

# Best Dressed

Sleeves or sleeveless? Long or short? No matter the style, these four designers allow you to customize dresses and create the perfect look for all your attendants.

## 1 Alfred Angelo

Brides can coordinate the entire bridal party to perfectly match their wedding hues with 55 color options. For certain styles, brides can select a dress color and a separate trim color for a more personalized look. Sizes range from 2 to 28W to fit all body types. Available at **Mary's Bridal**, SLC

## 3 Vera Wang

You'd expect nothing less than fashionable frocks from Vera Wang, and her Maid-to-Order collection doesn't disappoint. As the collection name implies, each bridesmaid dress is made-to-order: brides can select from a variety of chic styles, fabrics and colors. Available at **White Couture**, Park City

## 2 Jenny Yoo

This versatile collection works for everyone—brides can choose the same colored dress for coordination purposes, and bridesmaids can select a style to best suit their individual body type, from strapless, tank, string straps or other various neckline styles. Available at **White Couture**, Park City

## 4 Lynn Lugo

Style, fit and flexibility are hallmarks of the Lynn Lugo bridesmaid collection. Brides can design their own bridesmaid dresses from over 100 colors and a variety of styles with an online custom dressmaker, then place an order for their masterpieces at a local retailer. Available at **Alta MODA Bridal**, SLC

## Tiny Buds

Don't forget the flower girl—discover adorable dresses for little girls at the following local boutiques:

- Four and Twenty Sailors**, SLC
- The Brides' Shop**, SLC
- The Children's Hour**, SLC
- The Secret Garden**, SLC
- White Couture**, Park City

Pink flower girl dress from The Secret Garden, SLC



Jess and John threw a destination wedding weekend in Park City for their July nuptials. "Empire Canyon Lodge in Deer Valley was a natural choice for the wedding, because we're avid skiers," says Jess.



# Love On The Mountain

JESSICA BUCHSBAUM AND JOHN CHAINTREUIL

JULY 11, 2009 • DEER VALLEY

Photography by Sarah Drown, Sparkle Photography

For these Los Angeles-dwellers, a stay at Jess' family's second home in Park City has always been their favorite escape. So when it came time for the couple to plan their wedding, they knew the mountains of Park City would provide a perfect venue. "We wanted our wedding to be an extension of the Park City home: comfortable, fun, loaded with good food and wine, and with plenty of Bruce Springsteen playing," says Jess. The wedding weekend included a casual outdoor barbecue with all the out-of-town guests the night before the big day. Jess and John exchanged vows on the grass-covered slopes of Deer Valley, followed by dinner and dancing.



Right: Jess' bouquet featured fresh blooms in white and green. Far right: The couple wed under a rustic chuppah decorated with flowers.





Clockwise: The couple steal a kiss following the ceremony. A fresh floral corsage. The wedding party. The band The Salamanders performed throughout the evening. The groom's mom, Rennie. Small bouquets inside galvanized buckets hung on shepherd hooks lining the aisle.

**JESS & JOHN'S  
WEDDING ADVICE:**  
*"Serve the food  
you like, drink  
the wine you  
love, play your  
favorite songs."*



## Before the Wedding

**OCCUPATIONS:** Jess is a high school English teacher and John is an executive recruiter in L.A.

**HOW THE COUPLE MET:** At a joint alumni event at a bar in Santa Monica. (Jess went to Colgate University and John went to Cornell University; both graduated in 2003.) They met up a few weeks later for a long hike in the San Gabriel Mountains.

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** On a hike in Malibu overlooking the ocean.

**BRIDAL SHOWER:** A kitchen-themed party with the girls.

**BACHELORETTE PARTY:** Jess had dinner with friends in Los Angeles.

**BACHELOR PARTY:** John attended a Rockies game in Denver and went river rafting.

## Wedding:

**PLACE:** Empire Canyon Lodge, Deer Valley

**DATE:** July 11, 2009

**THE BRIDE WORE:** A silk satin Morgane Le Fay gown. "My dress was exactly what I wanted: simple, cream-colored and comfortable all night," says Jess. John picked out Jess' wedding shoes: champagne-colored peep-toes with a fabric bow.

