

LEE MEZRANO

THE WEDDING OF Stacey Isabelle Lee to Jason Louis Mezrano on April 25, 2009, was an event not to be missed. With the extensive experience and resources of Kathy G. & Company, this wedding was destined for greatness. Stacey and Jason first met in 2006 on a blind date that led to the best day of their lives.

Stacey is the daughter of Gentry and Belle Lee of Phenix City, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Betty Lee, the

late Mr. C.G. Lee and the late Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Pitts, all of Phenix City. Stacey was a member of Phi Mu fraternity, graduated from The University of Alabama and UAB's School of Nursing. She now works as a cardiac care nurse at UAB Hospital. Jason is the son of Kathy G. and Louis Mezrano of Birmingham. He is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Ann George, Mrs. Margaret Mezrano, the late Mr. A.B. George and the late Mr. Louis Mezrano, all of Birmingham. Jason is a graduate of Spring Hill College as well as Scottsdale Culinary School. He is now the executive chef of the family's renowned catering and events firm, Kathy G. & Company.

Stacey and Jason were greatly influenced by the strength of the marriages of their parents and grandparents. Their grandparents have left a legacy of more than 50 years of marriage and both sets of parents are working toward that same goal. Inspired by this legacy, the wedding revolved around this theme. Stacey designed a custom monogram featuring a family tree and developed the saying, "Seeds were Planted & Roots were Grown. Now it's Time - a Branch of their



Own." Wedding photos of the couple's parents and grandparents were mingled with photos of the newlyweds and displayed at the reception, hanging from the branches of an actual family tree!

The striking style combination of a traditional black and white damask print, accented with a pop of apple green, adorned everything from the save-the-date cards to the custom linens. Longtime family friend Olga Lembesis, of A&A Designs in Pennsylvania, provided both the invitations and specialty linens.

The bride's gown was a custom couture gown designed by Birmingham native and Project Runway competitor Heidi Elnora. The mantilla-style veil, also designed by Heidi, was designed to resemble the veil worn by the bride's mother. Stacey had a vision of what her dress would be and Heidi brought that vision to life. The breathtaking panel train was stunning in the ceremony, bustled for the first dance and later detached to allow for ease of dancing and fun throughout the night.

The flowers designed by Andy Hopper, head of Kathy G Designs, were a mixture of shades of green including super green roses, green goddess calla lilies, dendrobium orchids, hydrangea and moss accented with crystal drops and white stephanotis.

The ceremony took place at seven in the evening at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, officiated by Reverend Monsignor Martin M. Muller. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father and the groom chose his father as his best man. The groom's sister, Michelle James, and nephew, Devin James, preceded the bride. In a very special moment,



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the couple was joined on the altar by their parents and siblings to witness the exchange of vows.

