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KENDALL SHUMAN & BRIAN STEPHENS

January 7 at Sundance Resort

PHOTOGRAPHY BY ERIN KATE PHOTOGRAPHY

What began as a strong friendship between Kendall and Brian naturally evolved into love after spending a winter skiing together. Those that play together stay together, right? Breathe in the scent of pine and let the snowfall tickle your cheeks in this warm-your-soul wedding.





BEFORE THE WEDDING

Occupations

Kendall is an employment specialist at Montage Deer Valley, and Brian is a sales engineer at Technoform Glass Insulation. They currently reside in Park City.

How they met

Brian and Kendall met their freshman year at the University of Colorado at Brian's fraternity party. They noticed each other from across the room, and Brian asked Kendall to dance. Following an evening of dancing and foosball, Brian walked her back to her dorm and asked for her number. After several weeks of hanging out as friends, he asked her out for a real date on her birthday. "He showed up with flowers and a wonderfully written card," Kendall recalls. "I knew there was something there." They fell in love the following winter in 2003 while skiing and spending time in the mountains together.

The moment they knew they had found "the one"

Brian knew when living in Beaver Creek and "life together seemed so perfect and easy," he says. Kendall says she knew, "When we were living in different states, and all I wanted was for us to be together. At that time I realized I could never imagine being with anyone else."

The proposal

On a Thanksgiving trip to Pennsylvania with Kendall's family, the couple made plans to attend a Penn State football game. Kendall's dad was a quarterback for Penn State, and the campus was where her parents met, making it a special place for the entire family. Early that morning, Brian and Kendall met her family on the field for what she thought was a Christmas photo of the family.

After a few photos, Brian asked Kendall to walk with him down the field to the end zone. "I began to shake when he started talking about how I was the love of his life and that this was an amazing trip he would never forget," she says. "He said he never wanted to live without me, and before I knew it, he was pulling a little box out of his pocket and bending down on one knee." Ecstatic and surprised, Kendall said yes. Despite the cold weather, Kendall eagerly threw off her glove and put the ring on.

They celebrated after the game with Kendall's entire family, including grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.



OPPOSITE PAGE: No need for blooms in this fragrant boutonniere tied with hemp. In lieu of a guestbook, friends and family signed these antique skis after the photographer captures them in the newly fallen snow. Birch-wrapped candles line the aisle. Kendall wore Vera Wang and her party wore Monique Lhuillier.

THIS PAGE: Chartreuse—a unique winter choice of color—was repeated throughout the ski-centric wedding, from the groomsman's ties to the candlelit tables. Ski pass escort cards led guests to tables named after ski resorts Kendall and Brian have visited together.

Menu

Caesar salad, blackened salmon and pork, roasted potatoes and vegetables.

Wedding song

“Someone Like You” by Van Morrison.

Unique element of the day

Instead of a traditional father-daughter and mother-son dance, “We organized a dance medley with a number of family members that made the biggest impact in our lives in the order they came into our lives,” Kendall says. First, the couple danced together. Next, Kendall danced with her mom and Brian with his mom. Then Kendall danced with her brother and Brian danced with his grandmother, and after that, Kendall danced with her stepfather and Brian danced with his stepmother. Finally, Kendall and Brian came back together to dance to Kendall’s favorite country song “Crazy” by Pat Green.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT

Bride’s:

“Listening to my husband say his vows and knowing the love we felt for each other. Then, of course, the music and the dancing that followed.”

Groom’s:

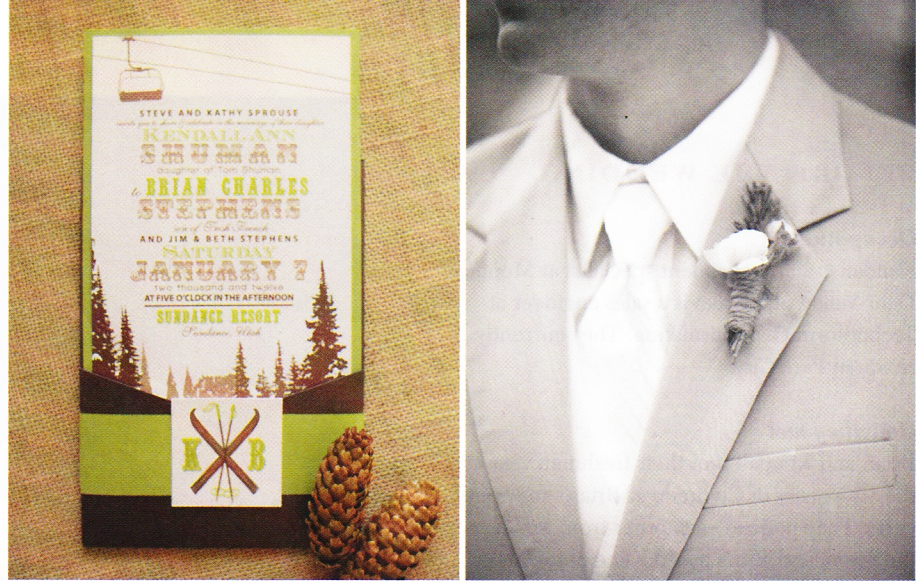
“Dancing with my friends, family and my lovely bride to the amazing music played by the band.”

