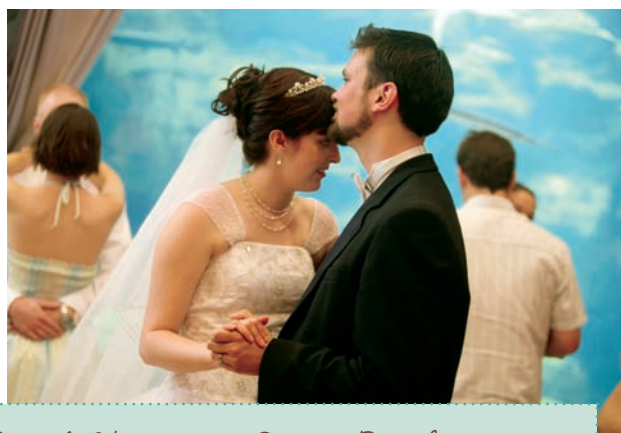
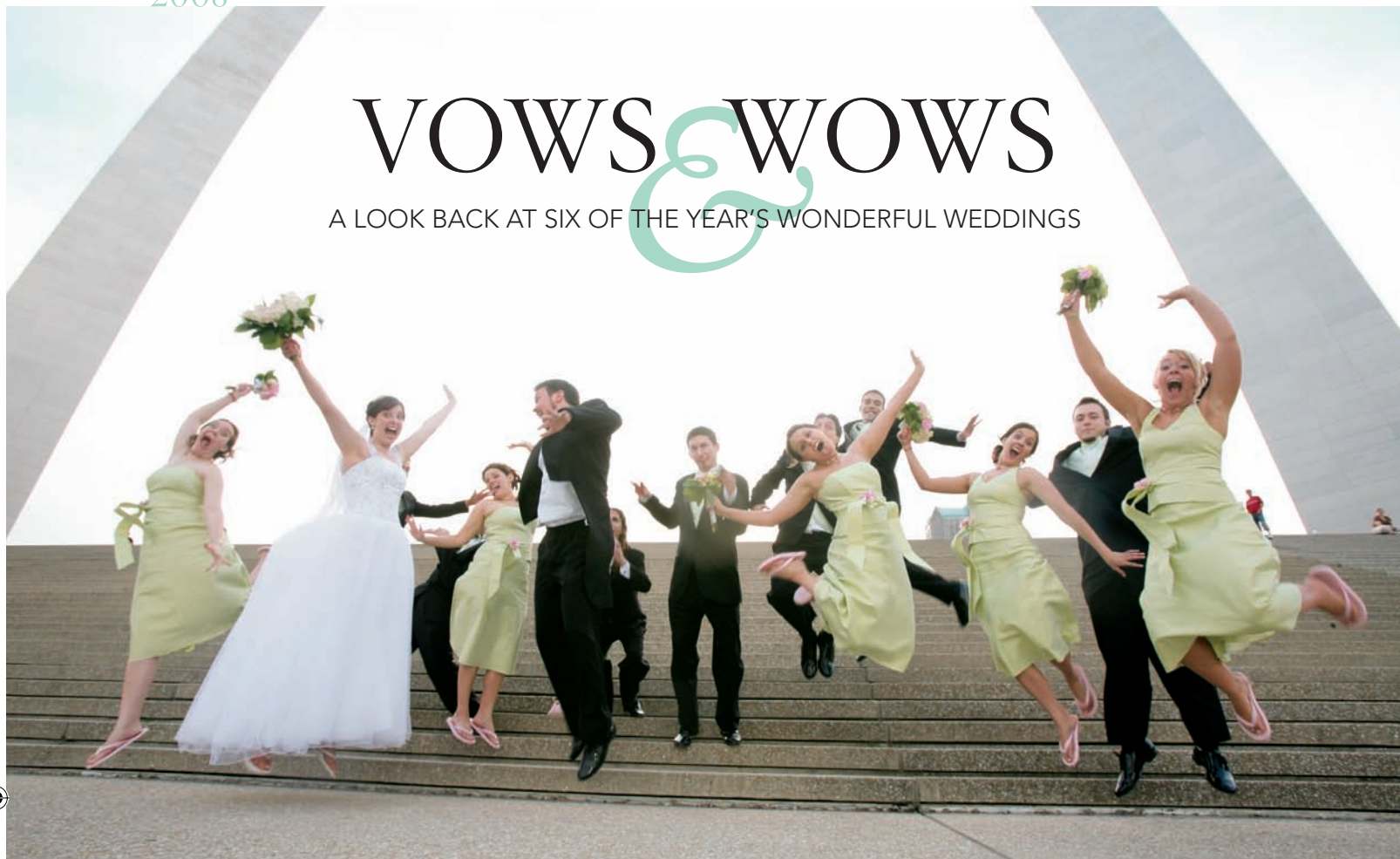


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A LOOK BACK AT SIX OF THE YEAR'S WONDERFUL WEDDINGS



Sarah Haxton + Ryan Dunlap

DATE: May 26, 2007

CEREMONY: The Jewel Box; the newlyweds would be moving to Tulsa, Okla., so they wanted "a very St. Louis-y kind of wedding" in Forest Park

