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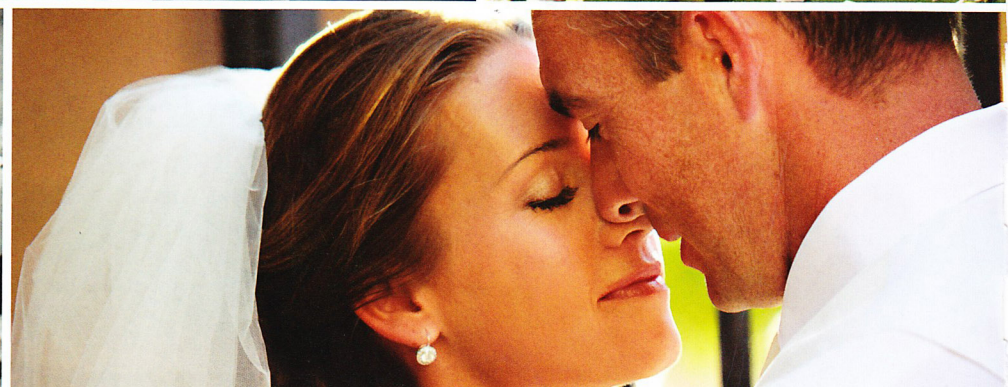
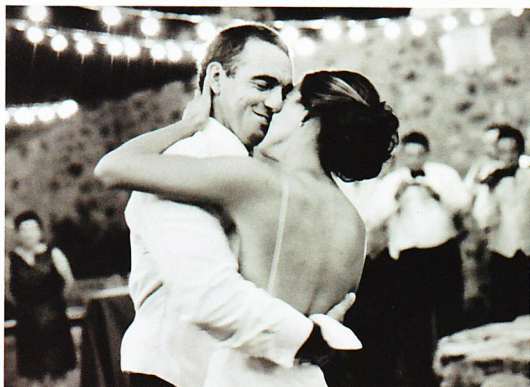


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Photography by Sparkle Photography | Story by the bride, Rebecca
Scottsdale, Arizona | April 16th



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I remember feeling so happy to have all my family and close friends there for us on our big day. It meant so much to Conan and I that our loved ones had traveled so far for us.



We were married outside under an arch of grapevines and orchids. We provided parasols in our wedding colors to protect our guests from the afternoon sun.

We wanted to keep the ceremony short and sweet, but very personal. In our vows, we tried to remain true to the reality of marriage and how it will be something that we have to work on every day.

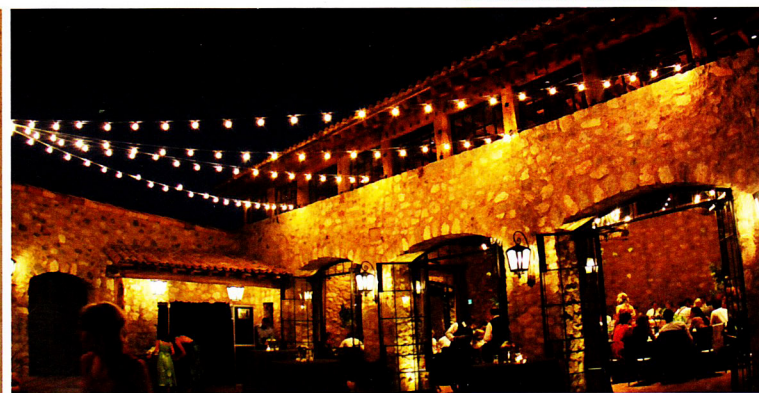
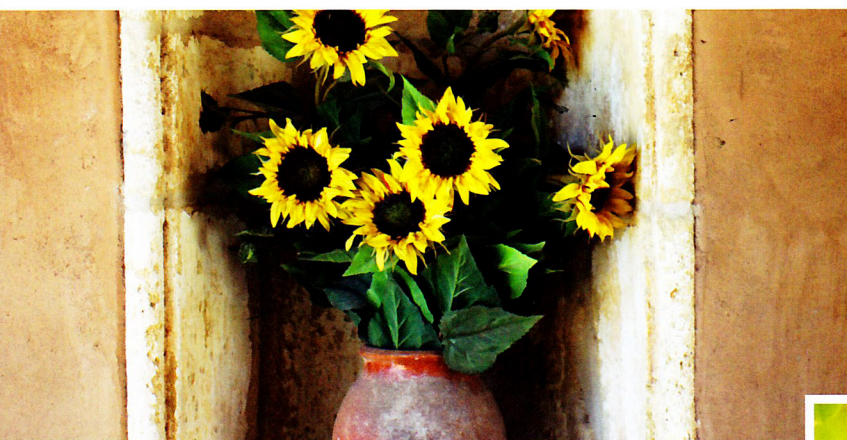
My husband is from Ireland, so we had a few Irish traditions throughout the wedding. Per Irish custom, guests were instructed to throw pebbles into the fountain and make a wish for the newlyweds as they entered the reception.

I loved all of the personal touches that were so "us." Our theme was simple elegance and we incorporated different hues of soft greens with pops of yellow.





We designed a custom logo that captured my husband's Irish heritage as well as our equine lifestyle. The logo was featured throughout the wedding from the stamps on the save-the-dates and invitations to the custom cakes and chocolates given to the guests, to the menus and even a custom floral arrangement featured in the courtyard of the reception area. The junior bridesmaid carried a floral "ball" connected to a horse's bit. The centerpieces were bells of Ireland in tall vases with a crown of cymbidium orchids and grapevine intertwined throughout. For the cocktail hour, we served fresh peach Bellini's as our signature drink. Our place cards, which had guests' names on the front and an Irish blessing on the back, were attached to horseshoes, which also doubled as favors for our guests. Our cake had two flavors: red velvet with cream cheese frosting and white cake with raspberry filling.



A photo booth was open during the entire reception where guests could have their pictures taken for the guest book and a second print was available to take as a token. We danced to "To Make You Feel My Love," which was originally sung by Garth Brooks and more recently covered by Adele. For the after-party we jumped on the "party bus" with the rest of our guests to continue the celebration with a few pints at a traditional Irish pub. Buses then transported all back to hotels!

Recommended Vendors

Photographer: Sparkle Photography
 Event Planner: Soiree Productions Wedding and Event Planning
 Venue/Caterer: Silverleaf Country Club | Gown: Amsale
 Bridesmaid Dresses: Jenny Yoo | Men's Attire: Calvin Klein
 Florals: Brady's Floral Gallery | Cake: Julia Baker Confections
 Band: Tijuana Dogs | Invitations: Nine-Grain Design
 Hair/Makeup: Paula J. Dahlberg
 Guest Lodging: Fairmont Scottsdale Princess