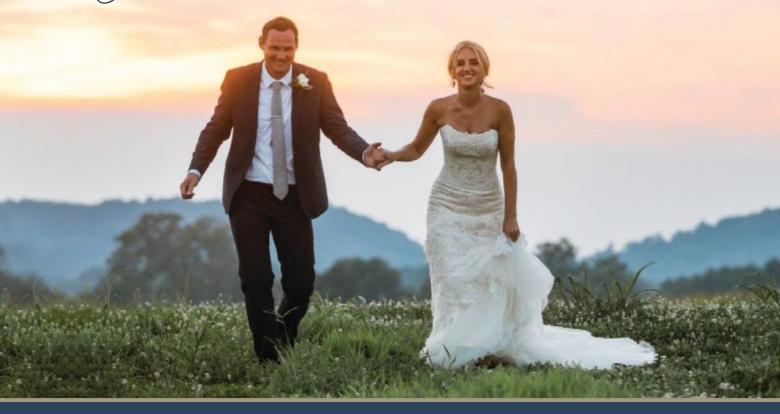
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## welcome to the ROARING 2022s

There has been much to be grateful for this past holiday season as we collectively continue to make strides in increasing the number of vaccinations worldwide. So many of our important friends and family milestones and gatherings were canceled or postponed in 2020 and 2021, but suddenly our 2022 calendars are packed with an abundance of social and wedding invitations. Wedding vendors are booking two to three years in advance, and venues are scheduling events on less traditional days during the week. Save-the-dates are pouring in, bridal shops are packed with appointments, and photographers can't keep up with demand. Fashion is bursting with an array of styles, colors and silhouettes. There's been an explosion of creativity; designers and buyers are having a field day.

As resolutions for 2022 are at the front of our minds, let's resolve to do our part to stay safe, continue getting our boosters and hopefully enjoy the coming year that looks, sounds, and feels like it could be a roaring 2022.

Entrepreneur and former Bachelor TV personality Ben Higgins and his leading lady Jessica Clarke play a starring role on our Winter cover. The couple met via Instagram, dated long-distance and then were engaged during COVID. It sounds almost like a reality show with an intriguing beginning, middle, and happily ever after! We know you will enjoy reading about Ben's sweet proposal and their festive wedding in Nashville on page 58.

Brilliant food blogger, cookbook author and daughter of Ree Drummond (star of "The Pioneer Woman") Alex Drummond and her charming new husband Mauricio Scott share the spotlight on our Spring cover. Alex and Mauricio are pioneering their own path in the entertainment and social media side of their burgeoning empire, and we're thrilled they have graciously agreed to share their wedding story with us on page 52.

Our beloved Mississippi River neighbor New Orleans, battered by the late summer Hurricane Ida, is once again in our thoughts and always in our hearts. We are so pleased the city is back on its feet and welcoming visitors, and we are delighted to showcase the extraordinary "Big Easy" wedding of Peyton LoCicero and Beau Trist on page 78. Peyton is a popular local broadcaster with ABC affiliate WGNO and Beau is a NOLA native and relative of the noted Brennan family. Peyton tirelessly covered the hurricane that devastated the city and continues to advocate for those still displaced by the storm. We salute her efforts.

We're very happy to devote part of this issue to our **Year of the Groom!** Grooms are no longer just walking down the aisle but are stepping up their game and becoming increasingly involved with the wedding planning process. Part of that process includes becoming more invested in their wardrobe and wedding attire. See some fabulous groom's wedding wear in our men's fashion section and in our Real Wedding feature with grooms **Adam Baker and Steven Benoit** on page 68. Their Magic in Mexico wedding is a gorgeous five-page spread showcasing their ceremony and reception that we were thrilled to attend at the highly recommended all-inclusive UNICO 20°87° Hotel in Riviera Maya.

Read about stylist **Grant McNamara** in our Industry Expert pages on page 102. We first learned about Grant as founder of Wedding GPS - or Gentlemen's Personal Stylist. He since has expanded and fused his brand to become G ALXNDR - now offering bride's and groom's styling services for the wedding day and beyond the altar. I can't think of a more stylish and wonderfully stress-free way to celebrate such a joyous occasion.

As always, you will find even more amazing selection of Real Weddings, Just Married and Styled Shoots filled with fashion, decor ideas and details brimming with inspiration. Each comes with a distinct story and images.

Thank you to all those who sent submissions for print and digital placement. We're overjoyed by the overwhelming number we received and continue to receive. Your stories are so important to us and we are so honored you have given us the opportunity to share them.

We wish you a tremendous and roaring 2022 filled with good health and prosperity.

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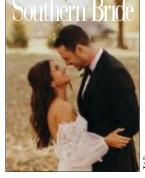








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The award-winning culinary team offers a variety of menu options including traditional and custom chef creations. The catering department presents a plethora of selections, from classic carving stations to trendy displays such as a risotto or fajita bar. Beautiful buffets and formal, plated sitdown dinners are both dining options when you celebrate your big day at the Emerald Grande.





This first-class resort's elegant array of indoor and outdoor venues offers breathtaking views of emerald waters and dazzling sunsets creating the perfect backdrop for your ceremony, reception, or social celebration. From a "toes in the sand" ceremony to making a "Grande" staircase entrance, the possibilities are endless when planning your big day. The Captain's Deck, one of the more popular wedding locations, offers a gorgeous outdoor veranda overlooking the Gulf. Other options include the elegant HarborView Room, with panoramic views of the Destin Harbor, and the Grande Ballroom.







In addition to providing your wedding venue, the luxury water-front property boasts more than 200 well-appointed resort accommodations – guests have the convenience of staying on site for the occasion. The Emerald Grande team is available to help you plan a variety of events surrounding your wedding. Create a memorable experience for your guests with a welcome reception on the Vista Veranda or a day of pampering with family and friends at The Spa at the Emerald Grande, the full-service luxury spa. Relax by the pool or enjoy a day at the private beach, just a short boat ride away. From bridal brunches and showers to bachelor and bachelorette parties at HarborWalk Village, this luxurious resort can accommodate all your wedding festivities.

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IT'S ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING TIMES IN YOUR LIFE, and, if questions about the planning process, to-do lists, and thoughts of Pinterest boards are running around in your head, take a breath. Southern Bride is here to help you take the first steps towards your walk down the aisle.

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## LOCATION, LOCATION!

- First on the priority list: location?! Decide on your ceremony and reception venue. Your choice of venue will more than likely influence your date, time, theme, budget, and guestlist.
- If your dream venue is booked on the weekend of your choice or is too costly, consider a weekday or on a

Sunday when demand is less and rental fees may drop.

NOTE: Many venues are still catching up from 2020-2021 postponements. Prepare to book at least 15-18 months in advance.

From the experts: From the experts: "Selecting a venue is the most crucial part of your wedding planning; it's most often the biggest budget item. Our fee includes venue rental, food and beverage, tax, and additional rentals you may need, such as tables, chairs, linens, up-lighting, soft seating, etc. You should be sure food quality is up to par, and the ambiance is what you expect, from your service to the lighting. Having a firm plan with the venue team is also key, and that they are prepared for any unexpected occurrences like your guests arriving 30 minutes earlier than expected. Share every little planning detail with the event coordinator ahead of time for a seamless event." - Michele Caswel-Adams and Brittani Adam-Perret, The Capital on Baronne capitalonnola.com

## Planner .....

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- Approximately 30% of couples hire a wedding planner. With their industry expertise, wedding planners can alleviate the stress of each decision and help you make smart financial choices, negotiate contracts, and facilitate any cancellation issues. But how do you decide if saying "I do" to a wedding planner is right for you? Take time to interview a couple of wedding planners and see how your personalities, visions, and budgets mesh.
- If you decide to plan on your own, check out budgeting or planning apps and our blog for more inspiration!

From the experts: "One of my favorite trends that we are seeing is that weddings are no longer just about the day, it's about creating a full weekend experience. Gone are the days of a 4 hour wedding and everyone goes home. Now it is about creating amazing experiences for your guests from start to finish, especially in destination wedding markets like ours (30A). There is nothing like getting to have a welcome party to kick off the weekend, a golf outing for the guys and spa day for the girls before the rehearsal dinner, an incredible wedding day, then rounding out the weekend with a farewell brunch. The amount of quality time spent with family guests is plentiful and the memories made from the weekend are absolutely priceless!" - Kristi Purvis, Kiss the Bride Weddings kissthebridedestin.com

## Florals

#### **CROWNING TOUCHES**

While undoubtedly one of the most beautiful details
of your wedding style, florals are often a surprise
expense for many couples. Not only essential for
bouquets, boutonnieres, and corsages, but also
appealing for ceremony decor and reception
centerpieces. Florals are ubiquitous in wedding
design and corsages, but also appealing for
ceremony decor and reception centerpieces.

 If flowers are your thing but spending a significant amount of money isn't, consider venues with built-in floralscapes, such as botanic gardens, nurseries, or parks.

From the experts: "Maximillist bouquets that were almost of 1980s cascade proportions have started to slim down to just a few very select blossoms that make THE STATEMENT. A lot of our brides are moving into a more relaxed, fun look with their personal florals. Bouquets are getting smaller and more concentrated on a favorite focal flower while coupled with the addition of a coordinating floral crown. This is an elegant way to get that sought after organic look." - Maude Mashburn, Moss New Orleans mossneworleans.com

## CEREMONY & RECEPTION

- It's never too soon to start looking! The sooner you can book your appointment and say yes to your dress, the better. Also, allot time for any alterations you may need to make.
- Prepare to have an idea of the style and silhouette of your dream gown and decide if a separate reception ensemble is important to you.

From the experts: "When dress shopping, remember what's on Pinterest, is not you. These are only examples of what can be. Having two or more looks has become very popular. removable trains, skirts and overlays give a bride another look for the ceremony. Dress shopping should be a break from wedding planning stress, so have fim. Try on styles that you would normally shy away from. You would be surprised what ideas come from trying on dresses outside your "style." Bring whoever's opinion is most important to you. Too many opinions can drown out your own. If you love the dress, buy it, don't keep shopping. Not only will it become overwhelming, but turn around times are still high, so it helps ensure timely delivery." - Olia Zavozina oliazavozina.com



## hotograph

- Wedding photos are treasures! Browse through different styles and sample galleries before booking your initial consultation to ensure your photographer captures your personality and vision for your big day.
- Like venues, photographers are also backed up from COVID
- Items to discuss: a separate engagement shoot, first look or first touch photos, and what kinds of photos you would like taken at your ceremony and reception.
- Ask if your photographer offers any videography services.

From the experts: "2022 will be a year of amazing weddings that couples have long-awaited! That's no exception for the photographers who have stuck with their couple's every step of the way. With so many celebrations slated to happen, finding the right vendors early is key! There is someone for everyone! Make time to meet your photographer face to face with at least a video call! It's so important to love your wedding photographers and make sure your personalities click! If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's to really value the people in our lives! Make sure you take the experience in and have your photographer take candid photos of crying, laughter, and real emotion this year!" - Juliana Polkey with Peony Photography peonyphotography.com



## SET THE TONE OF YOUR WEDDING

- Your wedding invitation suite should reflect your personality and tone of your wedding and provide guests with the degree of formality of the occasion.
- Send your save-the-dates six to nine months before your wedding date and your invitations two months before your wedding date. Add two extra weeks if you are hosting a destination wedding.
- Pricing is incredibly varied, depending on the designer, print method, materials, and the length of your guestlist.

From the experts: "Oh, I can't wait to attend this wedding!" This is the sentiment you want your guests to exclaim when they open your Save-the-Date and/or Wedding Invitation. The wedding paper suite is the first impression guests get of your event, so the goal is to pique their interest by sharing beautiful elements that reflect the style, location, colors and theme of the special day. Most importantly, always look at the paper quality and texture and feel the actual paper before ordering. Allow plenty of time for proofing, too! Most brides are using a cohesive look for their paper goods, starting with the save the dates to the invitations, to their wedding stationery and programs, which makes for beautiful styled photographs on the day of the wedding!" - Heidi LoCicero, founder Frill Seekers Gifts, Destin, Florida frillseekersgifts.com



## LIVE TO EAT OR EAT TO LIVE

- Whether you're a serious foodie or not, good eats don't often come cheap. Catering will likely take a considerable portion of your wedding budget. Think about whether you are a plated dinner, buffet, or heavy hors d'oeuvres kind of couple.
- Don't forget the bubbly! Besides food, the bar is extremely important for a good time at your reception (and a chunk of cash you will need to budget in).

From the experts: "When selecting a wedding caterer, finding someone who shares your vision is crucial. It's your wedding, and you should have what you want. A wedding is about celebrating the love of two people and the joining of their families. The food should be inclusive, not exclusive. A caterer with experience in multiple cuisines, creative style, and professionalism can complete your vision. The 2021-2022 trends in our experience have been the bigger, the better. We are seeing larger scale weddings, lots of guests and lots of varied cuisines." - Dana Baldwin, Another Roadside Attraction Catering anotherroadsideattractioncatering.com



## EVERYBODY LOVES CAKE & more?

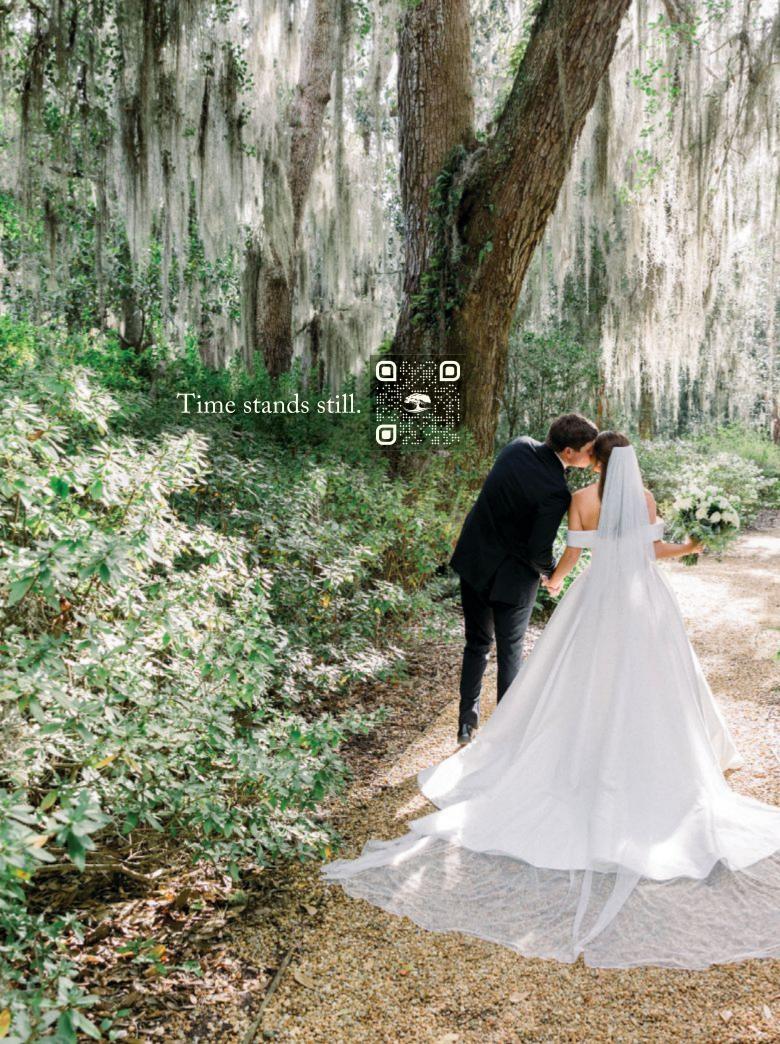
- Designing your dream wedding cake will be one of the most fun (and delicious!) decisions of your planning process. Before you book your tasting session, it might feel less overwhelming if you're able to narrow down your flavor(s), number of layers, and design and topper ideas.
- Trending dessert alert: COVID forced the individualized dessert options, but the appeal of bypassing the traditional tiered cake is lingering, whether it be in a tower
- of cupcakes, cookies, or donuts.