RECEPTION: The Saint Louis Zoo, in the McDonnell Center at River Camp

MAY FLOWERS: In the Jewel Box, there's no guarantee which flowers will bloom on a given day. So the couple got the flowers they wanted—green, pink and white hydrangeas—at a wholesaler. Fast-forward to the big day: The flowers blooming all around them were, happily, pink and green hydrangeas

PHOTOGRAPHER: Katherine Bish







Alicia Donald + Andrew Chipman

DATE: July 28, 2007

CEREMONY: The Donald family home in Huntleigh Woods; friends and family tossed orange paper airplanes as the newlyweds were whisked away by horse-drawn carriage

RECEPTION: The Ritz-Carlton, with not one, but five bands: Joia, FMR Trio, Poor People of Paris, Gumbohead and the Fabulous Motown Revue

COOL DETAIL: An ice sculpture globe displayed at the reception with photos from the jet-setting couple's many travels frozen inside

PHOTOGRAPHER: Robert George





Margot Voges + Peter Vishion

DATE: August 25, 2007

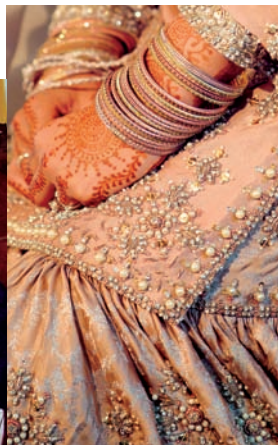
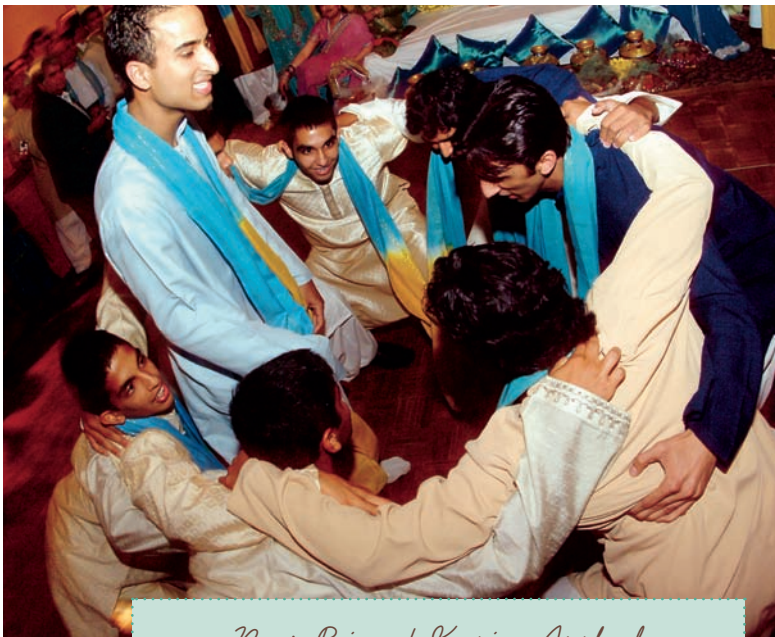
CEREMONY: Church of the Annunziata in Ladue, from which the newlyweds departed by old-fashioned trolley

RECEPTION: The World's Fair Pavilion in Forest Park, with toasts at sunset and dancing under the stars

FIRE AND ICE: At the reception, the couple was surprised with a fireworks show and ice bar, courtesy of the bride's parents

PHOTOGRAPHER: Patti Gabriel





Noor Riaz + Kasim Arshad

DATES: June 22–24, 2007 (a traditional Pakistani Muslim wedding is no simple affair!)

DAY 1: Mehndi, in which the bride displayed henna applied to her hands, involved traditional, colorful songs and dances performed at the Country Club of St. Albans

DAY 2: Nikkah, the wedding ceremony, was held at the Jewel Box, followed by the bride's reception at the Ritz-Carlton

DAY 3: Valima, the groom's reception, was held at the Chase Park Plaza, in the Starlight/Zodiac Room

NECESSARY HELP: Friends and family gathered every weekend for months ahead of time to plan; florist Frankie Peltiere pulled together all the visual elements

PHOTOGRAPHER: Joanna Kleine





Sarah Nelms + Jason Evans

DATE: September 22, 2007

CEREMONY: The 16-acre Winding Brook Estate Lavender Farm outside of Eureka, owned by the bride's parents; the couple wed on a hill overlooking the dusky, fragrant lavender fields

RECEPTION: Also at Winding Brook, beneath a glowing tent, crystal and candles sparkling amid the darkness and quiet of the surrounding fields

HISTORIC OCCASION: This was the first wedding held at Winding Brook (all that lavender smelled like success to the guests!)

PHOTOGRAPHER: Susan Jackson





Robin Carnahan + Juan Carlos Antolinez

DATE: June 30, 2007

CEREMONY: The Carnahan family farm in Rolla, Mo. Carnahan's brothers, U.S. Representative Russ and attorney Tom, gave the bride away, and the Rev. Emanuel Cleaver II, a U.S. congressman from Kansas City, officiated

RECEPTION: Also at the Carnahan family farm, in a barn-turned-dance hall on the property. Even rain couldn't dampen this party, as guests danced to the music of a live Latin band

LOCAL APPEAL: Missouri's secretary of state glowed in a shimmering gown created by St. Louis designer Ava Clay of SKIF International

PHOTOGRAPHER: Dilip Vishwanat

