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*The Wedding of*  
**Krystal Montgomery**  
*and Erik Watkins*

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When Erik and Krystal first met, she played a bit hard to get. "We met in a class at University of Memphis," she says. "I really wasn't interested in a relationship at the time." Erik proved to be stubborn, and a few months later, when he approached her again, this time she was ready. "I decided to give him a call," she says. "And here we are today!"

After they dated for over three years, Erik popped the question on, of all days, Friday, October 13. He called Krystal as she got off work and asked her to come over to his apartment. When she got there, Erik surprised her by dropping to one knee and asked her to marry him. "I said yes and we called our family and friends to tell them the great news," Krystal says.

"Unfortunately for me, I didn't have my perfect wedding in mind!" Krystal says. "I honestly didn't think I would get married for a while and it wasn't anything I had really thought about." Three months into the engagement, Krystal finally started to solidify what she wanted.

Initially, the couple had wanted a destination wedding, but they realized that it would be best to have the wedding in Memphis, since they wanted their family and friends to share the day with them. "When I started planning, I looked on websites to get pictures of flower arrangements and dresses," Krystal says. "I started a binder of wedding ideas, started to organize it with photos that I found and began my search for vendors."

Krystal's first step was finding a photographer. "Having a professional photographer was so important to me," she says. A fabulous venue was also on the most-important list. They wanted a place where they could have the wedding and reception at the same location. Le Pavillon ended up being the perfect fit.

Krystal had already bought her dress when she happened to find a Henry Roth gown in a dress shop window. "Even though I had already bought my dress, I knew this was 'the one,'" she says. She ended up buying the strapless ball gown style, designed by Henry Roth adorned with real crystals around the waist and hip area and on the train.

The bridesmaids wore beautiful Bari Jay halter tea length chocolate brown satin dresses with organza ribbon while the groomsmen and groom wore Ralph Lauren tuxedos with black vests and ties.

The day of the wedding Krystal surprised her guests by arriving to the ceremony in a horse and carriage. The wedding ceremony took place at Le Pavillon in the outside cobblestone courtyard. Orange and fuchsia flowers and brown wooden chairs with flower arrangements decorated the space. The couple's officiant performed both the blessing of the hands ceremony and a sand ceremony. "I cried like a baby throughout the ceremony!" Krystal says.

After a cocktail hour inside LePavillon, guests moved back outside for a sit down dinner catered by Draper's. "The food was so amazing!" Krystal says. Menu items included fresh green salad with raspberry vinaigrette dressing and rosemary stuffed chicken breast with steamed veggies. For the dinner, the courtyard was transformed with fuchsia accent lighting, iridescent fuchsia and orange table coverings with beautiful center pieces and a lounge area for guests that included a very trendy couch and cocktail table. Saxophonist Mark Baker provided the perfect mood music.

Some of the couple's best memories are the funny moments of people dancing that the photographer and videographer caught on camera. "The shots of Erik dancing are hilarious!" Krystal says.





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