WEDDING
The place: Sundance Resort
The date: January 7, 2012

RECEPTION
The place: Sundance Resort
Theme: Rustic ski elegance
Music: Groove Merchants

HONEYMOON
Greece

WEDDING COLORS





SOURCES

Photography: Erin Kate Photography, erinkatephotography.com

Wedding planner: Soirée Productions, Park City, soireeproductions.com

Catering: Sundance Resort, sundanceresort.com

Ceremony and reception site: Sundance Resort, sundanceresort.com

Flowers: Artisan Bloom, artisanbloom.com

Rentals: Alpine Event Rentals, Alpine, alpineeventrentals.com

Rings: Bova Diamonds, Dallas, Tex., bovadiamonds.com

Invitations: Pink Piggy, pinkpiggydesign.com

Gown: Vera Wang, verawang.com

Bridesmaids' gowns: Bella Bridesmaids, bellabridesmaids.com

Suits: Soirée Productions, soireeproductions.com

Cake: Layers, SLC, layers-cake.com

Dessert: Sundance Resort, sundanceresort.com

Entertainment: Groove Merchants, groovemerchantsutah.com

Videography: Remember When Films, Holladay, rememberwhenvideos.com

Officiate: Deacon Tom Tosti, stmarysparkcity.com

Makeup: Anna K Style, annakstyle.com

Hair: Julie Johnson, 972-365-1011

OPPOSITE PAGE: Guests were introduced to the ski-chic tone of the wedding with these custom invitations. A ranunculus bloom is added to Brian's boutonniere. After the reception, luminaries led guests to the Redford Center for an after party where late night desserts were served and the dancing continued into the wee hours. A fresh blanket of Utah snow falls for the lucky couple.

CLOCKWISE: Their monogrammed logo was used throughout the wedding day. All white posies—made of roses, lisianthus, ranunculus and freesias—for the bridesmaids. Tiny details like a mossy flower girl basket, the couple's flower-clad dog, Izzy, and cowboy boots help define the rustic yet elegant mood. Don't forget a few black and white shots to capture classic wedding moments like this one of Kendall and Brian.



REAL WEDDINGS

AROUND THE WORLD

SUMMER LAND & PAUL JONGSMA

JULY 21 AT HOTEL PARK CITY

PHOTOGRAPHY BY NICK SOKOLOFF

Summer and Paul are avid travelers and adventure seekers, first as singletons and now as a pair. For this American ex-pat and Aussie, the Park City mountains—where they met as ski bums—were the perfect place to exchange vows.





BEFORE THE WEDDING

Occupations

Summer is a writer and author of *Fried Chicken for the Drunk Girl's Soul*, an e-book and blog chronicling her hilarious adventures between the United States and Australia. Paul is a fitter and machinist for an Australian coal company. They currently reside in Sydney, Australia.

How they met

After Summer graduated from Emerson College in 2008, she opted for the Park City ski life over the 9-to-5 corporate world. Paul also chose a ski bum lifestyle, and their paths crossed when Summer brought Thanksgiving leftovers to welcome her neighbors—a Deer Valley house full of single men, including Paul—to the neighborhood. Once they caught each other's eye, Summer and Paul were inseparable.

The moment they knew they had found "the one"

They followed each other back and forth from the United States to Australia for four seasons. Summer says she knew Paul was the "perfect travel buddy" when they camped for two months on the coast of eastern New South Wales. For Paul, it was the moment Summer brought over the Thanksgiving meal. "She had tanned legs and a gray skirt on," recalls Paul, "and it was snowing outside!"

The proposal

The couple was separated for six months while Summer waited for a visa to move to Australia. Once reunited, the lovebirds spent a long day catching up before heading home. As they were getting ready for bed that evening, Paul grabbed something out of his luggage. He bent down on one knee and proposed. Paul had been waiting all day for the perfect moment and couldn't wait any longer. "When I bought the ring, I couldn't wait to see it on her finger," he remembers.

Bachelor Party

Paul and his mates spent a wild week in Las Vegas.

Bachelorette Party

Two nights before the wedding, Summer celebrated with her girls at High West Distillery before heading out to their favorite Park City Main Street hot spots like No Name Saloon. They spent the night at the Sky Lodge.





OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP TO BOTTOM: Summer's bridesmaids wore pink and yellow seersucker dresses. The backdrop overlooks the Park City Mountain Resort. Summer dons an Anne Barge design while Paul's pink and yellow seersucker bow tie compliments the bridesmaids' gowns.

THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE: Pre-ceremony groomsmen shenanigans. Wide-open garden roses grace the bridal bouquet. Unique reception setup with a sweetheart table facing several king's tables.



Menu

A buffet of garlic encrusted halibut, roasted tenderloin of beef with rosemary demi-glace and wild mushrooms, herb stuffed chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, long grain and wild rice, seafood and sausage gumbo, Monterey salad, and fresh sauteed vegetables.

Cake

Madagascar vanilla bean with sour cream, cream cheese buttercream and homemade fondant. "The cake design was named after the bride," Carrie with Carrie's Cakes explains, "The 'Summer' is covered in layers of delicate dimensional blossoms and leaves edged in pin-point piping, reminiscent of a lavish antique lace tablecloth."

Wedding song

A mix of all their favorite love songs, courtesy of friend DJ Sammy Dee

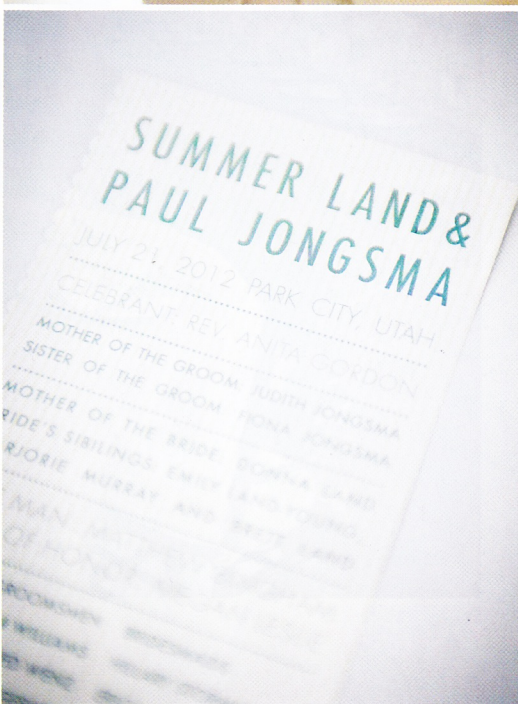
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT

Bride's:

"I can't stop thinking about the moment I first got a glimpse of the inside of the tent. It was surreal to see all the items we ordered come together," she recalls. "And our first dance was a memorable moment. I could feel the energy in the room come alive once everyone joined us [on the dance floor]."

Groom's:

"The first dance, for sure."



WEDDING

The place: Hotel Park City

The date: July 21, 2012

RECEPTION

The place: Hotel Park City

Theme: Modern mountain chic

Music: Mix of top 40 and oldies

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Hawaii

WEDDING COLORS





SOURCES

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Flowers: Decoration Inc., SLC, decorationinc.com

Rentals: Alpine Event Rental, Alpine, alpineeventrental.com; Diamond Rental, SLC, diamondrental.com; Soirée Productions, Park City, soireeproductions.com

Rings: The Village Jeweler, Gainesville, Fla., thevillagejeweler.com

Invitations: Nancy's Notes, Gainesville, Fla., 352-377-7177

Guest book: Photobooth from Utah Jive, utahjive.com

Gown: Solutions Bridal, Gainesville, Fla., solutionsbridal.com

Groom's suit: Jack London, David Jones, Sydney, davidjones.com.au

Groomsmen's ties: Starboard Clothing, starboardclothing.com

Bridesmaids' dresses: Lily Pulitzer, lilypulitzer.com

Cake: Carrie's Cakes, carriescakes.com

Entertainment: Utah Jive, utahjive.com

Wedding song mix: DJ Sammy Dee, Los Angeles, shammydee.com

Officiate: Reverend Anita Gordon, utahweddingminister.com

Hair and makeup: Paula Dahlberg, paulajdahlberg.com

Videography: Nate Milton and Bo Geddes, vimeo.com.thamigounit



OPPOSITE PAGE, TOP TO BOTTOM: Baby's breath en masse creates a simple and striking table centerpiece. The bride and groom dish up a gourmet selection from the buffet. Program style sets the tone for this modern mountain-themed event. Paul gets a smooch from his sister and mother, whom he escorted down the aisle.

THIS PAGE: After changing into her reception gown, Summer joins Paul and their friends on the dance floor. As dance lovers, they sent their guests home with a CD of their first dance, one they choreographed themselves. Dusks falls on Hotel Park City.