From the experts: "When I'm meeting with my brides, I ask them to come with pictures of cakes they love. Pictures help me get a sense of their style and the design direction we will be heading in. I also ask them, "are you a traditional classic, trendy or modern bride?" Other factors we like to consider at the meeting are the invitations, colors of florals, and detailing from the dress. All of these elements help me to create the cake of their dreams. Cake designs are always evolving and innovative, and it's fun to see what is inspiring our brides. Abstract designs have been very popular with the wafer paper movement, and buttercream is always a favorite. Textured buttercream is a design that is still going strong, and I don't think it will go out of style even though the scraped cakes are still very trendy." - Amy Cullifer, Amy Cakes amycakesok.com

#### FIRST & LASTING IMPRESSIONS

- It's the little details that bring your big day to life! Remember your venue, style, and color palette as you get your decorating on. Your wedding planner will be an invaluable resource here.
- If you are hosting an outdoor ceremony, rentals to consider may include tents, seating, and restroom accommodations.
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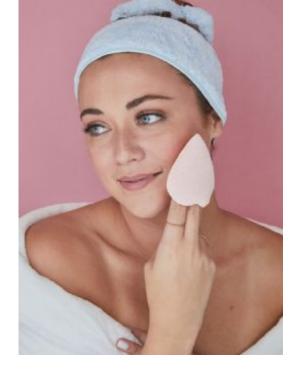
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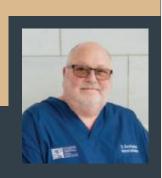
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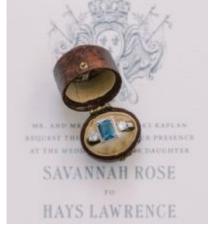
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## SOUTHERN CHARM

EMORY, TEXAS









Though the Estate At Raintree Ranch is located east of Dallas, Texas, the spacious property features classic French details reminiscent of New Orleans, Louisiana. This lavish and chic wedding inspiration shoot will transport you to the crescent city and its vibrant culture and landscape with giant oak trees and an ornate estate home replete with a wrap-around porch.



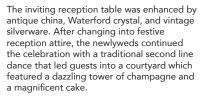
Each detail of this inspirational shoot showcases the grandeur of Southern charm: from the venue to the lush, jewel-toned florals to the bespoke and whimsical invitation suite. The styled ceremony, situated at the entrance of the Estate, features a dramatic magnolia garland elegantly draped from the upper balcony as a focal point for the couple's vows.























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# DISTILLED DREAMS

PARK CITY, UTAH









Nestled on the mountainside at High West Distillery in Park City, Utah, this shoot was inspired by the colors and textures of fall found in the Wasatch Mountains. Colors of rust and gold paired with the organic textures of nature tell a visual story of authenticity.



















## BOHO GLAM

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA









This bohemian styled shoot located in historic downtown Charleston, South Carolina is a collaboration of all local, female-owned businesses. Dani, owner of Salt and Stem, models the two-piece, high-waisted, intricate gown from Lovely Bride. She also created the beautiful florals used in the bouquets and decor.

The warm tones of rust, pink, and orange are an elegant complement to the boho-inspired bridal style. The bridesmaids are brilliantly accessorized with floral Sweetgrass fan bouquets that help fend off the Charleston heat while also bringing in a native influence.

(Bottom) Krystina puts a twist on this skirt inspired gown from Maddison Row South. Hair and makeup were influenced by the large beautiful windows that radiate natural light throughout The Gadsden House. Silhouette On Site aimed to enhance everyone's natural beauty by using soft tones and products from the SOS Makeup Kit.





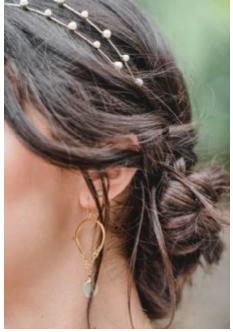






The installations and set design by Sawdust and Sweetgrass brought warmth and intrigue to the mansion's traditional tabby oyster shell courtyard. Accessories complete the look, so stylist and producer, Andrea Serrano, chose pieces that were delicate in design but made a statement. Croghan's, Sun Vow Jewelry, Margerite and Motte, Caprice Decadent, J Melissa are some of the designers that took this bohemian style to the next level.





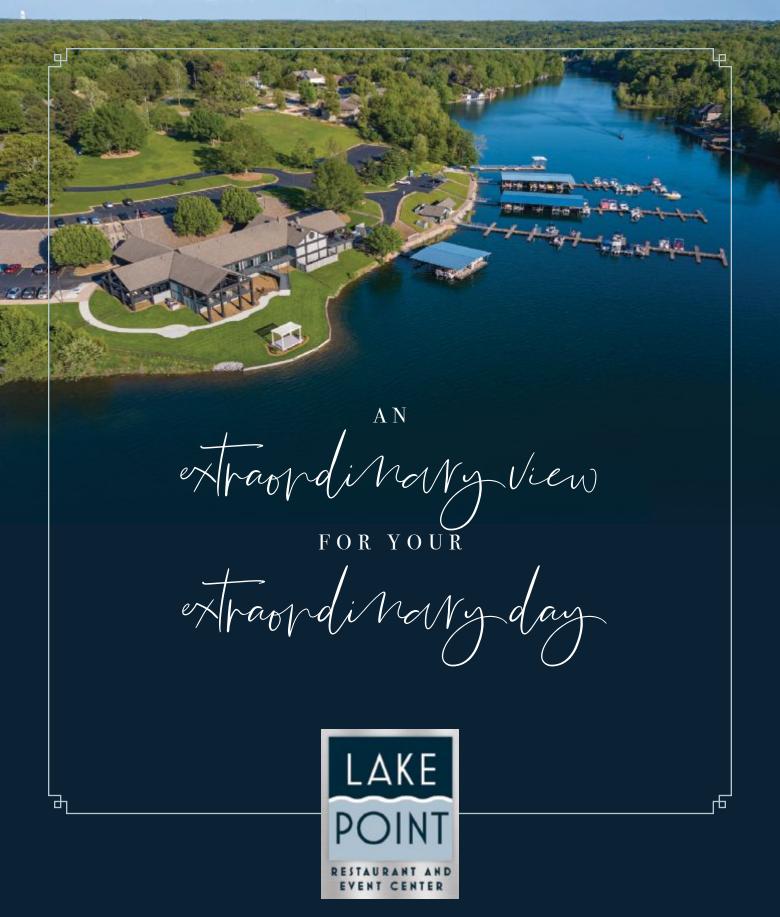






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# A PLAYFUL ROMANCE

SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA









Nestled just north of Atlanta, sits Ashton Gardens, a beautiful and romantic venue featuring a pristine glass chapel and a stunning ballroom with floor-to-ceiling windows, flooding the ceremony and reception space with soft natural lighting. This inspired shoot played off the outside greenery with warm and cheery florals and a sumptuous cake creatively adorned with citrus rounds for a lovely and intimate brunch setting.



The reception space was enhanced by a tablescape set with gold-rimmed chargers, lustrous china plates, amber-toned glasses, and mirrored candles. The ebullient couple shared a sparkling toast from the adorable Fizzy Bar followed by playful picture-poses with Juniper's photo booth in the courtyard - illustrating how an intimate wedding can be just as fun and joyful as a large event.













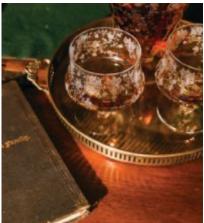
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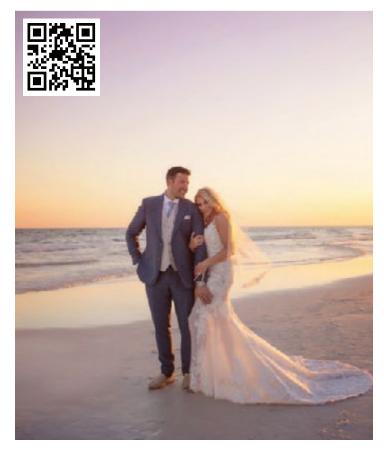
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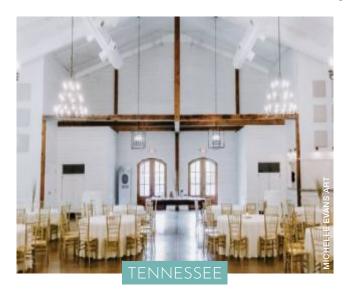








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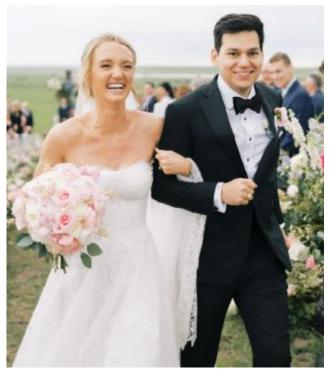
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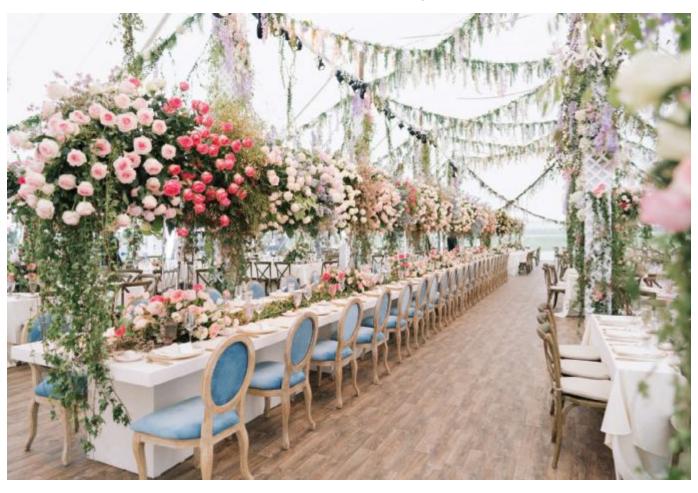






ALEX DRUMMOND AND MAURICIO SCOTT

PAWHUSKA, OKLAHOMA MAY 1, 2021



THE PROPOSAL After four years of dating, Mauricio proposed to Alex in a beautiful downtown museum garden on August I, 2020. Alex knew the proposal was coming eventually, but Mauricio purposefully led her to believe it wouldn't happen until Fall at the earliest. Alex unknowingly prepared for her surprise proposal under the guise of Mauricio's stepmother's birthday dinner at a nice restaurant. While the couple made their way to the celebratory meal, Mauricio's father and stepmother got "stuck" in traffic. To pass the time, the couple wandered around downtown until they came to a beautiful garden. When they approached the setup that Mauricio prepared, Alex knew immediately what Mauricio had planned and burst into happy tears! After he proposed, the couple's family and closest friends joined them to celebrate their engagement.

THE PREPARATION Alex and Mauricio slightly underestimated how much work goes into wedding planning, but with the help of friends and family, their special day came together seamlessly. The couple both really appreciated the time they spent together finessing all of the details and loved that it brought them even closer. They made sure to enjoy the time leading up to the wedding instead of stressing about the little things that were out of their control. Alex and Mauricio were so touched by the number of people who helped make the planning process a success.

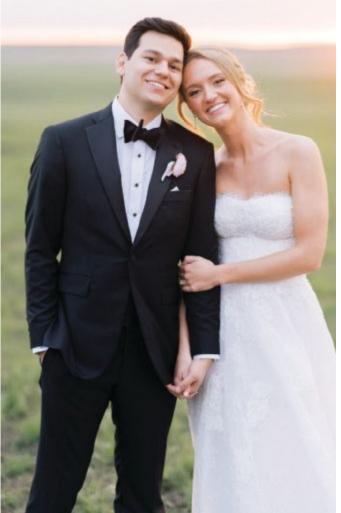






















THE BIG DAY Surrounded by family and friends, Alex and Mauricio said "I do" at the bride's family's Oklahoma ranch. A large, wooden cross adorned with greenery and pastel florals stood behind the couple as they exchanged vows and matching floral arrangements lined the aisle. After the ceremony, the couple snuck away for some stunning portraits as the sun set on the ranch. Alex and Mauricio's reception turned into an "epic dance party" and conclude with an after-party that featured a light-up dance floor and the bride's new last name - SCOTT - in giant neon letters. Their wedding day was perfect and they could not be more thankful for all of their "biggest supporter" for being there to celebrate them.

#### THE RETREAT After their wedding Alex and Mauricio

jetted off around the world to the Maldives for their honeymoon, which was the first vacation the newlyweds had been on alone together. After a whirlwind weekend, a tropical getaway was everything the couple dreamed of and more. They both agreed that it was the best way to kick off the start of their lives as husband and wife.





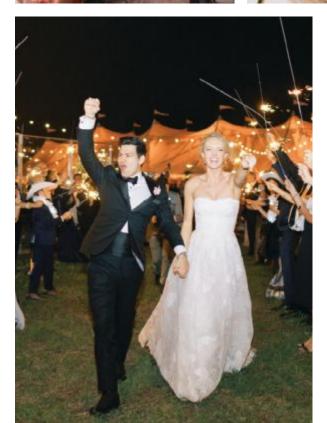












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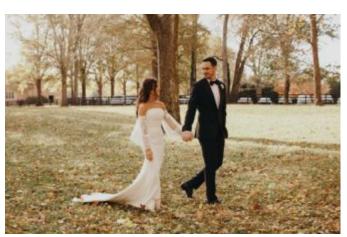






THE PROPOSAL In March 2020, Ben hosted the Bachelor Live on Stage Tour right before COVID hit and the world shut down. Jessica planned to meet him for the Northeast part of the tour, but those plans quickly changed, and she and Ben ended up spending quarantine at Jessica's parents' house. Jessica had a hunch that they might get engaged on tour. But when the tour was canceled, she figured that happy event would get pushed back. Little did she know that Ben wasn't going to let COVID stop him from proposing. He ended up surprising her with the most meaningful proposal in the backyard of her childhood home, surrounded by both of their families.

THE PREPARATION Jessica and Ben knew that planning a wedding was not their forte and scheduled three interviews with different professional planners. Once they decided on a Nashville wedding, Fête Nashville Luxury Weddings was their first choice. Sara, the founder of Fête, offered many ideas for the ceremony and reception that perfectly fit the couple's wedding day vision. Sara, Jessica, and Ben spent an entire day looking at venues, and that's when they decided on The Estate at Cherokee Dock. Once that significant decision was made, all of the other details quickly fell into place. One of their favorite parts of planning was the menu tasting, as they wanted to ensure they included all of their favorite foods. Additionally, the pair wanted to stay healthy to feel their best for their wedding day. Jessica thought she had the best support team, including her mom, who was her "eyes on the ground". And, thankfully, planning wasn't a stressful experience for either of them!















THE BIG DAY Jessica dreamed of getting married in a tent in her parents' backyard ever since she was a little girl. She and Ben knew that the Fête Nashville team would be able to bring that relaxed party atmosphere to life. They opted for food stations instead of a sitdown dinner so guests could dance the night away and eat and drink at their leisure. The ultimate goal was to eliminate the parts of the wedding that might stop the celebratory momentum, including taking portraits before the ceremony and planned dances immediately following everyone's arrival at the reception. The ceremony was so sweet and intimate, and as soon as Jessica and Ben were pronounced husband and wife, the celebration kicked into high gear!

THE RETREAT Jessica and Ben wanted to go somewhere they both had never been. Both of them love the sand and surf but rarely have the opportunity to travel just for the sake of a relaxing beach vacation. The honeymoon felt like the perfect opportunity to rest and relax without having to worry about an itinerary. After talking with friends, they learned about Le Barthelemy Hotel & Spa in chic St. Barts. They knew the Island would be the perfect place for post-wedding rest and relaxation. They enjoyed dining oceanside, snorkeling, hiking, and fabulous massages.











