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The Wedding of
Rebecca Haddad
and **Josh Reid**

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Rebecca and Josh met while they were both students at Ole Miss. They dated for seven years before Josh proposed. "We went to NYC for the weekend," Rebecca says. "Josh had planned an evening for us, with a chauffeur pick up at the hotel. We went to "A Room with a View" for drinks where you can see the whole city." At dinner, Josh had a special surprise for Rebecca. While the piano player played her favorite song (Josh had made the request), he proposed.

Rebecca says even though she and Josh had dated for such a long time, she hadn't pictured all the details of her wedding in her mind. Rebecca owns a store in Oxford, Mississippi, so long-distance planning a wedding in Memphis meant she had very little time. Her wedding planner really helped her find the overall look and feel of the wedding. "Most brides stress for months over having everything go exactly as planned, but fortunately I have a very laid-back personality," Rebecca says. "The whole wedding planning process was fun and stress-free."

Rebecca hadn't put much thought into what her "perfect dress" might look like, but she did know that she wanted something that would fit her personality. "I wanted something traditional, with a bit of an edge," she says. She decided on a Liancarlo fitted gown with a slight mermaid flair at the bottom and a lace overlay.

For her bridesmaid gowns, Rebecca wanted something very untraditional. "I felt they were dresses that the girls would wear over again, after the wedding," she says. The gowns were black strapless with slight ruffles across the dress.

The ceremony was at Grace St. Luke's Episcopal Church, a beautiful and eloquently detailed building. The couple chose to keep the decorations simple but elegant by using candles and two large flower arrangements in the foyer and at the altar. "We really let the

beauty of the church shine through," Rebecca says. The wedding ceremony was traditional and elegant. The couple had their closest friends and family for what Rebecca says was "one of the most monumental moments in our lives."

The reception was at the Cadre building in downtown Memphis. The décor was very organic and earthy feeling, with warm candlelight from the entrance all the way to the back lounge area. "I wanted my reception to resemble a glass of champagne," Rebecca says. "Gold and bubbly!" Since the Cadre is a split-level building, guests could either get on the dance floor or socialize in the lounge area. The food reflected Rebecca's Lebanese heritage with chicken kabobs, hummus and kibbeh. There was also a sushi bar with little take-out Chinese boxes filled with pad Thai noodles.

The couple loved their band, Burning Las Vegas. "They were unbelievable!" Rebecca says. "They kept our guests on their feet the entire night."

The couple's favorite moment was walking into the doors of the Cadre building, up the candlelit stairs, and into the reception area. The moment that had been building up for months had finally arrived. "To see how everything came together so beautifully really was the most satisfying moment of the night," Rebecca says.

The couple hosted an afterparty at Ernestine and Hazels in downtown Memphis. The party featured soul music and soul burgers, and guests received their gift baskets. A photobooth was set up, so guests could leave pictures with notes for the couple.

The entire weekend of the wedding was filled with fun events. "It started with the bridesmaids' tea at Chez Phillippe, and it didn't stop until the afterparty was over," Rebecca says. "It was nonstop fun!"





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