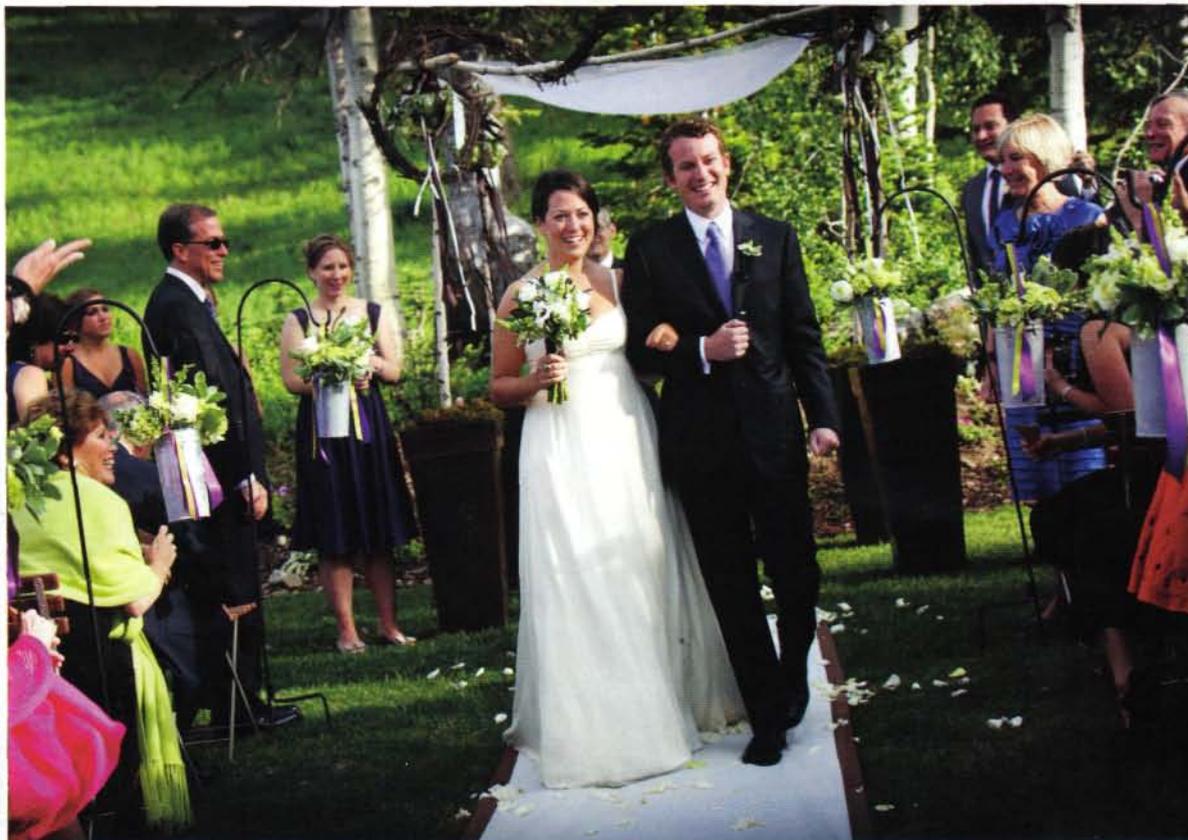
**THE GROOM WORE:** A charcoal grey Ermenegildo Zegna wool suit, white shirt and purple and gray tie.

**BRIDESMAIDS:** Courtney Skerritt (maid of honor), Jill Buchsbaum, Jordan Buchsbaum and Taylor Chaintreuil.

**GROOMSMEN:** Craig Rokuson (best man), Joe LaMagna, Mike Sweredoski and Alex Chaintreuil.



Clockwise: Guests showered the couple with lavender seeds. Jess' parents escorted her to the ceremony. Matching bridesmaids' bouquets. The newlyweds walk down the aisle. The wedding party wore varying shades of purple.





Clockwise: Purple polka dots decorated the cake. Green and brown linens topped reception tables. The lavender-accented escort cards. Simple, chic floral centerpieces. The couple nuzzle on the grassy ski slope.



**JESS & JOHN'S WEDDING ADVICE:**

*"Hire a wedding planner—they'll help make your event truly memorable."*



**Reception:**

**PLACE:** Empire Canyon Lodge, Deer Valley

**WEDDING MUSIC:** The Salamanders; they learned several Bruce Springsteen songs—the couple's favorite singer—including "When You Need Me" for the first dance.

**WEDDING SONG:** "Sunrise Over Deer Valley," an original composition by a close friend of the bride.

**MENU:** "We asked Deer Valley Catering to include some family recipes and to alter some existing dishes to fit our tastes," says Jess. Catering included spicy gazpacho with stone crab, roasted red and golden beet salad, mustard-crust Utah trout and roasted beef tenderloin au jus. Hamburger sliders and French fries served at 11 p.m.

kept the party going.