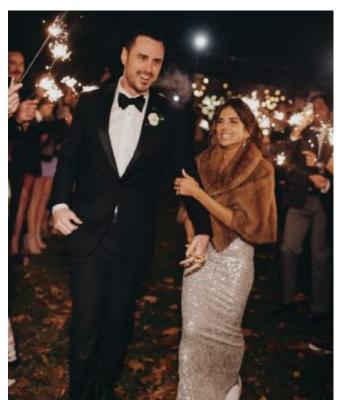












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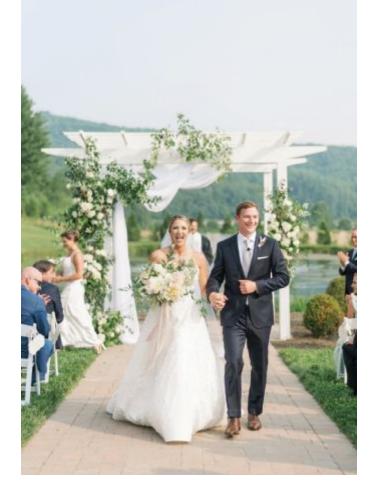


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THE PROPOSAL Edward hoped to surprise Aspen with a proposal on her family farm which overlooks the New River and the famous Blue Ridge Mountains- it is where they met and fell in love. Edward feeds the deer on the farm annually and enticed Aspen to join him one September afternoon by telling her he wanted to do a photo shoot of their beloved dog, Butter Bean, while spreading the corn. As he was posing on one knee, he asked Aspen to take a photo of himself and Butter Bean, and as Aspen was taking the photo he pulled out the ring and proposed. Edward had even set up a trail camera and caught the proposal on video so he could share it with their families, and that he had succeeded in surprising the notoriously curious Aspen! When the newly engaged couple came down the mountain, both families and their closest friends were waiting for them on the patio for a fabulous celebration!

THE PREPARATION Aspen is an auditor for a public accounting firm, so she had very little time for preparation from January through May, but, somehow, they managed to fit in engagement parties, bachelorette parties, bridal showers, etc. within a two-month window, in addition to finalizing all the details for the big day. Despite the mother of the bride owning the venue, The Barn on New River, she was still surprised at the level of effort involved in the preparation. Aspen's mother greatly appreciated the opportunity to personally utilize and support the vendors that had so often worked at their venue, and were now there for her very own daughter's wedding. In addition to the wonderful vendors, Aspen, Edward, and their entire families spent the week of the wedding laboring and tending to the grounds including the gorgeous Dahlia gardens. It was an incredible family effort and experience!











THE BIG DAY Everything was absolutely perfect on the day of the wedding. The weather was beautiful and there was an immeasurable amount of joy amongst all attending. It was a full-circle experience for Aspen's parents to see their daughter marry on the same plot of land that they watched her grow-up. The ceremony site used to be the pasture where Aspen's father helped her train her first horse. Each and every facet of the wedding exceeded expectations, thanks to each of the exceptional vendors. The venue's day-of wedding coordinator, Caroline Orcutt, ensured that no one felt any stress and had the timing of the day planned to the very minute! The reception was an absolute blast and the band, Infinite Soul, had all attendees, from all age ranges, on the dance floor until the last song. There was a significant amount of preparation for this wedding and they wouldn't have changed anything.

THE RETREAT Aspen and Edward honeymooned in St. Lucia. They wanted the experience of both the beach and mountains, so they stayed at two different resorts. They did all of the fun water and outdoor activities offered, and enjoyed their fair share of island cocktails. The couple reportedly missed Butter Bean so much they spent the week facetiming Butter Bean.

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ADAM BAKER AND STEVEN BENOIT

RIVIERA MAYA, QUINTANA ROO, MÉXICO SEPTEMBER 25, 2021



THE PROPOSAL Steven planned a leisurely morning with Adam on Town Lake in the heart of Austin, Texas. After arriving at the boat rental dock and sharing a few mimosas, the couple ventured to their two-seated kayak and started paddling. If you're familiar with the Texas sun, you'll know to seek shade whenever possible, so they quickly found themselves under a bridge overlooking the beautiful downtown Austin skyline. Surprisingly, they had the entire stretch of lake to themselves. Gathering his courage, Steven reached into his duffle bag, grabbed the Cartier box, and nervously asked Adam to turn around. "No... I'm fine. I'm enjoying the view," Adam contently replied. "Adam. Just for a second?" Steven pleaded. After what felt like minutes of back and forth, but were only moments, Adam finally turned and faced Steven. He knew.

THE PREPARATION If you are considering whether to have your big day at an all-inclusive resort, Adam and Steven have just one suggestion – do it. After a brief consultation with Maribel, one of the talented Wedding Coordinators at UNICO 20°87° Riviera Maya, the couple carefully selected décor, food, drinks, and entertainment. And, though Adam and Steven have an admittedly specific style and keen attention to detail, the process was remarkably stress-free and hands-off. Maribel and her team of coordinators and vendors planned the welcome dinner, ceremony, cocktail hour, and reception exactly how Steven and Adam had envisioned. The high level of coordination and communication allowed the couple to feel confident guests would have an incredible experience.





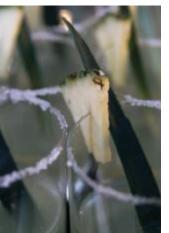


















THE BIG DAY Friends and family flew into Cancún from around the country to celebrate the love between Adam and Steven. Guests arrived at Unico 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya, where they were greeted with cocktails and a welcome bag filled with thoughtful beach essentials. The couple exchanged vows at the property's beachfront with a stunning backdrop of teal Caribbean waters and a clear blue, sun-filled sky. A collection of rattan rugs created an aisle that led up to a uniquely designed bohemian arbor. Tropical foliage, birds of paradise, and ginger flowers flanked rows of vintage Ton bistro chairs. Following the ceremony, a lively reception ensued with signature drinks, loving toasts, a gorgeous seated dinner, cake cutting, and hours of dancing led by a fantastic band. An epic fireworks display capped off the evening.

THE RETREAT After months of planning and a long, eventful weekend with friends and family, a little R&R was just what Adam and Steven craved. The couple carefully selected Be Tulum, a remote boutique hotel in Tulum, Mexico, for their mini-moon. Adam and Steven spent their time relaxing on the beach, exploring local restaurants and nightlife, and reminiscing about their once-in-a-lifetime milestone.

















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THE PROPOSAL Since Charlotte was a little girl, her parents have owned a farm in a small, historic town of Virginia, and ever since stepping foot on its gorgeous grounds, she's wanted to get married there. Specifically between the apple and peach trees by the pond. Many years later, Charlotte's parents decided to sell the farm to move up the mountain onto a larger property. Jake knew her dream was to say "I do" there. So, on a hot August afternoon in 2019, Jake took Charlotte and their chocolate lab, Stella, to the farm to spend the day relaxing by the pool. As they were packing up to leave, Jake stopped Charlotte in her tracks, right under the apple and peach trees, and asked her to marry him. They kissed and hugged with tears of joy.

THE PREPARATION The planning process for Charlotte and Jake's wedding was extensive due to the venue's unique location and COVID-19. The couple envisioned the ceremony and reception at Charlotte's parents' private farm estate in Delaplane, located on I50-acres with a massive hayfield and sparkling pond. The house itself sits on top of the adjoining mountain featuring a 180-degree view of the Virginia Blue Ridge. Immediately, they knew they were going to need a planner, so Charlotte and Jake invited several planners to the house for interviews and tours of the space. Tabitha of Roberts & Co. Events immediately impressed the couple. Tabitha and her team helped to reschedule and re-plan their wedding date three times. Once a final date was scheduled, they moved ahead to finalize all of the details. They agreed the ceremony would take place in the terraced backyard, followed by a cocktail hour on the pool patio, and then guests would take a shuttle down the mountain to the hayfield for the tented dinner reception.

THE BIG DAY Although Charlotte and Jake legally married in August 2020, they had butterflies the morning of their big day. Jake and his groomsmen golfed while Charlotte and her bridesmaids got ready in the bedroom suite of her parent's new country estate. They played games, watched movies, and drank champagne while getting their hair and makeup done. When it was time to walk down the aisle, Charlotte's dad accompanied her as a string trio performed nearby. Jake's eyes filled with tears as she made her way closer to the chuppah for their Jewish ceremony. Following tradition, Jake stomped on glass after they were pronounced husband and wife, while family and friends shouted Mazel Tov! Shortly after, guests enjoyed a cocktail hour by the pool while the newlyweds slipped away for pictures. Dinner and dancing topped off the night before Charlotte and Jake departed for a luxurious stay at The Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner.

THE RETREAT As COVID disrupted Charlotte and Jake's original plans, they honeymooned before the wedding. The pair flew first class to Hawaii, where they spent several nights at The Ritz-Carlton, Maui. They enjoyed golfing, hiking through volcanos, relaxing by the beach, and drinking piña coladas. From there, Charlotte and Jake drove to Wailea where they stayed at a fabulous Relais & Chateaux. Highlights from Wailea included getting a couples massage in their private villa, eating fresh poké bowls, snorkeling, and taking a fun mixology class.





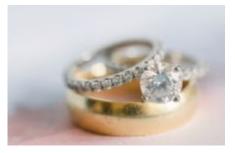














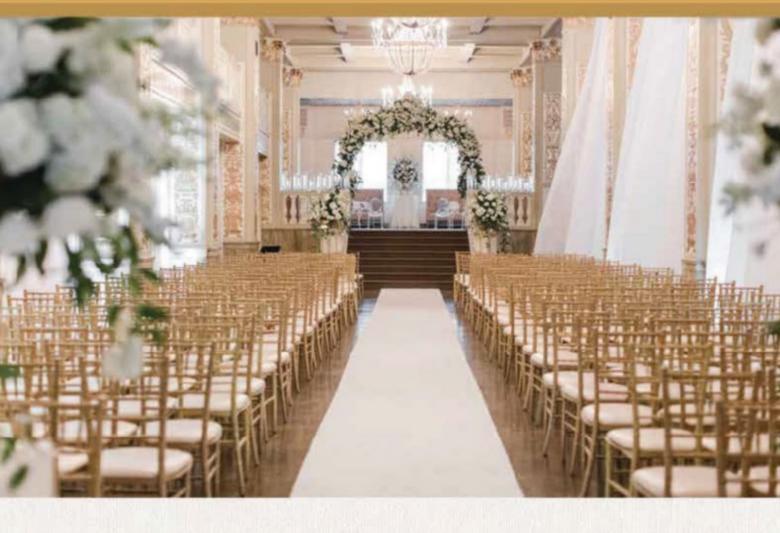


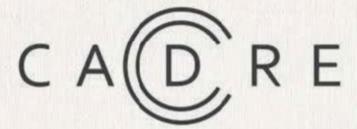




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PEYTON LOCICERO AND
JAMES BOEHRINGER "BEAU" TRIST

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA JUNE 5, 2021













THE PROPOSAL With a ring in hand (for months!) and the blessing of Peyton Elizabeth LoCicero's father, James Boëhringer "Beau" Trist set his sights on a WaterColor, Florida, proposal, near Peyton's parents' home. A romantic stroll on the beach at sunset during the July 4th weekend ended with Beau on one knee and Peyton tearfully whispering, "Yes!" Both families and a few dear friends celebrated the couple at a private dinner, followed by a party aboard Peyton's parents' boat under a sky of patriotic fireworks.

THE PREPARATION Peyton and her mother, Heidi, a retired event planner extraordinaire, began making wedding plans despite lockdown. Peyton, a fifth-generation New Orleanian, had recently returned to Louisiana to accept a job as a news anchorreporter with ABC's WGNO-TV, so a New Orleans venue was tugging at her heartstrings. Beau, a lifelong Louisiana resident and private wealth manager, felt that New Orleans was the only location to consider because of their mutual love of their family's city. On an afternoon stroll, Peyton walked by her recently official church old Se O Patrick's. Suddenly, the church bells rang out, filling the Big Easy streets with the most beautiful melody. As fate would have it, the only open date the church had available was June 5, 2021, the very day the couple wanted to marry.





THE BIG DAY As St. Patrick's iconic steeple struck seven o'clock, a trumpeter heralded Peyton's arrival. Beau surprised Peyton with the wedding band her paternal grandmother wore for fifty years of marriage, and Peyton presented Beau with the wedding ring that his grandfather and namesake, General James Boëhringer Cobb, wore during his fifty years of marriage. Peyton's wedding gown, designed by Valery Zelenyuk of Vagabond Bridal in Cape Town, South Africa, was a contemporary take on the classic off-theshoulder panel modern wedding gown with a dramatic scalloped statement train. For her church look, Peyton wore a detachable full tulle overskirt, also by Zelenyuk, and a monogrammed veil with shimmering Swarovski crystals to capture the light in the church. Following the ceremony, the church doors swung open and Peyton's father exclaimed, "It's time to strike up the band!" The Kinfolk Brass Band led guests in a second line to the Capital on Baronne, a former bank lobby transformed into a grand ballroom for the reception festivities replete with a tailgate area with LSU and Ole Miss tents, food, and décor. Two bands kept the party going all night long until Peyton and Beau departed through a tunnel of confetti and college team pom poms.

THE RETREAT The new Mr. and Mrs. Trist honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico, at the Unico Resort & Spa, indulging in spicy margaritas, fresh sushi, sunbathing, couples massages, and swimming with dolphins before starting forever together in New Orleans.











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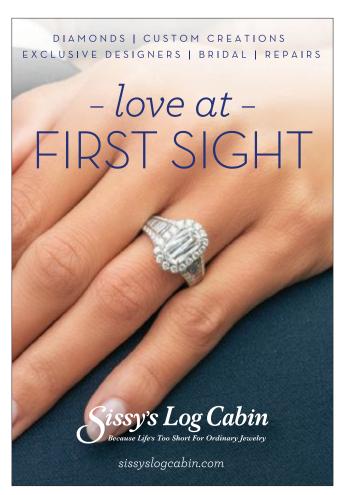


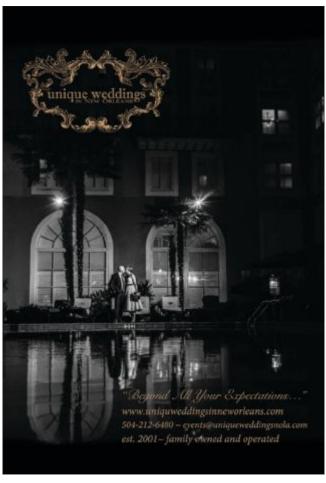


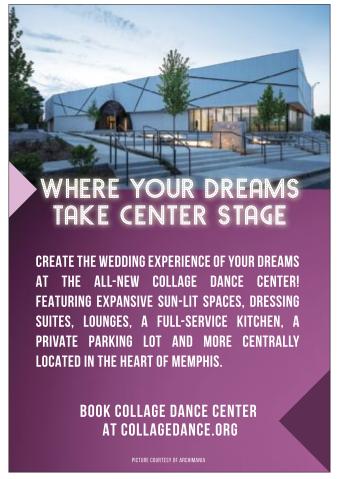
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THE PROPOSAL Following a pre-engagement couples class, Carly suspected any day that J.Paul would propose. When he invited Carly to his family's ranch for a Christmas Party - the place she grew to know and love J.Paul and his family, she had an inkling it would happen there. When they arrived at the ranch, J.Paul drove around the backside towards a pond and twinkling lights in the distance. As they got closer, Carly noticed the dock was lit up with candles. With the sun setting over the water, J.Paul took Carly's hand, walked her to the dock, said the sweetest words, and got down on one knee and asked her to marry him. With teary eyes, Carly said yes! The newly engaged couple popped a bottle of bubbly and walked to the main house, where a surprise engagement party greeted them.