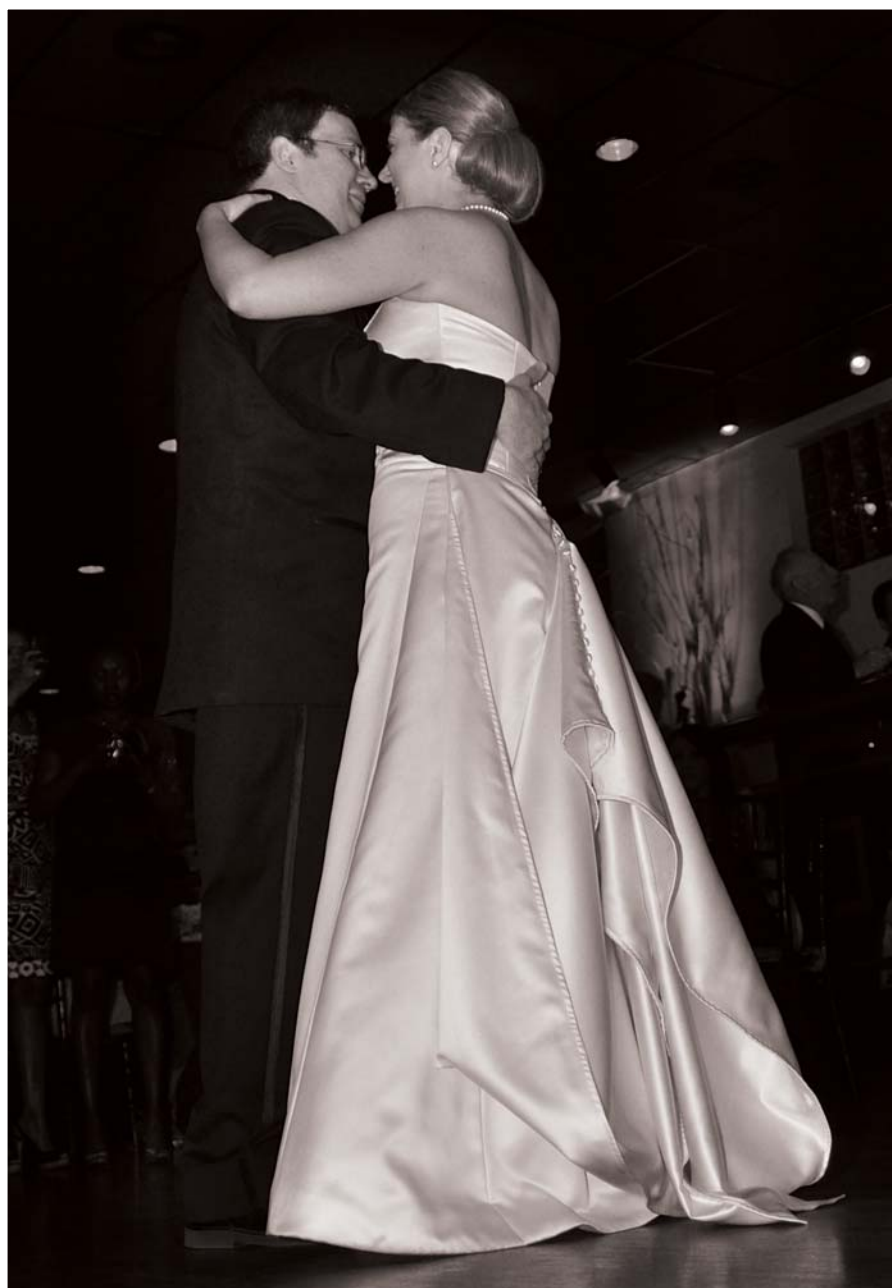
The reception was held at Park Lane by Kathy G. in Mountain Brook's English Village. As guests entered, they were offered chilled champagne or choices from an infused vodka bar with spring fruits. The menu included Lebanese specialties made by Jason's grandmother, Mama Sity, as well as Southern favorites. Mini plates featured molasses glazed beef tenderloin over caramelized mashed potatoes and grilled jumbo shrimp on top of purple and Yukon gold potato salad

with tomato saffron vinaigrette. A paella station and Asian table added to the eclectic menu choices for all attending.

Even the bride's cake was custom designed by Barb Sullivan to include the couple's logo. Guests danced the night away and enjoyed browsing through the old family photos that were on display. The couple left in a flurry of rose petals and jasmine and honeymooned at Ladera Resort in St. Lucia.

The evening before the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Birmingham Museum of Art. The bride and groom enjoyed wine provided by dear friends Louise and Jerry Neff of Vineyard Brands. Jason wanted the night to reflect his personality as well as his craft, so his favorite shade of blue was incorporated into the color scheme and all enjoyed a four-course menu. The wedding day picturesque brunch was hosted at The Club by close friends and family.

From start to finish, this wedding was inspired by Stacey and Jason's love for family. What a lucky bride—a wonderful husband and a new family in the business of making wedding dreams come true! •



THE DETAILS

Fotowerks Custom Photography
BRIDE'S CAKE: Barbara Sullivan, Barb's Cakes
GROOM'S CAKE: Julie Hendrick, Sweet Magnolia
HAIR AND MAKEUP: Angela Watson, Sanctuary
VENUE: Park Lane by Kathy G.
CATERING: Kathy G. & Company
FLORIST: Andy Hopper, Kathy G. Designs
VALET: Dana Patillo, Avia
TRANSPORTATION: Coats Classic Cars
GOWN: Heidi Elnora
DJ: Feel the Beat Entertainment
LIGHTING: Andy Tolar, Design Productions

