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A CURRENT Affair

A blind date leads to a perfect pairing made official at a swanky soiree at The St. Regis.

AFTER BEING SET UP by mutual friends and realizing very quickly that they would spend the rest of their lives together, Jason Palangio proposed to Lindsey Rodbell during a low-key evening at home. "It was perfectly private," Lindsey recalls. "I would have had heart palpitations had it been in public."

But where wedding plans began, the low profile ended. Lindsey, daughter of Atlanta A-listers Robin and Clyde Rodbell (who is the former CEO of Apex Supply Company and board member of Emory's Goizueta School of Business, Shepherd Center and Camp Sunshine), is owner of LCRinkCo. Following in her parents' footsteps of active involvement in state and federal politics, the brainy beauty also runs Georgia Group, a political action committee. Jason, a native of Montreal and son of prominent real estate developers in Canada, is vice president of sales and marketing for Flextecs.

The pair first met on a blind date in Atlanta arranged by Mark and Vanessa Mulroney, son and daughter-in-law of the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, former prime minister of Canada, who had been friends with Jason's parents for more than 40 years.

Lindsey's favorite part of the process was working with Tony Conway of Legendary Events and Suzanne Reinhard, then of Magnolia Events—the dream duo who were enlisted to help execute her vision for the elegant affair. "I loved the planning process!" she exclaims.

With many international guests in attendance (like the former Canadian prime minister), it was important to Lindsey to showcase the city. "One of the goals was to show how sophisticated and cosmopolitan Atlanta is and how much it has to offer. I think we really accomplished that," declares wedding planner Reinhard. "We wanted to wow

the guests but, at the same time, hold on to that Southern hospitality."

The St. Regis Atlanta's Grand Terrace served as the ceremony site, with the reception held indoors in the hotel's Astor Ballroom, an attraction in itself. The bride sparkled in an Anna Maier gown with diamond necklace and earrings borrowed from her mother, a diamond eternity wedding band from her parents' wedding and a diamond bracelet gifted by her in-laws.

After a delicious dinner of braised short rib, guests enjoyed individual cakes by celebrated cake queen Sylvia Weinstock, flown in from New York. Perfect 10 Band drew the crowd onto the dance floor, where they danced beneath thousands of crystals suspended from the ceiling by Conway's talented team.

The band led a train of wedding guests into an afterparty to the tune of Michael Jackson's "Wanna Be Starting Something," where the revelry continued, complete with a DJ and late-night bites. Exploding cans of confetti showered the newlyweds as they made their entrance.

"The whole wedding weekend was a joyful one," reflects Reinhard. "They're an outstanding couple."

After the elegant affair, the high-profile pair kicked off their happily ever after with a honeymoon to Cayo Espanto, a private island resort in Belize. ■



Clockwise from top left: Tall vases of blooming branches allowed conversation to flow freely at tables; the bride's bouquet featured yellow and white garden roses, ranunculus and lilies of the valley; Tony Conway's talented team scattered bowls of fresh lemons, glittering candles and vases of garden roses on mirrored-top tables; The St. Regis butlers pass Champagne pre-ceremony; individual wedding cakes designed by Sylvia Weinstock were flown in from New York. Opposite: The newlyweds enjoy their first moments as husband and wife.

The List

Venue The St. Regis Atlanta
Planning Suzanne Reinhard for Magnolia Events
Catering The St. Regis Atlanta
Cake Sylvia Weinstock
Floral Design and Linens Legendary Events
Invitations Exquisite Stationery by Harrison Rohr
Music Amadeus String Quartet (ceremony), Perfect 10 Band (reception)
Videographer Hammond Video
Bridal Gown Anna Maier from Joan

Pillow Bridal Salon
Bridal shoes Christian Louboutin
Hair James Wright
Makeup Woo Skincare and Cosmetics
Bridesmaids' Gowns Michael Kors
Groom's Attire Canali
Transportation Atlantic Limo
Rings Archer Jewelry
Something Old, New, Borrowed or Blue Diamond eternity band was the bride's mother's; diamond necklace and earrings borrowed from the bride's mother; diamond bracelet was a gift from in-laws.

GREER HAWKINS & BRYAN CRAIG

June 7, 2014

The Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation
Sandy Creek Barn

Photography by Laura Negri Photography

THE COUPLE Greer, a personal trainer, and Bryan, a financial advisor, met on the dance floor at a wedding in Athens, Ga. The Buckhead-based pair both enjoy the outdoors—Bryan as a head football coach with North Youth Organization and Greer as a pre- and post-natal fitness trainer.

THE PARTY Servers passed cocktails the couple had custom-crafted for the affair—a health-conscious, nonalcoholic green smoothie by the bride and a bourbon-lemonade blend by the groom. Guests noshed on eats offered from chef-manned stations serving up sushi, beef tenderloin and fried chicken. Despite the big day sharing a date with the bride's birthday, the couple opted for more modest bite-size desserts in lieu of cake.

WHAT WE LEARNED "I was so thankful to work with Susan and Tony throughout the entire planning process, as they perfectly captured Bryan and I in every detail of our wedding weekend," reflects the bride. "We felt so 'at home' on our wedding day being outside by the lake with our family, close friends and dog—sharing our favorite foods and dancing the night away."

THE HONEYMOON The active newlyweds hiked, biked and surfed on their honeymoon at Nicaragua's Mukul Resort—where the groom reeled in another lucky catch: a 50 pound mahimahi while fishing. —*Phebe Wahl*



Clockwise from above: The bride's bouquet of white peonies perfectly complements her Anna Maier lace gown, while the groom looks dapper in a suit from H. Stockton; the couple's beloved dog, Moose, presides over the lakeside ceremony; strawberry-basil water greets guests.



Ceremony

At Right: Bridesmaids wearing gowns from Bella Bridesmaids carry corresponding creamy bouquets of peonies, white hydrangeas and lamb's ears by Legendary Events.



At left: Legendary Events' talented team mixed tall mercury vases of white hydrangeas and eucalyptus with low, scattered birch vases and glittering candles down the center of long estate tables.

WEDDING RESOURCES

Wedding Planner Susan Forehand

Flowers Legendary Events

Videographer Blueberry Creative

Bridal Gown Anna Maier from Joan Pillow Bridal Salon

Bride's Shoes Cole Haan

Bride's Hair and Makeup Fringe Salon

Veil Anna Maier from Joan Pillow Bridal Salon

Groom's Outfit H. Stockton

Wedding Rings Laura Pearce Ltd.

Catering Legendary Events

Sweets Legendary Events

DJ/Band/Entertainment Big Blast & the Party Masters

Favors Kooties and cups from The Image Collection Inc.

Furniture Rentals Legendary Events

Linens Rentals Legendary Events

Something Borrowed The bride borrowed her mother's diamond earrings for the ceremony and switched to custom-designed earrings by Mary Kelly Clary of Give a Penny Designs for the reception.