THE PREPARATION Timeless, elegant, and unique were all the elements Carly had dreamed of for their wedding day. After endless movie watching and magazine flipping, Carly envisioned a blend of a Tuscan-styled, wine country affair. And, after visiting venue after venue, Carly discovered the Weinberg at Wixon Valley and instantly knew it was the perfect location. Next, they met their wedding coordinator, Jennifer of Perfectly Planned Events, who helped finalize decisions. And a family friend, Karen, from Curly Willow Botanicals, helped create breathtaking floral designs.

THE BIG DAY Carly and J. Paul spent a relaxing morning preparing with friends. After the morning festivities, Carly and her father met and rehearsed the day's events. Carly's family adores the movie Mamma Mia, so it was only fitting that Carly walked down the aisle to the piano instrumental of "Slipping Through My Fingers" in this venue, similar to the movie. J.Paul shed a few tears while watching his bride walk towards him. The groom's uncle officiated the ceremony, while the grandfathers' offered opening and closing prayers. Following the nuptials, guests enjoyed a cocktail hour featuring their signature drink, the Chilton. A lemony spirit with nostalgic ties to their college town. A reception followed with delicious food, beautiful toasts, and a surprise dance coordinated by the couple's siblings. The couple shared a last dance to "Tennessee Whiskey," led by their fantastic band, The Royal Dukes. The newlyweds departed the reception through a festive tunnel of sparklers before leaving in a vintage Rolls Royce.

THE RETREAT The couple decided on a mini-moon to the Commodore Perry Estate in Austin, Texas. Greeted and treated by the most gracious staff, Carly and J.Paul enjoyed incredible food, spirits, and shopping at the Domain via a Mercedes convertible. They even got to meet their favorite comedian, Heather McMahan, a guest at the resort. A perfect first weekend together as husband and wife.









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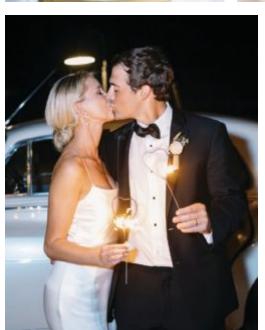












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BROOKE KIRKPATRICK
AND TIMOTHY SLEZAK

AUBURN, ALABAMA MAY 22, 2021



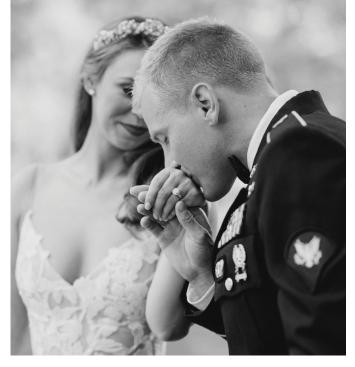
THE PROPOSAL On a particularly hot summer day, Brooke was on campus at Auburn University prepping for a photo shoot to promote her small retail business, Magnolia James Boutique, a local, upscale women's clothing boutique. Timothy saw this as the perfect opportunity to propose! As Brooke so eloquently put it, "my husband totally crashed the photoshoot" and "it was the sweetest moment." Not only did her parents get to witness the entire proposal, but so did Brooke's employees and friends. After the surprise engagement, everyone gathered at the Collegiate Hotel for celebratory drinks. Brooke and Timothy then enjoyed a private dinner for two at their favorite restaurant in the city.

THE PREPARATION Brooke and Timothy had roughly eleven months to plan for their wedding, and the first item on their checklist was selecting an event planner. They hired Make it Perfect Events, who understood their wedding day vision and helped kick off the start of the planning process. The three of them had countless meetings on décor, color scheme, and overall theme. Within a month, the location, photographer, vendors, and other significant decisions fell into place. Putting the vendor team together was one of Brooke's favorite parts of planning, and though preparing for a wedding while simultaneously running a small business was challenging, it was all worth it.

























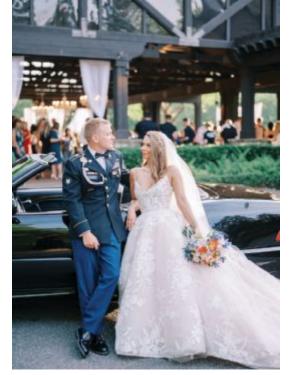
THE BIG DAY The couple felt beyond loved on the "most magical day of their lives." The big day began early with hair and makeup for the bride and bridesmaids. Brooke had so much fun spending time with her girl squad leading up to the walk down the aisle. Just past the 2 o'clock hour, Brooke and her squad took photos and primped Brooke for the "first look" with Timothy. Their videographer was able to capture this special moment beautifully and included it in their wedding video. In a traditional military ceremony, the pair said "I do" under a beautiful arbor and lush trees, honoring the groom's career and service. Brooke and Timothy were so proud to confess their love before friends and family from near and far. Following the ceremony, a lively reception ensued with a grand cake cutting, champagne flowing, and an evening of dancing.

THE RETREAT The newlyweds honeymooned in the U.S. at the Ritz Carlton South Beach in Miami, Florida. They enjoyed gorgeous weather, relaxing beachside, and excursions to the Everglades and Biscayne Baye, as well as a city tour around Little Havana. Brooke and Timothy also recommend visiting Miami to those who consider themselves 'foodies' as everywhere they dined was incredible. Two of their favorite dinner experiences included the Versace Mansion and Joe's Stone Crab. Both places offer entirely different dishes and vibes but are both staples in the Miami area.













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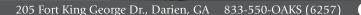
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THE PROPOSAL Molly and Chip's families are huge football fans of the University of Georgia and Notre Dame, respectively. So, when UGA played Notre Dame in 2019, they thought it would be fun for everyone to meet for the game. When Molly and Chip's flight to Athens was delayed, Molly sensed Chip getting anxious but thought it was merely traveling nerves. When they finally arrived in Athens, Chip announced he'd like to make a stop at the Athens Botanical Gardens. Molly began to have suspicions but chose to keep quiet. As they strolled through the gardens, they stopped under a gazebo, and before Molly knew it, Chip was on one knee asking Molly to be his wife! He had also secretly hired a professional photographer to capture the moment! The weekend continued with lots of celebrations, including a Bulldog win.

THE PREPARATION Like many couples, Molly and Chip's original wedding date was impacted by COVID-19. They had been planning for a November 2020 ceremony since September 2019. All of the significant decisions had been selected: the date, venue, band, florals, dress, etc. But when the entire world paused, they felt the need to push back the date. Following that difficult but necessary decision, their event planner, Beth Baldwin, provided reassuring assistance and helped the couple pivot to a summertime celebration.











THE BIG DAY Chip and Molly married in Old Town Bluffton, at the Church of the Cross. With great excitement in the air, Molly and Chip started the day getting ready with their bridesmaids and groomsmen. Prior to the ceremony, Molly and her father shared a special moment while walking to the church, both in awe of the picturesque location. The bridal couple chose not to do a first look due to an early afternoon ceremony. They also felt it would heighten that moment when the church doors opened. And, as anticipated, as soon as the doors opened, Molly's heart swelled while Chip lovingly gazed back at her. The couple felt an abundance of love surrounding them while they exchanged their vows. Following the ceremony, guests departed for the Nicklaus Clubhouse at the Colleton River Club for dinner and dancing. A treasured moment for the couple was their first dance to the song "Til I'm 99," performed by The Celebrity Allstars. Molly and Chip will cherish the memories forever thanks to their amazing photographer, Cushla Beasley, and videographer, Savannah Wedding Films, who captured everything so beautifully.

THE RETREAT While Molly and Chip had to put their dream honeymoon to Thailand on hold, the newlyweds took a mini-moon to Charleston, one of their favorite destinations, and stayed for a long weekend at the Mills House. They visited all of the city's iconic restaurants like Husk, Home Team BBQ on Sullivans, and NICO Oyster Bar. They're looking forward to planning their "real" honeymoon in Thailand very soon.



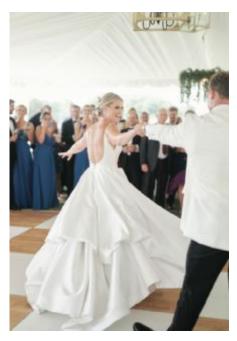














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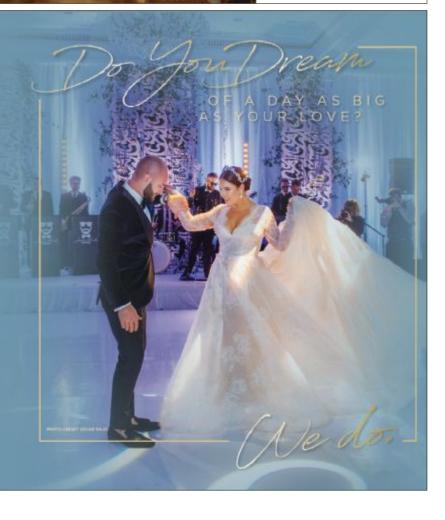


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THE PROPOSAL Molly and Killian met in January 2019 at the famous Nashville honky-tonk bar - Tooties. He immediately captured Molly's attention with details of his professional career as a pilot and a planned trip to Switzerland. Molly jokingly replied, "That sounds awesome; I'll meet you there!" To which he answered, "you should"! Three weeks later, they were traveling abroad together for their official third date. By the end of their trip to Lucerne, Killian says he knew Molly was "the one." Their relationship progressed quickly after that, and for their first anniversary they revisited Lucerne, but they left Europe engaged this time! Killian dropped to one knee on a gorgeous snowy day atop Mount Pilatus and asked Molly to spend forever with him.

THE PREPARATION As soon as the pair became engaged, they started planning for their wedding. Molly and Killian first selected their venue - The Estate at Cherokee Dock as it was their dream location and secured a date for Spring 2021. By the time the pandemic hit in March, they had about 85% of their wedding weekend planned but weren't sure if the big day was going to happen now. After a month of lockdown, Molly and Killian had a serious conversation about life and what was most important to them: starting a family. If COVID derailed their wedding, that meant pushing back the next chapter of their lives as well. Instead of waiting to see what would happen, they decided to try for a baby! In February 2021, they welcomed their son into the world and were able to have their dream wedding on their original date, thanks to the COVID-19 vaccine. The best part was having their baby son be a part of their special day.

THE BIG DAY On a sun-filled spring day in May 2021, Molly and Killian were married in front of 200 of their closest friends and family members. The COVID-19 vaccine became available just in time to gather safely and celebrate the joyous occasion. Their Saturday ceremony turned into a celebratory weekend with a big welcome dinner on Friday night, where they recreated the night they met in Nashville. The dinner included a replica of Tooties, live music, a tap truck pouring wine and beer, and the most stunning tablescape in the horse stables. On Sunday, the newlyweds invited their guests to one of Nashville's iconic streets, Broadway, to cap off the weekend. Everyone was able to mingle and enjoy the city while saying proper goodbyes before departing.

THE RETREAT Molly and Killian have traveled to many different places worldwide given their respective professions - a travel blogger (@champagnegetaway) and pilot. They knew they wanted to travel to an exotic destination where neither had visited before for their honeymoon. Bora Bora was at the top of the list but COVID-19 and their son's birth altered their plans and instead booked a threeweek getaway to Hawaii with the baby. Killian used to live in Maui, so the couple spent time with friends and family there, who even offered to take care of the baby for a couple of nights.









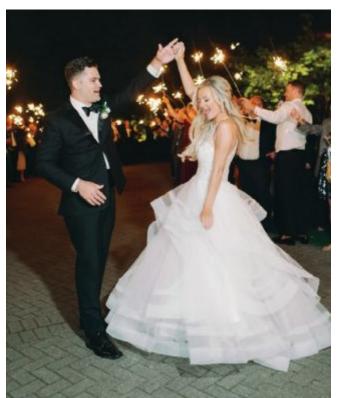












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## Grant McNamara

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It's not just about the bride anymore. As men are stepping up their game and becoming more interested in their overall appearance, their wedding day is an important milestone and a time they want to look and feel their very best.

We reached out to Grant McNamara, an emerging Chicago-based stylist and tastemaker who is making his mark on the fashion world through his unique approach to wedding styling, retail, and custom clothing. He's dressed brides and grooms around the world, styled celebrities for major events, and created bespoke clothing with accessories hand-made across Europe.

For McNamara, wedding day fashion is all about collaboration: "Stars have wardrobe teams, and on your special day, you should too."

McNamara applies his signature five pillars—versatility, timelessness, individuality, enjoyment and ease—to his work, and most recently, to his new brand, G ALXNDR. The platform fuses McNamara's most popular services—personal and day-of-wedding styling, wardrobe coordination, image consultation, and custom clothing—and offers in-person, virtual, and on-call experiences. Whether it's a tuxedo for the big day, a new look for a new season, or personalized shirts and coats, G ALXNDR is a one-stop destination that brings style, modernity, and personalization to every part of your image.





## Q. Do most males seek your service or their partners?

A. For weddings, it's almost always their partner or their planner. For personal styling, it's typically the individual that would be the client. I am big on the idea that you can't help someone that doesn't want to be helped, so what we do and provide would be most valuable to someone that recognizes they want to improve their style and life.

#### Q. What day-of styling services do you offer?

A. Our styling team attends to you and your wedding party, while your wedding planner can focus on behind the scene issues, your photographer can capture your day-of joy, and your wedding party can stand by your side, looking great and having a great time. From steaming to wardrobe malfunction service to portrait styling, our services allow other wedding professionals to do their job while ensuring the wedding couple are well taken care of. McNamara's expertise proves that the big moments feel all the more special when the little details are in order.

## Q: Tell us about your wedding day style. Anything you would do differently?

**A.** I mixed my personal style with the needs of my entrepreneurial side that was screaming, "marketing opportunity!" and came up with a twist on a popular request for the ceremony and a show stopping, sleek outfit for the reception.

I elevated my most common request from grooms, the blue suit, by choosing two stunning blue Scabal fabrics and designing a three-piece suit whose double-breasted waistcoat underneath was a lighter shade with lots of texture. So many guys have since requested that look for their own wedding! For the reception, I chose another Scabal fabric for a unique dinner jacket that I wore with black formal pants with a navy stripe down the side. My wife got my tie for me all the way back when she studied abroad in Italy during our university years. I designed the shoes for each outfit. I wore (almost) my normal amount of jewelry and socks from my brother and sister-in-law's wedding sock company, No Cold Feet. From a design and look perspective, I wouldn't change a thing.

"We strive to empower grooms to be involved and make decisions, and that starts with letting their personality the one their fiance fell in love with and their friends and family know them for come through their style."



### Q: Best advice you would give to a groom? Wedding couple?

A. We strive to empower grooms to be involved and make decisions, and that starts with letting their personality—the one their fiance fell in love with and their friends and family know them for—come through their style. If they hate tuxedos, wear a suit! If they hate being traditional, wear green or red. Being yourself makes you confident. I give the same advice to couples in general. Choose what's most important to you, not what's expected of you. The little details that represent you as a couple make for something special and memorable.

#### Q: What is your favorite thing about being a stylist?

A. Providing such a high-touch service, paired with the vulnerability and personal nature of someone's style and appearance, has created truly genuine and deep relationships with my clients. Seeing clients' progression in their personal style journeys is an absolute pleasure each day.

## Q. Are there any big-name celebrities you have styled/worked with in the past?

A. We work with lots of pro athletes across the NBA and NFL, national sports media personalities, gentlemen appearing in The Bachelor franchise, and a lot more we wish we could mention. Be on the lookout for some really fun work with the NBA Champion Milwaukee Bucks.

## Q. What would be your dream wedding/event/individual to style and work with?

A. On the wedding side, we'd absolutely love to work with Marcy Blum, David Beahm, Mindy Weiss, David Tutera, Preston Bailey, Lisa Vorce, Bryan Rafanelli, and Colin Cowie. Outside of weddings, as G ALXNDR continues to become one of the more sought-after styling groups, I personally would love to work closely with the most in-demand photographers, designers, and celebrities for some epic nationally and globally published shoots.

