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Blissful Expressions

Moments from seven of the year's superlative weddings



Stacie Chew and Scott Huey

Date: May 16, 2009

Ceremony and Reception:

The ceremony was held at Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church. The reception took place at Le Chateau, with delicious food by Ces and Judy's Catering, a cake created by McArthur's Bakery, and DJing by Millennium Music.

A Match Made at the Jeweler's:

Chew, a longtime employee of Clarkson Jewelers, met Huey at work—when she sold him a watch. Something clicked for both of them, and the two soon began dating.

Photographer: Artisan Photography, stlphotography.com





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Ann Geppert and Rakesh Patel

Date: August 29, 2009

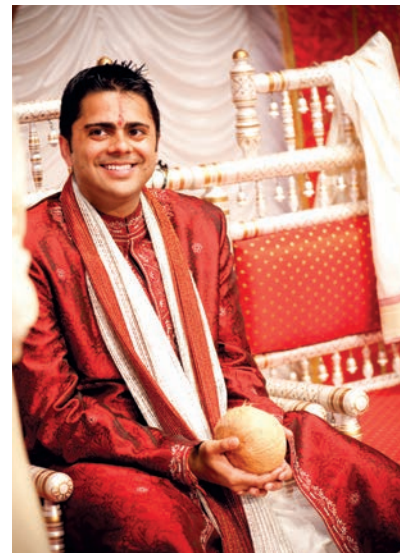
Ceremony and Reception:

This traditional Indian ceremony and reception took place at the Sheldon Concert Hall. Geppert's entire family wholeheartedly embraced the format, wearing clothing brought back from India and watching videos of other Indian weddings (there was no rehearsal) for pointers.

Riding Off into the Sunset:

During the *Baraat* (wedding procession) leading up to the ceremony, the groom is brought in on a white horse, as friends and family dance around him. It was Patel's first time riding—and it went off without a hitch.

Photographer: Avia Photography, aviaphotography.com





Maggie Carlson and Jim Callahan

Date: October 24, 2009

Ceremony and Reception:

Carlson and Callahan married in a traditional ceremony at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in St. Louis, where the bride's grandparents married in 1948. Their reception was held at the Piper Palm House in Tower Grove Park.

Autumn Fun:

Because the wedding date was so close to Halloween, the couple went with a devilishly themed reception: an All Hallows' Eve masquerade ball, complete with a tower of orange-, white-, and black-frosted cupcakes.

Photographer: Katherine Bish, katherinebish.com



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Angela McFerren and Mark Blissett

Date: April 25, 2009

Ceremony and Reception:

McFerren and Blissett married at Rhema Word Breakthrough International Ministries in Cape Girardeau—where the bride grew up—surrounded by friends and family members.

Pretty in Pink:

The sweetest princess pink was the order of the day when this couple married, with nine of the bride's closest friends and family members donning the soft, confectionary tone.

Photographer: Susan Jackson Photography, susanjacksonphoto.com





Tiffany Conover and Guy Aman

Date: August 15, 2009

Ceremony and Reception:

Conover and Aman married at Villa Marie Winery in Maryville, Ill. The ceremony took place in a simple, beautiful setting: beneath a pergola on a small island in the middle of a pond, with immediate family seated near the wedding party, while other guests observed from seats on the shore near the winery.

Oh Sweetness:

Aman isn't a big fan of cake—so instead of a groom's cake, the couple served "groom's cookies." In addition, the couple's jeweler, a family friend, created custom pieces for the wedding and was present as a guest at the ceremony.

Photographer: STLWeddingStories, stlweddingstories.com

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Laura Hammond and Brent Jackson

Date: October 10, 2009

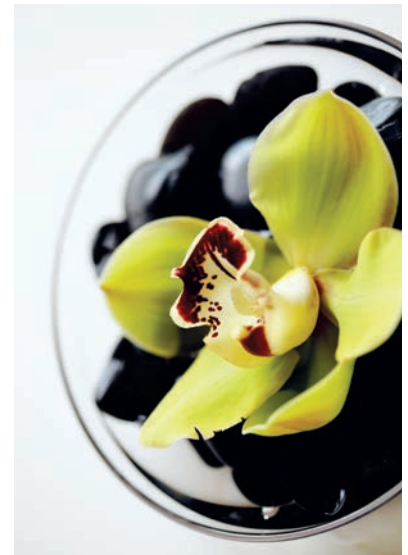
Ceremony and Reception:

Hammond and Jackson were married in a nondenominational ceremony at St. Charles' New Town Chapel, with music by The Chesterfield Quartet. Both sets of parents are still happily married, so to honor that, they had their fathers, rather than the ushers, walk their mothers down the aisle. The couple's reception was held at the Forest Park Visitors Center.

It's All in the Details:

Hammond wanted a specific set of linens for the reception, although budgeting for it was a challenge. Happily, she reports it made all the difference in setting the evening's mood.

Photographer: Patti Gabriel Photography, assisted by Katherine Corea, pattigabriel.com



Sarah Kramer and Jassen Johnson

Date: May 23, 2009

Ceremony and Reception:

The couple married beside Forest Park's Grand Basin, with Kramer's father and cousin—both Lutheran ministers—officiating. Afterward, a trolley whisked the couple away on a tour of the city, ending at their reception at Lumen.

SLM Connection:

The couple met in 2007, while Kramer was on a girls' night out. She tried to add her number to Johnson's phone, only to fumble a bit in the process. Weeks later, though, a friend of Johnson's recognized her as one of the Top Singles in the November 2006 issue of *SLM*—and they connected the dots from there.

Photographer: L Photographie, lphotographie.com