**CAKE:** A lemon cake with lemon crème filling and fresh raspberries, covered in rows of purple polka dots (Jess' favorite design).

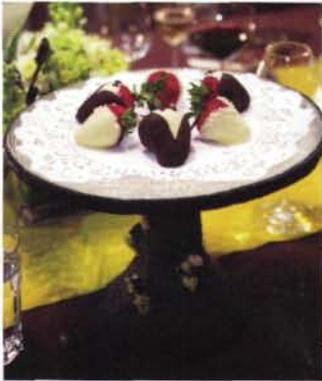
**FLOWERS:** Arrangements of white and green hydrangeas, white dahlias, white snapdragons, fiddlehead ferns, other ferns and lavender.

**COLORS:** Chocolate brown, shades of green, cream and purple.

**THEME:** Rustic elegance

**DÉCOR ELEMENTS:** Chocolate-brown tablecloths with chartreuse green runners covered reception tables, topped with candles, river rocks and floral centerpieces, including mason jars full of ferns, grasses and candles. Tables were named for places Jess and John had traveled to, accompanied by a





Clockwise: Chocolate-covered strawberries decorated as brides and grooms. Guests danced the night away. The escort card table. Reception tables were named based on the couple's travels.

photo of them at the destination. **SPECIAL TOUCHES:** Most of the guests had never been to Park City, so the couple's custom-designed save-the-date card was a folded book of three vintage-looking Park City postcards. Welcome bags—reusable grocery bags printed with the wedding motif—included homemade granola and cookies, and a custom heart-shaped word game created by the officiant, an avid puzzle-maker. To celebrate the couple's love of condiments, they gave mini bottles of ketchup and mustard tied with a tag reading "The Perfect Pair" as favors.

### Most memorable moment:

**JESS' ANSWER:** "After a week of perfect weather, we woke up the day of

the wedding to clouds and rain. But at 6:29 p.m., just before the wedding party walked down the aisle, the clouds parted and the sun came out." **JOHN'S ANSWER:** "Seeing Jess for the first time. We saw each other privately, just with our photographer, before the ceremony began. It was great to enjoy a private moment before our guests arrived."

### Honeymoon:

**PLACE:** Two weeks in Japan and Bali **A MEMORABLE MOMENT:** "We spent a night at a traditional Japanese inn, called a ryokan. After a day of sightseeing in Kyoto, we relaxed in the ryokan's baths, donned traditional Japanese robes, and ate the most beautiful, elaborate meal."

**Rings:** Cabochon Fine Jewelry, Santa Monica, Calif., 310-576-2455

**Invitations and save-the-dates:** Liz Craig-Meyer, Nine Grain Design, Park City, 435-640-3803, nine-grain-design.com

**Postage:** motif designed by Liz Craig-Meyer, Nine Grain Design, Park City, 435-640-3803, nine-grain-design.com; stamps from Zazzle, zazzle.com

**Rehearsal dinner:** Silver Lake Lodge, Deer Valley, deervalley.com

**Guest book:** coffee-table book about the history of Park City

**Photography:** Sarah Drown, Sparkle Photography, SLC, 801-859-4366, sparklephoto.com

**Bridal luncheon:** Zoom Restaurant, Park City, 435-649-9108, zoomparkcity.com

**Bridal gown:** Morgane Le Fay, Santa Monica, Calif., morganefay.com

**Bridesmaid dresses:** Vera Wang Bridesmaids, White Couture, Park City, 435-655-3180

**Jewelry:** custom-designed by Paula Carlotto, Los Angeles, Calif., paulacarlotto.com

**Ties:** Bloomingdales, bloomingdales.com

**Hair and makeup:** Vie Nouveau, Park City, 435-647-0500, viedayspa.com

**Flowers:** StellaPosy, SLC, 801-949-5728, stellaposity.com

**Decorations/rentals:** Soirée Productions, Park City, 435-655-2943, soireeproductions.com

**Gift bags:** One Bag At a Time, onebagatime.com

**Catering:** Deer Valley Catering, Deer Valley Resort, deervalley.com

**Cake:** Deer Valley Catering, Deer Valley Resort, deervalley.com

**Entertainment:** The Salamanders, salamandermusic.blogspot.com

**Venue:** Empire Canyon Lodge, Deer Valley Resort, deervalley.com

**Transportation:** All Resort Express, Park City, allresort.com

**Wedding planner:** Lillie Garrido, Soirée Productions, Park City, 435-655-2943, soireeproductions.com

**Officiant:** Jim Melman, a close friend of the bride's family

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