## Q. What do you think most men are surprised to learn from you?

**A.** That style and caring about what they look like is actually a lot of fun, and that it doesn't always mean dressing up or being uncomfortable.

## Q. What are the 3-5 most essential items in a male's wardrobe?

A. This isn't male specific because I think it works for everyone:

- · A perfectly-fitted blazer
- A perfectly-fitted dress shirt in whatever color is most flattering to your skin tone
- · A clean white t-shirt
- Stylish, unique outerwear (leather jacket or light topcoat are my favorites)
- One go-to pair of denim that makes you feel like you're rockin' it

## Q. Any other words of wisdom?

A. I ask every client this question because it is paramount to the process: What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail? When you surround yourself with your dream team, it allows us to say, "Okay, we see you, and we'll make it happen. You don't have to worry about a thing."

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### SOTO & CO.

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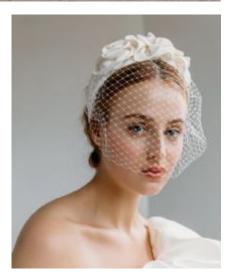
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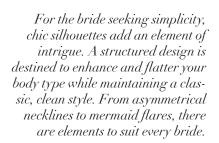


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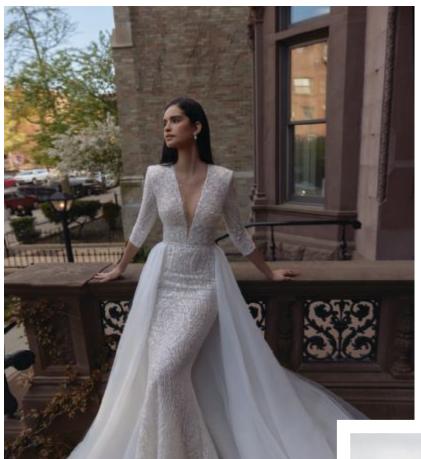


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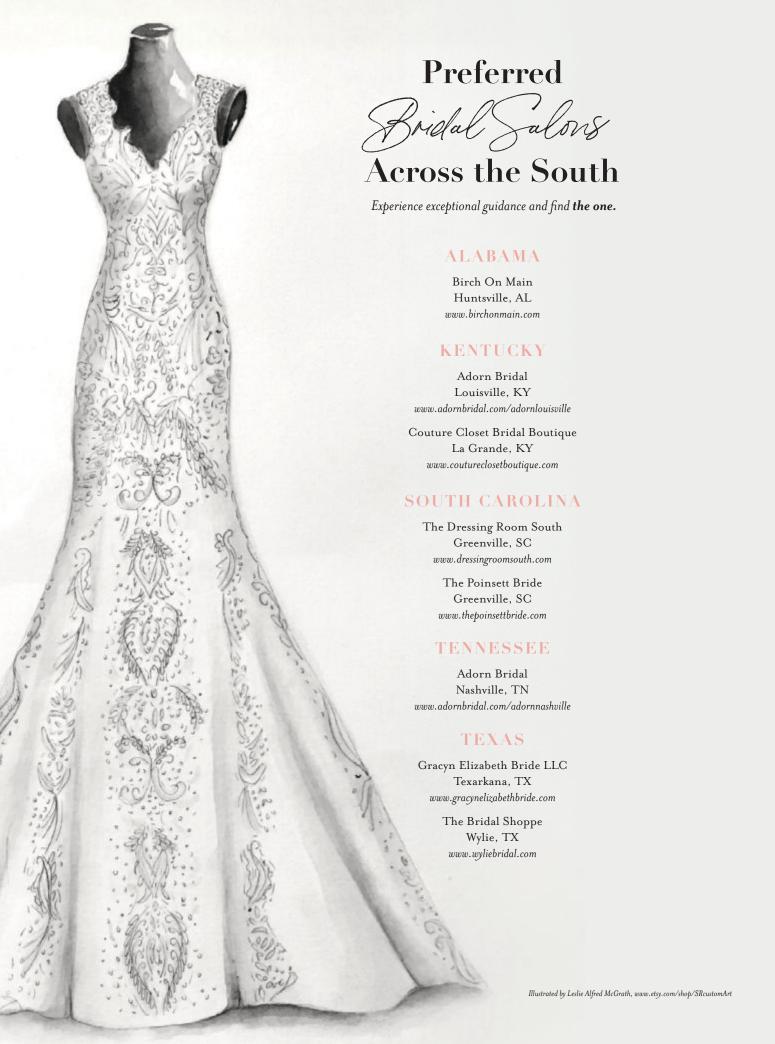


Whether you're traveling across the globe to a tropical island, visiting a rolling vineyard, or staying closer to home for your wedding day, select a dress that speaks to your personality. Decorative lace, romantic puff sleeves, or a simple satin dress will complement your scenic location.



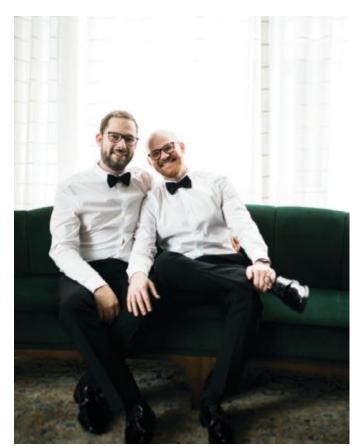


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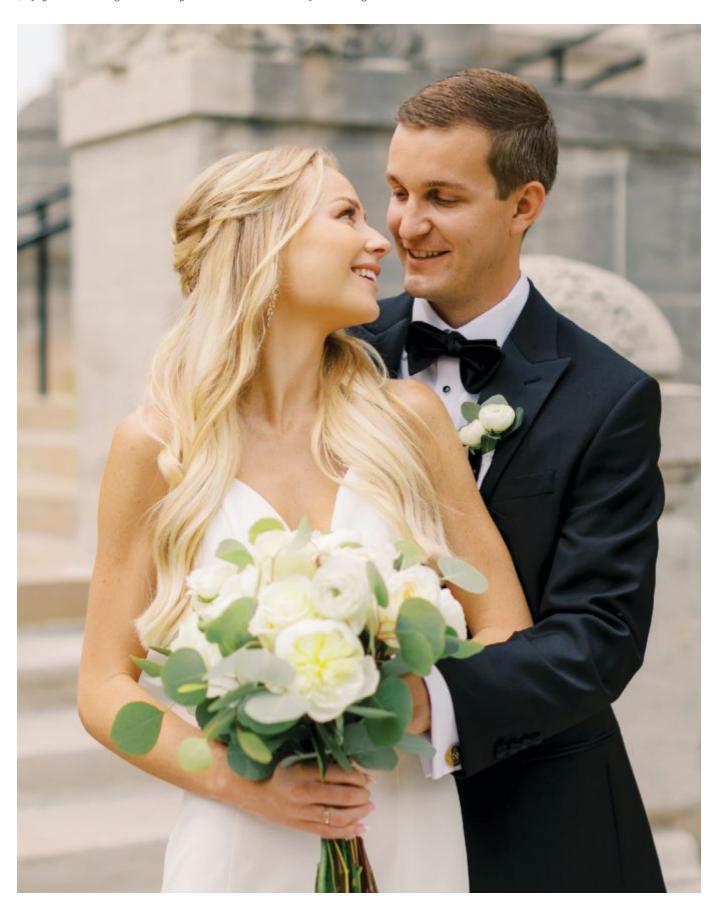


Jason Bond & Bryce Young married at 4 o'clock in the evening on November 7, 2020, at the modern luxury Perry Lane Hotel in Savannah, Georgia. Inspired by their proposal location, the Palace of Versailles in France, the couple went with a lush, Gatsby-esque theme with a rich color palette, while maintaining a classic and masculine appeal with velvet suits and champagne gowns for their groomswomen. Fortunately for the couple, COVID-19 did not cause a postponement, only a shorter guest list and the addition of #BRYSON2020 face masks. However, not being

able to control the weather, the ceremony was moved from the rooftop to the library for a more intimate setting where the couple exchanged their vows, followed by a reception on the top floor. The rain held off enough for the guests to enjoy the rooftop for drinks and photos afterwards, with one of the best views of the city. After dancing the night away, the newlyweds made their exit in a classic car illuminated by sparklers. The couple spent the following week reminiscing on their special day on their honeymoon in Charleston, South Carolina.

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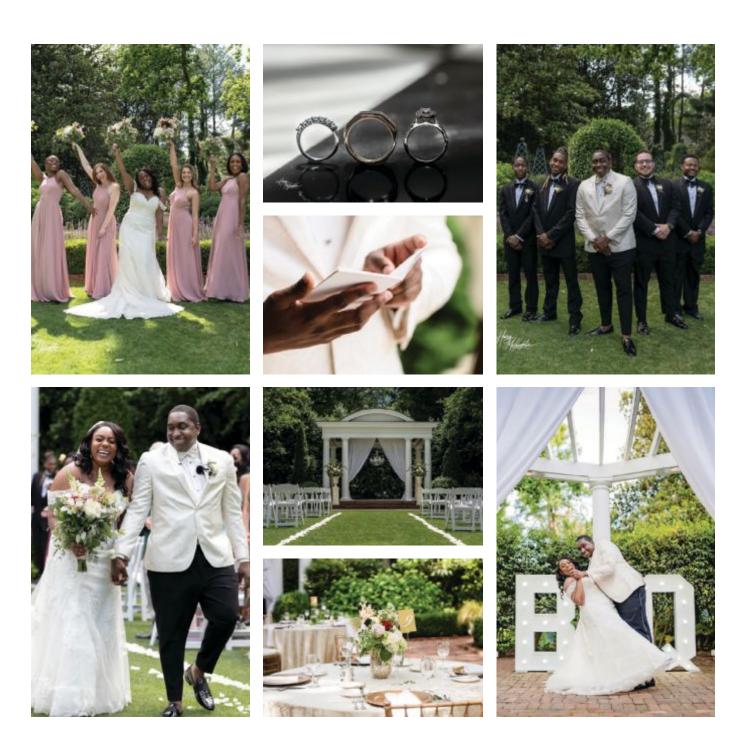
Shelby Jolly and Connor O'Malley were married on July 31, 2021, at The Round Barn Stable, an architectural treasure and historic landmark in Lexington, Kentucky. A fitting venue for the University of Kentucky alumni who met at school and love the outdoors and horses. With the help of their event planner, JC Wedding & Events, Shelby and Connor created a romantic and timeless ambiance for the ceremony and reception, which featured unique details like wax-sealed tea cards featuring the O'Malley family crest, custom wine wall, and of course, penny eucalyptus and ivory roses sprinkled throughout. The couple focused on a classic color palette

consisting of black, white, gold, and taupe to further elevate the relaxed but elegant aesthetic. One of Shelby's favorite planning moments was designing her Allure Bridals wedding gown and veil with the guidance of Virginia based bridal shop, Ava Laurenne Bride. Shelby was a vision in her custom dress and witnessing Connor's face light up as she walked down the aisle was an unforgettable moment they'll cherish forever. And though the rain tried to trickle in some during the day, the sun brilliantly shined as they began to exchange vows. The newlyweds traveled to the Maldives and Abu Dhabi for a once-in-a-lifetime honeymoon.

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## Bryanna Norwood and Quinton Brown 15 May 2021 Charlotte, North Carolina Photographer Harry McLaughlin Photography Event Planner Jenkins & Co. Weddings





Bryanna Norwood and Quinton Brown were married on May 5, 2021, at The Duke Mansion in Charlotte, North Carolina. The self-professed Disney enthusiast couple incorporated every bit of "Happily Ever After" into their magical day. The Duke Mansion venue was ever-so-fitting for a fairytale wedding setting, complete with timeless hues of blush, silver, gold, and hints of burgundy, serving as quite the compliment to the abundant stunning florals and greenery. The sun gleamed down to illuminate their big day in May and provided just the right weather for their outdoor ceremony space. The bridesmaids donned beautiful

blush gowns, while the groomsmen sported sleek black tuxedos, pairing classically with the light hues of the dresses. Not only did their styles of an ivory suit jacket and lace gown speak elegance throughout the day, but as did the flowing white drapes and statement chandelier that the couple chose to incorporate into the space. The bride choreographed a dance for the bridal party and close family. Sweet smiles and laughter were prevalent among the attendees and captured by their photographer, Harry McLaughlin, reflecting the two newlyweds' pure love and the dreamy day they created together.

Photographer: harrymclaughlinphotography.com, Event planner: jenkinsandcoweddings.com, Venue: dukemansion.org, Florist: justdandydesigns.com, Cake: charlotteweddingcakes. com, Invitations: withjoy.com, Gown: essensedesigns.com, Hair: tonianthony.com and instagram.com/bstyledtherightway, Makeup: instagram.com/muakiannasheraye, Rentals & Decor: cerental.com, Entertainment: instagram.com/upstatestringstrio, Videograper: secretsocietyws.com

## Emily Collins and Ashor Samano 24 April 2020 Austin, Texas Photographer Cacie Carroll Photography Event Planner Ashley Nicole Affair

















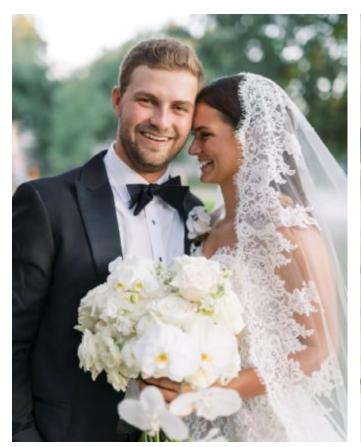
Emily Collins and Ashor Samano were married on April 24, 2021, at The Addison Grove in Austin, Texas. After rescheduling their Chicago wedding twice due to the pandemic, the couple decided to do something completely unexpected and took a spontaneous trip to Austin to select a new venue. They had no ties 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.

Photographer: caciecarrollphotography.com, Event Planner: ashleynicoleaffair.com, Florist: theflowergirltx.com, Venue: theaddisongrove.com, Caterer & Cake: royalfig.com, Invitations: minted.com, Gown: millanova.com from lovelybride.com/stores/chicago-bridal-shop, Veil: etsy.com/shop/BridalsByTeri, Reception Dress: prettylavish.co.uk, Bridal Shoes: stuartweitzman.com, Hair & MUA: silkandglowbeauty.com, Engagement Ring & Wedding Bands: jamesallen.com, Groom's Tuxedo: menswearhouse.com, Rentals & Decor: beelavish.com, Videographer: leemediaweddings.com, Entertainment: premieraustindjs.com

### Lauren Kinchen and John Luke Charlet

18 September, 2021 Baton Rouge, Louisiana PHOTOGRAPHER Peony Photography







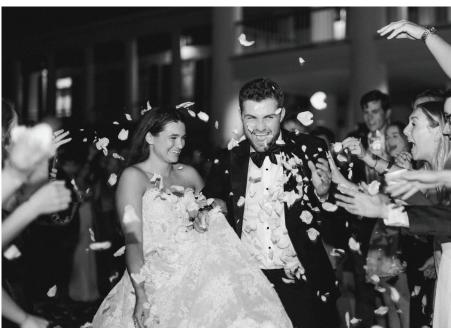










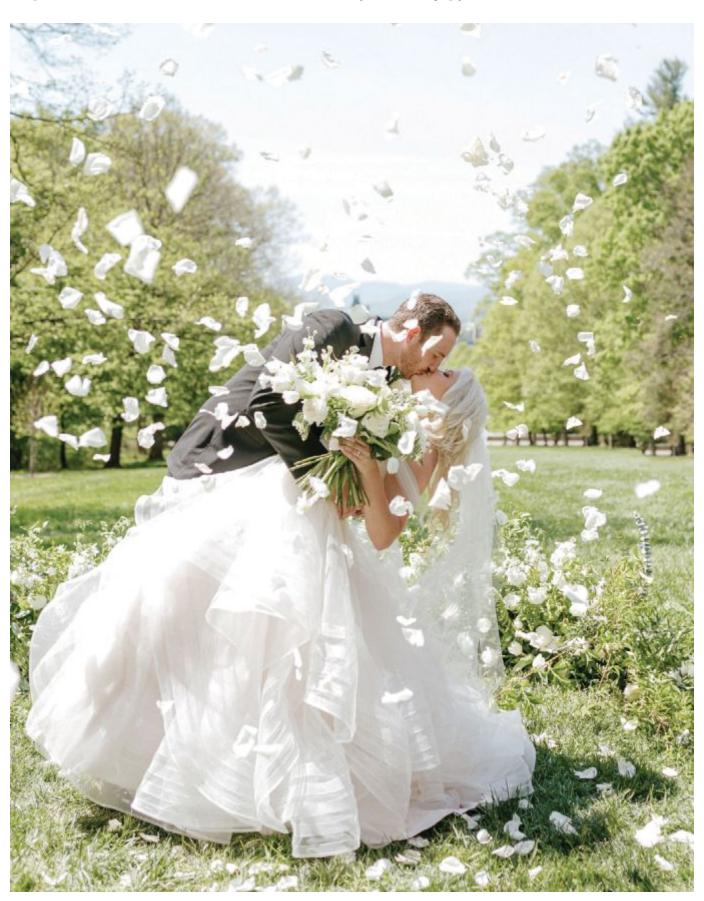


Lauren Kinchen and John Luke Charlet were married on September 18, 2021, in a heartfelt ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The bride wore a Monique Lhuillier gown and veil paired with light blue Loeffler Randall heels. The groom wore a black tuxedo. The couple opted for a classic black and white color scheme throughout their wedding day and reception decor at The Country Club of Louisiana. Lauren and John Luke met in elementary school when Lauren's father took both their hands on the first day of the school year and led them into their classroom. Lauren was immediately smitten with

the blonde hair boy that grew to be the man of her dreams. On a quick stop to ostensibly pick up a hunting camera before their regular date night, John Luke took a knee and proposed to Lauren steps away from an enchanting pond in the woods. The couple shared a picnic before meeting family and friends at the Pourciau Magic Garden at Louisiana State University Arboretum. The newlyweds ventured to luxurious St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort in Puerto Rico for their honeymoon where they had an incredible time exploring all the island has to offer.

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## Courtney Powers and Ryan Simpler 27 April 2021 Asheville, North Carolina PHOTOGRAPHER Emily Wakin Photography EVENT PLANNER Stacia Powers Events















Courtney Powers and Ryan Simpler married on April 27, 2021, at the idyllic Biltmore Estate, George Vanderbilt's 1889 Chateau in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The college sweethearts shared their self-written vows in an intimate ceremony surrounded by ten guests and the Biltmore mansion in the background. Set on an elevated fouracre estate in Asheville, the venue and landscape captured the charm of a fairytale. While the ceremony was simple, the goal for their wedding planner, Stacia Powers Events, was to create a magical experience for

the couple that would rival a big wedding. Since grandparents and other family members couldn't attend, Courtney tried to include as many sentimental details and heirlooms as possible. The china used at dinner belonged to Courtney's grandmother, the perfume and jewelry were all passed down from her great-grandmother. The Precious Moment cake topper was notable because Courtney's mom has collected Precious Moments since she was young. These details added a meaningful touch to the couple's magical day.

Photographer: emilywakin.com, Event Planner: staciapowersevents.com, Venue, Florals, Caterer, Cake, Rentals, & Decor: biltmore.com, Gown: watters.com, Bridal Shop & Veil: lillianruthbride.com,
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Entertainment: carolinamusicplanner.com, Estate Map Illustration: @theletterjcreates, Vow Books: ciarraclaire.com, Menu: kedesignco.com, Place Cards: beautifullyloststudio.com

### Juliana Harkavy and Anthony Kaitibi Jr. 3 October 2021 Memphis, Tennessee PHOTOGRAPHER Elizabeth Hoard Photography EVENT PLANNER Janis Kiel













Juliana Harkavy and Anthony Kaitibi Jr. were married in Memphis, Tennessee, on October 3, 2021, surrounded by family and friends at Shelby Farms Fedex Event Center. The couple met through a mutual interest in soccer and mutual friends. Anthony proposed surprisingly to Juliana at Shelby Farms during a staged engagement photo shoot intended to help bolster the groom's brother's photography portfolio. Juliana, the youngest of three and the only daughter, gave her mother the joy of planning the wedding, along with a professional, Janis Kiel. Their vision was refined and elegant. Bold floral arrangements stole the show, while gold accent pieces and decor elevated the space.

Juliana and Anthony shared a first look that left the usually talkative couple speechless for the first time. At 6:30 p.m., the quartet started playing as Anthony led the procession with his mother by his side, followed by the bridal party. Juliana, accompanied by her parents halfway down the aisle, met Anthony and the couple's parents under a lovely cascading floral trimmed canopy. Following the nuptials, guests gathered for a cocktail hour overlooking the lake just as the sun was setting. Dinner and an evening of dancing highlighting both sides of the families cultures - resulted in the most unforgettable evening for everyone.

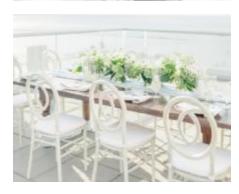
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### Kelli Mencke and Nicholas Janysek

9 September 2021 Cleveland, Ohio PHOTOGRAPHER Catherine Milliron Photography EVENT PLANNER All Events Planned















Joined by their immediate family and closest friends, Kelli Marie Mencke and Nicholas Heep Janysek were married overlooking the shores of Lake Erie in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 9, 2021. The couple enjoyed perfect late summer weather for their outdoor wedding, with the ceremony taking place on the Veranda at the EY Building and the reception 19 floors above in The Penthouse. A French Blue palette

accented with navy and white details paired perfectly with the blue waters of the lake below. Every detail from the hydrangeas to chiffon were expertly curated by Kelli to bring their classic coastal wedding design to life. Kelli and Nicholas were married on a Thursday, providing the opportunity to show off Cleveland to their guests with a full weekend affair in the city where their love story began.

Photographer: catherinemilliron.com, Event Planner: alleventsplanned.com, Florist: instagram.com/suebernhard, Venue & Caterer: lagocustomevents.com, Cake: wildflourbakery.com, Invitations: shineweddinginvitations.com, Gown: morilee.com from barefoot-bride.com, Hair & Makeup: makeupbymadisonk.com, Rentals & Decor: stradleydavidson.com, Videographer: northshoreproductions.co, Entertainment: bestdjincleveland.com, Favors & Gifts: instagram.com/otterbebaking, Transportation: a1mrlimo.com, Honeymoon Accommodations: hyatt.com









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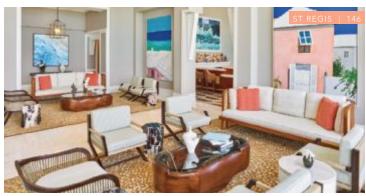
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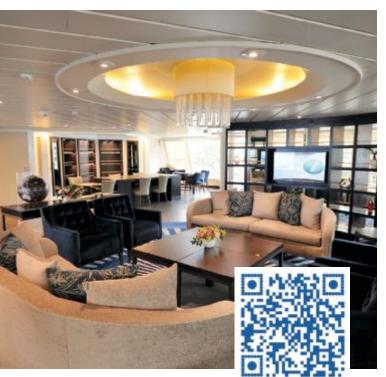
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#### SUGAR BEACH, A VICEROY RESORT

- Soufriere, St. Lucia

Sugar Beach resort is set within over IOO acres of lush rainforest on the site of an 18th Century sugar plantation, the lushly landscaped grounds sweep down to the stunning white sand Sugar Beach and the glimmering Caribbean Sea.

ROOM KEY: The plantation's luxury villas and villa suites, and luxury Sugar Mill rooms boast elegant four-poster beds, luxurious Egyptian cotton linens, personalized butler service and every modern amenity for feeling pampered. Each of the resort's villas and villa suites afford spectacular views of the Pitons and Caribbean Sea. Several of the new privately owned Sugar Beach Residences have also been completed and are available to guests.

ABOVE & BEYOND: I Do & Anniversary for Two package. It's wedding bliss, bundled with extra amenities and offers that make planning easy and infinitely more enjoyable. The icing on the cake: return to Sugar Beach and you'll receive a complimentary two-night stay for your one-year anniversary.

 $SIP\ \&\ SAVOR$ : With several dining options most notable are the Great Room evoking Old World colonial charm while serving up Caribbean-influenced delicacies in candlelit, air-conditioned surroundings. Bayside Restaurant set on the white powder sands of one of the island's most beautiful beaches, diners enjoy gourmet wood-fired oven pizzas, specialty sandwiches and grilled catch of the day.

TAKE NOTE: Destination Weddings, Honeymoons, Anniversaries, family-friendly. \$\$\$

## JADE MOUNTAIN - Soufriere, St. Lucia

Rising majestically above the 600-acre beach front resort of Anse Chastanet, Jade Mountain is a cornucopia of organic architecture celebrating St. Lucia's scenic beauty. The bold architectural design – make Jade Mountain one of the Caribbean's most mesmerizing resort experiences.

ROOM KEY: All 29 of the sanctuaries (rooms) celebrate an unparalleled view of the Pitons and the Caribbean Sea. In all the sanctuaries, the 4th wall is absent to extend views while at the same time allowing for complete privacy. Expect grand sweeping spaces where bedroom, living area and the extravagant private infinity pool or Jacuzzi glide into one another to form extraordinary platforms floating out into nature.

ABOVE & BEYOND: Catamaran, scuba diving, helicopter pad, spatents, whale watching, mountain biking, yoga studio, cooking classes, doctor on call, environmental program, music program, wine cellar and tastings, and water taxi service – on top of all usual hotel amenities.

SIP & SAVOR: Jade Mountain Club caters exclusively to resident guests, celebrating James Beard Award Winner Chef Allen Susser's "Jade Cuisine." Hovering in space above the Jade Mountain Club is the Celestial Terrace, perfect for sunset cocktails or stargazing. You can find alternative dining options at Jade Mountain's sister property, Anse Chastanet.

TAKE NOTE: Adult only, uber romantic, ideal for honeymooners or anniversaries. \$



# **ANGUILLA**



## MALLIOUHANA, AUBERGE RESORTS COLLECTION - Meads Bay, Anguilla

Set on 25 acres of lush, landscaped gardens that merge to the pristine white-sand beaches of Mead's Bay and Turtle Cove, Malliouhana is designed for guests seeking a private vacation retreat with all the comforts of home and access to world-class dining, and an exceptional Auberge Spa and Fitness program.

ROOM KEY: Guest rooms are decorated in a bright, contemporary Caribbean aesthetic, guest rooms and suites offer 720 to 2,500 square feet of living space and feature expansive private terraces as well as amenities including Nespresso machines, iPod docking stations, luxury linens, microfiber robes and custom-blended, organic bath and body products. For larger groups, villas with up to 6 bedrooms are available.

ABOVE & BEYOND: Malliouhana's distinctive venues exude modern-day island glamour with a relaxed sense of beachy elegance. On-site wedding specialists are romantics at heart who take a highly personalized approach with each couple to create a wedding that reflects their unique vision.

SIP &  $SAVOR\colon$  Celeste Restaurant offers an exquisite setting with a variety of fresh, sea-to-table offerings inspired by Mediterranean cuisine. Bar Soleil is a relaxing indoor-outdoor lounge that boasts the most scenic views on the island, relax with a specialty cocktail and light-fare as the sun sets. Leon's Beach Bar and Restaurant is located directly on Mead's Bay Beach, and has a beach club feel with beach volleyball, fooz-ball tables, pool tables and a lively vibe.

TAKE NOTE: Stunning destination weddings, modern-glamour decor, ideal for honeymooners and anniversaries. Family friendly. \$\$

# AURORA ANGUILLA RESORT & GOLF CLUB - Rendezvous Bay, Anguilla

A Caribbean paradise created for the most discerning travelers in search of an authentic island getaway that is both elegant and relaxed, refined, and playful. The 176-suite property is home to a collection of world-class amenities placing the resort in a league of its own. Its crown jewels include a fleet of private jets, seven restaurants and bars, Sorana Spa and Aurora International Golf Course, an 18-hole Championship Golf Course envisioned by Greg Norman Golf Course Design.

ROOM KEY: Accommodations range from Tower units in Anguilla's tallest building, to Beachfront and Oceanfront suites, to luxurious Villas fit for various family sizes.

 $SAY\ I\ DO$ : The island's natural beauty provides a mesmerizing backdrop for your momentous occasion. Bespoke itineraries and meaningful experiences catering to every inclination for occasion's that are effortless and full of life.

SIP & SAVOR: The open-air Kitchen Table is open from sunrise to sunset evoking a casual sit down or grab and go atmosphere. Eventide is refined dining on the beach where Caribbean flavors are married with fresh seafood. D Richard's can be found at the golf club for expertly cooked steaks and well-crafted cocktails. Breezes serves up East coast fare of lobster rolls and clams bakes. Marella offers a harmonious blend of modern Italian-inspired cuisine and the best of the sea.

TAKE NOTE: Destination Weddings, Honeymoons, Anniversaries, family friendly. \$\$\$



# **BERMUDA**



#### THE ST. REGIS BERMUDA RESORT -

St. Georges, Bermuda

A haven of oceanfront elegance situated in the historic town of St. George's is just steps from the soft white sands of St. Catherine's Beach. Immerse in unparalleled leisure and wellness facilities during your time in Bermuda. Overlooking azure waters, the resort's pool deck area features two swimming pools, luxuriant lounges, and private cabanas for an exclusive retreat. Refined relaxation at Iridium Spa, offering unique personalized treatments using natural and precious elements.

ROOM KEY: The 120 room boutique resort provides calm turquoise water and stunning views to create an iconic resort setting with lavish, soft, refined color palettes and organic textures that evoke the oceanfront tranquility. Personal butler service available.

ABOVE & BEYOND: From an intimate rehearsal dinner to an extravagant wedding reception, the distinctive dining venues and outdoor terraces offer an unrivaled Bermuda experience for a transcendent celebration.

SIP & SAVOR: Newly opened, BLT Steak is the resort's iconic steakhouse. Guests can savor the finest cuts of beef, tempting appetizers, and desserts, along with an upscale drink menu in a fresh and modern setting. Lina restaurant boasts an elegant, chic, and timeless ambiance that mirrors its location's history. Intimate yet celebratory, The St Regis Bar is the social center of The House of Astor. Experience the Teatime Ritual, sip crafted cocktails, and legendary favorites such as The Gates Bay Mary. Indulge in family-style bites and culinary classics.

TAKE NOTE: Ideal for honeymooners, destination weddings, and romantic escapes. Family-friendly. \$\$\$

## CAMBRIDGE BEACHES RESORT & SPA - Sandys, Bermuda

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ROOM KEY: Bermuda's Original Cottage Accommodations. With authentic old-world charm and elegantly appointed interiors, every accommodation at Cambridge Beaches boasts a private entrance, a private outdoor seating area, and stunning waterfront views. Not to be missed are the private pool cottages (Bermuda's only)!

ABOVE & BEYOND: The island's natural beauty provides a mesmerizing backdrop for your momentous occasion. Bespoke itineraries and meaningful experiences cater to every inclination for occasions that are effortless and full of life.

 $SIP~\&~SAVOR\colon$  The meal plan offers a variety of appealing dining options: Breezes, an award-winning, open-air, gourmet restaurant; Shutters a casual beachfront bistro that enjoys nightly sunsets on Long Bay, and the Tamarisk Room that opens onto a lovely outdoor terrace with spectacular views of Mangrove Bay where dining and dancing is a favorite past-time of guests, jacket-optional. Candlelight Dinners on the Beach with Tiki torches and candlelight, shimmering water, and star-filled skies in a beautiful place. This is one of our most popular "must-do!"

TAKE NOTE: Ideal for Romantic Honeymoons with ocean views and private outdoor space, Anniversaries, family-friendly. \$\$\$



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Enjoy a leisurely stroll through Claude Monet's spectacular home and gardens in Giverny. Taste one-of-a-kind Norman chocolate, cheese, and cider, and go on guided bike tours through the picturesque city of Vernon and its fairytale timber-framed houses. The optional pre or post-cruise land package to Saint-Malo in Brittany offers a glimpse into the region's seafaring history, and you'll truly feel like you've stepped into the past as you explore this magnificent walled city.

Want more magic? The tidal island and commune of Mont Saint-Michel will transport you into a genuinely unique land of splendor. Consider reserving this cruise with our optional land packages: 2 nights pre-cruise Paris and 3 nights post-cruise St. Malo plus I-night Paris.









THE LUXURY OF SPACE - AmaWaterways' award-winning ships offer the luxury of space while accommodating an average of just I50 guests. This allows for freedom of movement on the vessel, the security of knowing that safety is paramount, and no possibility of overcrowding. You'll be surprised how refreshing it is to move through the landings and rooms freely.

SHIPS OF PRESTIGE - AmaWaterways proudly debuted two beautiful new ships in Europe this year, AmaSiena and AmaLucia. Both of these are twin-balcony ships and have already been awarded prestigious Green Award certification for industry-leading safety, quality, and environmental performance. Enjoy peace of mind knowing you are on a high-quality vessel that will safely carry you through days of fun, rest, and relaxation in luxury.

BUILD YOUR OWN ITINERARY - There's something for every type of traveler on the cruise. Whether you want to explore fairy-tale hamlets or capital cities of grandeur, go on active hikes or bike rides, enjoy gentle walks during city tours, or delight your taste buds with culinary-themed Special Interest Tours, you have the freedom of choice. Choose between a jam-packed schedule, a more relaxing, slow-paced experience, or something in between – it's all entirely up to you.

LET'S TALK CUISINE - There's no use in talking about the AmaWaterways experience without mentioning the exquisite food you'll dine on every day. Using only the freshest, locally-sourced ingredients, top chefs aboard the ship expertly prepare dishes that will leave you satisfied and yet craving more. Dine in the Main Restaurant or on the multi-course tasting menu offered at The Chef's Table specialty restaurant and give your palate a culinary adventure to remember (all included in the price of your river cruise). Complimentary fine wines, beer, and soft drinks are offered during lunch and dinner.

# PARADISUS LOS COBOS

## SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO, MEXICO

The recently renovated, all-inclusive Paradisus Los Cabos frames indelible views of the Sea of Cortés on a breathtaking swimmable beach. Nestled along 18.5 acres of prime Los Cabos real estate, the resort's re-imagined design includes swim-up suites, providing access to the property's three new pools. Michelin rated Chef Martin Berasategui and his restaurant, Gastro Bar, is one of the most buzzworthy of the resort's seven restaurants, serving contemporary Basque cuisine. Paradisus is conveniently located just a mere 25-minute drive from Los Cabos International Airport.

THE LUXURY OF SPACE - Sophisticated, luxurious, and elegant, all 350 suites provide ultimate comfort and a chic atmosphere with unbeatable views of the Sea of Cortez. Indulgent beds and warm tones are the perfect complement of balance and a soothing environment. Room options include 28 Ocean View Swim-up Suites, 98 Royal Service Suites and 30 Family Concierge Suites.

MAKE IT MORE MEMORABLE - "Southern Bride approved!" A wonderful selection for couples looking for endless romance, from dream weddings to unforgettable honeymoons while celebrating with your partner, friends, and family. Paradisus Los Cabos has on-property destination wedding specialists that absolutely love what they do and will coordinate all your needs allowing you to relax and enjoy your memorable stay.

EAT & DRINK - Avenue Bar - A modern, sophisticated space with a crafted drinks menu and exotic cocktails. Bana-Japanese fusion restaurant providing a global element to the culinary experience including an indoor dining area, private lounge, and Zen terrace, featuring Teppanyaki and sushi bar. Gabi Beach- al fresco dining on beach, providing expansive views of Los Cabos beaches. Gastro Bar-open to all, including non-guests (Adults only) providing a lively and glamorous atmosphere. La Palapa- outdoor dining, A Royal Service VIP restaurant, that includes scrumptious à la carte entrees served up with impeccable service, while the Sea of Cortés dances in the background. Market Grill- an à la carte restaurant serving fresh salads, traditional Argentinean steak, and rustic Italian cuisine, including homemade pasta and a wood-fired oven for pizzas. Mole- experience the authentic, rich flavors and various layers of Mexican contemporary cuisine, one of our favorites. NAOS- Guests are welcome to start their day with a sumptuous international breakfast. The buffet style offers something for everyone.

 $TAKE\ NOTE\ -\ If you would like to elevate your visit, book The Reserve at Paradisus Los Cabos and enjoy privileged access to a wide range of services and facilities including La Palapa - beachfront restaurant, Reserve pool, VIP lounge and butler service throughout your stay. The Reserve is Adults only, the rest of the resort is Family-Friendly. $$$ 











# TURKS & CAICOS



## THE SHORE CLUB - Long Bay Beach, Providenciales, Turks & Caicos

The Shore Club on Long Bay Beach is a 32-suite resort, embodying a warm and inviting atmosphere enhanced by modern amenities and elegant suites and penthouses. Situated on a lush nine-acre landscape it features an unobstructed view of magnificent Long Bay Beach. All the appointed 8,800 square foot Villas lookout on an unobstructed view of a turquoise sea, and the white sands of Long Bay Beach. The Shore Club's convenient location is only 10 minutes away from shopping, local restaurants, entertainment, and the world-famous Grace Bay Beach, and only 15 minutes away from Providenciales International Airport.

ROOM KEY: The Shore Club's oceanfront suites are generously sized one, two, three-bedroom, and penthouse suites. They all incorporate the best elements of architectural design and offer outstanding, panoramic views of Long Bay Beach.

ABOVE & BEYOND: The Shore Club is perfectly suited for your exclusive wedding with just the right amount of pampering for brides and wedding guests. The Shore Club offers the best of both worlds - a stunning, secluded beach, but just minutes away from Provo's town center.

SIP &  $SAVOR\colon$  The Shore Club offers a variety of culinary adventures and atmospheres in its four restaurants and three bars. Indulge in a candle-lit dinner at SUI-REN, the resort's fine dining restaurant, poolside at the Colonnade, or at the new Almond Tree with creative comfort food. All offer carefully crafted cocktails and sophisticated wines, flavorful meals, and healthy dining options.

TAKE NOTE: Villas with up to six bedrooms are a wonderful fit for weddings, honeymoons, and group travel. Family-friendly, elegant weddings and exclusive honeymoon. Complimentary daily breakfast. \$\$\$

## THE PALMS - Grace Bay, Providenciales, Turks & Caicos

The 72-suite resort is one of the Caribbean's best-kept secrets, located on the white sands and sapphire waters of Grace Bay Beach. Amenities include an infinity pool, fitness center, non-motorized water sports, tennis, and shopping boutiques. During the day, you can enjoy a tranquil time at our award-winning 25,000 square foot spa with 17 treatment rooms, also offering beauty salon services and the extensive bespoke menu of signature and unique indigenous island treatments that promise rest and relaxation.

ROOM KEY: Oceanfront, oceanview, and garden view suites feature hand-tufted king bedding, full bath, private balcony/terrace, sitting area, full-size sleeper sofa, high-speed internet access, and cable television. Large, luxurious full-size suites are available in up to three bedrooms, all featuring a full kitchen with Viking appliances and a washer/dryer. Junior suites feature kitchenettes with garden/resort view only.

SAY I DO: The resort holds gatherings of up to 150 guests. The Palms Turks and Caicos specialize in creating beautiful, unique destination weddings in the Caribbean. Choose from the beachside deck or the croquet lawn. Their highly-professional staff can plan and coordinate all of your catering, entertainment, and audio/visual requirements.

S1P & SAVOR: The Palms' signature dining experience at Parallel 23, an award-winning AAA 4-Diamond restaurant offers a special al fresco dining experience in a state-of-the-art display kitchen with a wood-burning oven complemented by an extensive wine selection, accompanied by the international and tropical cuisine featuring organic, fresh and local ingredients.

TAKE NOTE: Specializing in unique weddings and honeymoons. Family-friendly with children's club. \$\$\$



# RETREAT AND RECONNECT AT **PRIMLAND**

Blue Ridge Mountains, Virginia By Rebecca Heine

#### GET ACQUAINTED

A mountain getaway like no other, Primland truly is a world unto itself. Just on the border between Virginia and North Carolina is an exclusive, luxurious destination that promises intimacy, romance, and adventure for any Southern Bride. Relish the breathtaking views, explore the untouched terrain, and unwind in a unique Blue Ridge retreat that brings you back to nature - and to each other.

#### HERE'S THE SCOOP

Retreat and reconnect. That's the spirit of Primland. 12,000 acres of lush forest, spectacular vistas, and serene elegance comprise this mountain getaway, creating the sense of a world unto itself. Truly, a seven-mile drive from the front gate to the Lodge gives you an immediate sense of seclusion and intimacy. And with more than 30 cabins scattered across the property, you can truly have a private and intimate honeymoon - or you can stay in one of the beautifully appointed Lodge rooms for closer access to impeccable dining and one of Primland's most unique attractions: the observatory.

In keeping with their mission to reconnect you to nature, Primland offers an exquisite experience to explore the stars. The location and seclusion of the Lodge offers unparalled protection from light pollution, and two powerful telescopes give you breathtaking, first-hand views of the furthest nebulas and our own neighboring planets.

At Primland's unique mountain paradise, you'll be refreshed, renewed, and more in love than ever before - the perfect retreat for newlywed bliss.







#### WE SIMPLY ADORE

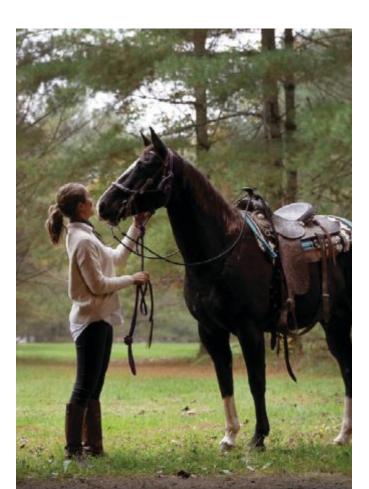
- The privacy Primland isn't just on a mountain, it is the mountain.
   Acres and acres of natural forest give this resort a wild, yet serene charm.
- The history everything from the lumber used in the cabins to the treatments provided in the spa is carefully selected to honor the past inhabitants – including bootleg moonshine distillers and Native American tribes.
- The aesthetic Primland seamlessly blends the rich, local Appalachian history with the clean, warm lines of the Swiss heritage brought by the owner's family
- The personalization Primland truly brings a family feel, with welcoming local staff and the ability to truly customize your experience for the ultimate romantic getaway.

#### GET THE DISH

- There are two restaurants on side 19th Pub and Elements so
  you'll never want for fresh, gourmet cuisine. Just try the Wild
  Mushroom Dip appetizer or the signature Pig Candy (their own
  gourmet bacon), and you'll be completely hooked.
- The drink menu makes Primland an absolute haven for the connoisseur, with a wine list easily IO times larger than the menu and an extensive selection of quality scotch and bourbon. In the mood for more local flavor? Primland offers an array of moonshine cocktails, and can even arrange a special moonshine tasting that honors the history of the area.

#### OUT AND ABOUT

You won't want to leave Primland's extensive property – and with
the resorts many amenities and offerings, you won't need to.
 Unwind at the spa, take in a movie in a private theater, or enjoy a
round of archery at the activities center. The options are endless!









- For the golfers, Primland offers a unique experience with a mountain-top course. Challenging terrain and breathtaking views from every hole will have you playing every day.
- Dive in and make a memory with your new spouse from RTV mountain rides to sporting clays, horseback riding to tomahawk throwing, there's an adventure for everyone at Primland.

#### NOTE TO SELF

- Our greatest recommendation for newlyweds if Primland's romantic cliff-side treehouses – you and your new spouse will truly be on top of the world. There are only a few of these exceptional accommodations, and they are in high demand – so book early!
- When we say Primland is a mountain paradise, we mean a
  mountain the roads can be steep, but don't be intimated!
  Primland's dedicated road crew keeps the path to the Lodge wellpaved and safe, and the Resort offers property shuttles to navigate
  the tougher trails. Every city driver can feel right at home.

aubergeresorts.com/primland











# ADVENTURE AWAITS

Hilton Aventura Miami

By Lynn Walker

#### **GET ACOUAINTED**

Hilton Aventura Miami Hotel opened in March 2021. The hotel is uniquely positioned in the City of Aventura, between the Miami International and the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood Airports, and one of the most prestigious neighborhoods in Miami. Filled with the Miami vibe the 7th floor lobby is brimming with artistic décor and contemporary luxury that spills over into the pool deck and cabanas. This sleek modern design flows throughout the 208 guest rooms and suites with a symmetry of black and white design.

#### HERE'S THE SCOOP

When traveling to Miami for your Destination Wedding, Bachelorette Soiree, or Secret Engagement the key is finding a location to accommodate you, your guests and all your events while still being accessible to endless entertainment options. The Aventura hotel's Carrington Ballroom is spectacular and accommodates up to 680 guests. It is one of the largest ballrooms in the area and one of the very few ballrooms with a grand pre-function area, and floor-to-ceiling windows full of natural light. There is also a dedicated kitchen with the ability to accommodate all your guests' dietary needs (especially Kosher.) Located just minutes from the beaches, luxury shopping, Hard Rock Stadium and the exciting Gulfstream Park Casino and the hotel also offers a complimentary shuttle to locations within a fourmile radius.

#### WE SIMPLY ADORE

SHOPPING! Hop in the shuttle, and head to the Aventura Mall, the Hilton Aventura offers a "Shopping in Style" Package that would be a fun day for the bride and all her maids! The Mall not only has the top luxury fashion icons of Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Cartier, Tiffany & Co., and Rolex, but an art gallery of sculptures including a top Instagramable spot for proposals at Robert Indiana's LOVE sculpture. BUTTERFLIES! The Hilton Aventura has created an unforgettable celebration for newlyweds with the "Love Takes Flight" experience. An Instagramable experience where a couple can release a single butterfly or allow all your guest to partake in a mass releasing celebration!

#### GET THE DISH

There is an endless list of fine and fun dining spots in the area, but you can start in the lobby at Muse, serving creative specialty cocktails and delicious tapas then just steps away Gala, their signature restaurant offers indoor and outdoor dining for all meals as well as a delightful weekend brunch. galaandmusebar.com

A notable option for incredible dining not to miss – Serafina Miami located in the Aventura Mall is a true culinary experience of authentic Italian cuisine. You must order the Cacio E Pepe served tableside, an unforgettable adventure in dining. serafinamia.com

#### OUT AND ABOUT

Do NOT MISS - Gulfstream Park - Opened in 1939 and is one of the top thoroughbred racing destinations in the country featuring the Curlin Florida Derby where some of the top horses and their jockeys are competing for the title of the Florida Derby, to put them on the road to the Triple Crown. Come see and be seen! gulfstreampark.com.

MOCA, Museum of Contemporary Art, is home to a collection of over 400 works by local, national, and international contemporary artists. Part of MOCA's vision is to "become a center for cross-cultural understanding and inclusion, connecting diverse communities through the arts." mocanomi.org

hiltonaventuramiami.com









## A DREAMY OCEANFRONT ESCAPE

Cliff House Maine in Cape Neddick, Maine

By Madeline Scharff

#### GET ACQUAINTED

On the southern coast of Maine, just over an hour drive north of Boston and minutes from the popular Ogunquit Beach, sets the iconic Cliff House Resort & Spa. Spanning 70 acres of stunning, rocky oceanfront, the luxury property boasts some of the most incredible, picturesque views one can experience while traveling throughout the Northeast. This captivating destination offers all the classic Maine sights, smells, and activities. Cliff House is open year-round welcoming guests to enjoy their modern accommodations, on-site fine dining, world-class spa, and warm hospitality.

#### HERE'S THE SCOOP

Cliff House has been a beacon of tranquility for couples and families throughout the years. Since its establishment in 1872, the property has been through many iterations – thriving through the '20s and '30s – but ultimately running into trouble during World War II when the owners couldn't access their own land. In September 2016, Cliff House re-opened following a vast transformation and reemerged as the most well-known resort in Maine, boasting 186 comfortable guestrooms and 40 well-appointed suites.

#### GET THE DISH

With four on-site dining spaces, guests can experience the state's amazing culinary scene without having to step foot off property. Start the morning off with a lite bite and an espresso from the to-go café, **Bald Head Coffee Company**. Get your seafood fix at **Nubbs Lobster Shack**, a casual New England style restaurant with a full bar and strong spirits to aid those jumbo lobster rolls and steaming fried clams. During the summer months, **The Cove Bar & Grill** serves refreshing, poolside classics like poké bowls, crab cakes, and signature salads. Suspended above the open ocean, **Tiller Restaurant** dazzles diners with romantic lighting, flavorful dishes, and stunning water views.

#### OUT AND ABOUT

- Resort Pool Spend sunny days relaxing by one of the property's three pools. Our favorite: the Cove Pool, which is outfitted with chaise lounges, dedicated pool servers, and cabana rentals. An indoor pool and outdoor hot tub are available for the snowy months.
- Local Arts Head to Ogunquit, a quintessential Maine beach town, for an afternoon of arts and culture: performances at the Playhouse and tours at the Museum of Art.
- Coastal Activities Whether you're interested in a couple's excursion or fun for the entire family, there's a host of recreational adventures to fill the afternoons from inshore fishing to downhill skiing, hiking, painting classes, and more.
- The Spa Soothe your mind and body with a variety of signature treatments and carve out time in the oceanfront sanctuary, a beautiful relaxation room with an abundance of natural light and ocean views.

#### BIG DAY DETAILS

With unrivaled indoor and outdoor venues, world-class catering options, and incredible views at every turn, saying "I do" at Cliff House is an unforgettable occasion. The two most popular backdrops are the North Point Lawn and Atlantic Ballroom, both equally regal settings. The impressive events team tends to the guests, bridal party, and couple like celebrities. The spa is the perfect primping area for the bride and her bridesmaids before the ceremony. Additionally, the resort's convenient location – driving distance from Portland and Boston – makes it an ideal venue for guests traveling near and far. The ideal wedding size at Cliff House is 50-175 guests.

cliffhousemaine.com

# UNICO 20°87° HOTEL RIVIERA MAYA OFFERS A CELEBRATION HAND-CRAFTED TO YOUR LOVE STORY

RIVIERA MAYA, MEXICO









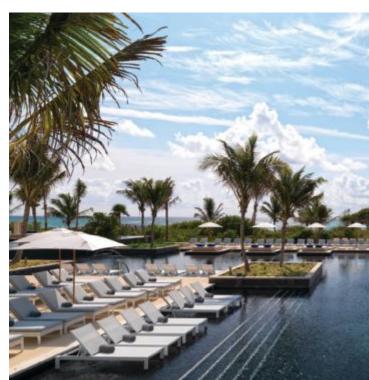
Set on the stunning white beaches of Riviera Maya, UNICO 20°87° immerses guests in the culture of the region, from the locally-inspired cocktails and cuisines to the art in the rooms. Three pools and a holistic spa and wellness center drive home a sense of relaxed luxury, making it the perfect place for you and your guests.

The pristine beaches of Riviera Maya make the perfect matrimonial backdrop. A wedding at UNICO 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya is one-of-a-kind, filled with personalized details and artful touches inspired by the region. Dedicated wedding specialists will ease your planning process, taking care of everything from coordinating the important decisions such as decor, menus, venues, and entertainment, down to the more minute details.

Couples can choose to have their ceremony on the beach or, for smaller groups, the lovely dark wood gazebo with ocean views. Versatile venues for the wedding reception are also available such as multiple outdoor terrace spaces and ballrooms. If you're looking for a more laid back feel, the beautiful stretch of beach is also available.

Three distinct experiential wedding packages are available for you to book: the Riviera Maya Experience, the One-of-a-kind Experience, and the 20°87° Experience which is the most personalized of the three. Each package will elevate your day to a new level of luxury and include additional personal touches to make your day unforgettable.

A new sense of idyllic romance can be discovered amongst the shady palms lining the property. Enjoy UNICO 20°87° even after your wedding day by extending your stay for your honeymoon! Complimentary upgrades are given to the couple if their original booking was made in the Alcoba with swim-up pool or the Alcoba with ocean view.





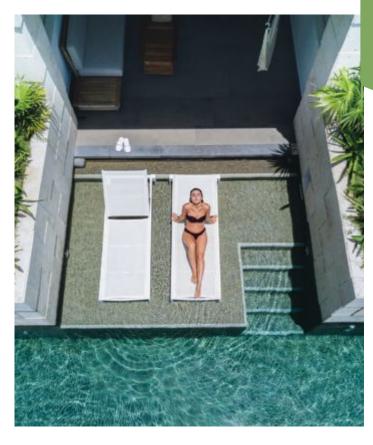
Much needed relaxation can be had at Esencia Wellness, which encompasses the spa, fitness center and beauty salon. Our full-service spa caters to body, mind, and spirit through a range of luxury spa treatments, UNICO 20°87° signature treatments, and locally-inspired beauty rituals. Newlyweds can indulge in the Esencia Wellness Spa by choosing any of the couple's experiences to share in a romantic setting.

Speaking of experiences, you can now treat yourself and your loved ones to our brand-new offering: UNICO 20°87° is Private Experiences. From tequila tastings to cooking and mixology classes and everything in between, there's a private experience for everyone to enjoy. Round up the whole gang for a chocolate tasting, or escape with your partner to a romantic poolside dinner - no matter what you'll choose, you won't be disappointed.

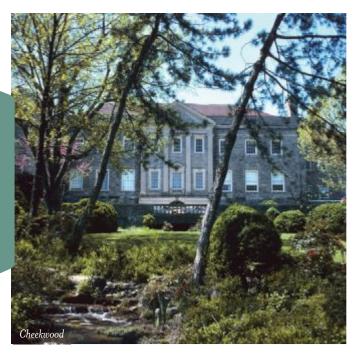
At UNICO 20°87°, we've redefined the all-inclusive experience by always offering the unexpected. From select spa and beauty treatments to excursions, golf and beautifully unique weddings, your stay includes all the amenities of a luxury boutique hotel, combined with the comfort and convenience of an all-inclusive. Weddings at UNICO 20°87° give you the perfect opportunity for the people you love and care about the most to share, dance, laugh, and relax... together.

For more information, please visit unico 2087 weddings.com.

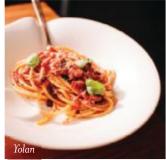














## FIND YOUR JAM IN THE MUSIC CITY

Nashville, Tennessee

By Lynn Walker

#### GET ACQUAINTED

For those brides and grooms that are devout Country Music enthusiasts, share your passion with your family and friends with a destination wedding in Nashville, Tennessee. Nashville will give you and your wedding guests the opportunity to see, hear and become immersed in the music that makes you sing and dance! Begin your planning at VisitMusicCity.com, a comprehensive website to help with all the details including venues, accommodations, entertainment, food, beverage, and extracurricular activities.

#### HERE'S THE SCOOP

The city of Nashville and Nashville Conventions and Visitors Corp. have been working hard to bring together all aspects of the hospitality industry and develop a program to keep visitors safe and healthy by implementing the program, GoodToGoNashville.com, with over 700 hotels, bars, restaurants, and attractions committed to serving their guests and patrons.

#### BIG DAY DETAILS

Selecting a venue will be the first thing to consider and for those tried-and-true Country fans, music venues are plentiful. For grand events, look to the iconic Grand Ole Opry, Ryman Auditorium or The Country Music Hall of Fame. On a more intimate scale, Bold Studio Nashville, a working recording studio where music is made, or check out 3rd & Lindsley Bar & Grill, where new talent is discovered every week.

If you are looking for a historical location and endless gardens, Cheekwood Estate and Gardens, Belle Meade Historic Site and Winery, Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, Belmont Mansion, or the Parthenon have multiple locales to accommodate your aesthetic desire and any size group.

Location, location as they say! The best spot for your guests to stay needs to be accessible to all your events as well as situated where they can explore the sights and sounds of Nashville! The Joseph, a luxury collection hotel, provides all that and more! Located downtown Nashville, The Joseph offers your guests modern luxury rooms and suites with customizable in-room amenities as well as a full-service spa and fitness center. You may also want to consider The Joseph to accommodate your rehearsal dinner or reception with indoor and outdoor expansive roof-top views of the city lights!

#### GET THE DISH

Yolan – An Italian fine dining restaurant at The Joseph Hotel, is a must do! Husband and wife team, Michelin-starred chef Tony Mantuano and wine expert, Cathy Mantuano make this dining experience unforgettable.

House of Cards – Shh! It's magical and so much fun! You must dress up to enjoy the experience, surrounded by a museum of magic and magicians stopping by your table to leave you thinking while you dine on exceptional cuisine.

The Chef & I – Fabulous food starts with LOVE and that is how it started with Chef Chris Raines and Erica Rains. Come sit and watch as the chefs prepare your meal and then savor it.

#### OUT AND ABOUT

A few noteworthy musical locations to visit while in Nashville.

- The Bluebird Café Tickets usually go on sale one week prior and sell out fast but well worth the stress.
- The Grand Ole Opry Always an awesome show!
- The Ryman Auditorium Historical and great for all County Music Fans!
- The Listening Room Come to experience quality songwriters singing their next hit

The Joseph Nashville.com | Visit Music City.com

## THE HERMITAGE HOTEL

## A Historic and Visionary Grand Dame in Music City

By Suzanne Scharff

The Hermitage Hotel, a historic landmark and Beaux-Arts beauty set in the heart of downtown Nashville, Tennessee, offers approachable 5-Star luxury, and shines with gracious Southern hospitality. Featuring a gleaming lobby and lounge clad in marble and brimming with fresh flowers, this Grand Dame consistently attracts industry leaders, celebrities, and entertainers who indulge in its intimate seating vignettes, inviting fireplace, and enticing bar during their stay in Music. City. It's a lovely place to see and be seen while you linger a bit over your cocktail before the majestic adjoining dining room beckons you to an unforgettable dinner.

#### CELEBRATION WITH FOOD & SPIRITS

The Hermitage Hotel holds a prominent place in Tennessee's suffragist history. In 2020, the hotel was designated a National Historic Landmark for its significant political role in the summer of 1920, when the hotel hosted meetings to discuss women's legal right to vote. These very meetings caused Tennessee to become the deciding state, ensuring that the bill became the 19th amendment. With an illustrious past, the Hermitage Hotel also has plenty to boast about its future. The hotel recently partnered with an international visionary leader in the culinary world, Jean-Georges Vongerichten. Renowned for his Michelin-starred restaurants around the globe, Vongerichten will oversee the direction of all culinary operations at the hotel. He will additionally bring a feast for the eyes, showcasing his talents within a newly designed dining and bar, Drusie & Darr, that is sure to become an epicurean destination. Charming side note: The restaurant is named after the hotel's former General Manager, Dick Hall's children. The brother and sister duo who grew up in Eloise at the Plaza fashion.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS & AMENITIES

After an evening of inspiring food and spirits, dive into a DUX® Bed, custom designed by prestigious and exclusive Swedish craftsman DUXIANA® and sleep restfully between Frette Italian sheets in one of I22 well-appointed guest rooms and suites that offer spacious (average 500 sq. ft.) refined surroundings. In late 2021, the hotel is working to reveal a refreshed look with updated furnishings while seamlessly blending the past with the present. An impressive list of amenities includes modern conveniences such as pet-friendly rooms, a fitness center featuring Peloton bikes, on-call black car service, and electric car charging stations.

#### WEDDING DAY & EVENT DETAILS

Wow your guests with a wedding where they can feel like dignitaries within four elegant venue spaces: The Grand Ballroom – located directly off the lobby, featuring Russian walnut paneling and an ornate ceiling. The Veranda – boasting city views, this historic space offers a romantic and sophisticated atmosphere. The State Room – for an intimate affair, this room also offers the latest in communication technology. The Governors Salon – An enviable location on the mezzanine level offering views of the hotel's impressive lobby.

the hermitage hotel.com

























# WHERE LOVE AND ADVENTURE AWAIT

Four Seasons Hotel One Dalton Street, Boston

By Madeline Scharff, Photography by Christain Horan and Joseph Thomas

#### **GET ACQUAINTED**

A Boston getaway deserves overnight accommodations as sophisticated and alluring as the city itself. The Four Seasons Hotel One Dalton Street, Boston is a new 61-storey skyscraper located in the Back Bay neighborhood, known for its upscale dining, shopping, and socializing events. Iconic and historical landmarks like Copley Square and the Boston Public Library, both featuring stunning architecture, set the stage for a wondrous celebratory affair - whether you're there tying the knot or beginning a new life chapter as newlyweds.

#### HERE'S THE SCOOP

The Four Seasons Hotel One Dalton Street, Boston exudes elegance and luxury from the moment you step inside the lobby. Guests will notice warm tones of rich wood and playful tile throughout the common spaces while accommodations and event venues prove light and airy with soaring ceilings and a soft color palette of light grey, cream, and gold. The suites are truly spectacular: soaking tubs, floor to ceiling windows offering never ending views of Boston's skyline, and of course the heavenly beds and sheets that the Four Seasons brand is known for.

#### GET THE DISH

- One + One Breakfast and brunch lovers will jump out of bed for a delicious spread set in the most charming of settings: views of the city and an abundance of natural light.
- Trifecta An elegant and chic cocktail lounge that's your goto before dinner spot. On the menu are creative libations and light apps. Every Saturday and Sunday, Trifecta hosts Boston's best afternoon tea; includes a glass of bubbly and 'spike your tea
- Zuma This sexy, internationally acclaimed Japanese izakaya-

inspired restaurant and bar resides on the hotel's second floor. Each dish is expertly plated and presented. The unique flavor combinations will excite and delight. Zuma offers private and semi-private dining, perfect for celebrating an engagement or welcoming out-of-town guests during your wedding weekend.

#### OUT AND ABOUT

- Theater District Step out for a lively evening of theater, comedy, or dance. Wine bars, casual pubs, and an array of bistros line the area, allowing patrons to get a little taste of everything.
- The Commons-No matter the time of year, the city and America's oldest public park is a must visit and The Four Seasons One Dalton offers a seasonal package for guests to enjoy its beautiful grounds: Seasons in the Town and Country. The highlight of which is a personalized packed picnic for two.
- Newbury Street Boston's famous row of luxury clothing stores and cozy cafes is a quick IO-minute car ride or leisurely I5-minute walk from the hotel.

#### BIG DAY DETAILS

Intimate weddings are here to stay, and no one does elevated, personalized details like the Four Seasons. The One Dalton events team is pleased to plan "an intimate soiree" that includes all of the glamour of a larger celebration. Choose from a plethora of specialty suites to host your mini-ceremony and reception. Some of which include beautiful outdoor terraces. Your soiree can have as much or as little contact as you'd like. Professionals can pre-set the suite prior to your arrival and deliver additional amenities via their white glove drop-off or you can opt for in-person service. Whichever option you choose, your intimate soiree will be one to remember forever.

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