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When Art Inspires Life

LAURA HILL NASH AND JOHN KELLER
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA APRIL 14, 2018



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THE PROPOSAL Our proposal day was full of surprises. John was in graduate school, so we decided to go to his family ranch for a weekend getaway. The last morning of our stay, John asked me to go for one final hike before heading back to Austin, Texas. When we got to the top of a lookout point, John proclaimed he had something in his boot. Before I knew it, he was down on one knee, ring in hand. Back in Austin, all our families from Georgia and Texas were waiting to celebrate together. It was the perfect day and the perfect surprise!

THE PREPARATION I had always dreamed of getting married in my hometown of Savannah, Georgia. Luckily for me, John loves Savannah too. John is a wonderful painter and it was important to me that his art be part of our wedding. I asked him to paint something for our Save The Date and he presented me with a stunning painting of a Savannah marsh scene. The painting guided every decision we made, from bridesmaids dresses to flowers, and finally tied it all together as the lining for our beautiful wedding invitations. My mom was the biggest help planning this wedding. I was living and working in Austin, so a lot of the meetings and planning were up to her and our amazing wedding planner and cousin, Ashley Greene. Thankfully, they both have great taste and I trusted them completely. I'm so grateful that John and my mom were partners in all of the planning.

THE BIG DAY I woke on our wedding morning feeling very blessed that 400 friends and family had gathered in our favorite city for 4 days of celebration. Because John and I chose not to do a "first look", each party took photos separately at Beaulieu Plantation before going to historic Isle of Hope UMC, where I had been christened as an infant. Each element of the ceremony, the music, scriptures, musicians and officiants, had special meaning for us. Afterward, trolleys transported us to the beautifully decorated Savannah Yacht Club, where guests dined on delicious Coastal foods while dancing to the Musical Fantasy Band from Mobile. As a surprise to everyone, my parents hired "Harry Dawg", UGA mascot, who appeared on the dance floor while the band played "Glorious" causing the UGA alumni to go wild! The night came to a perfect ending, as we were led aboard a friend's yacht by the brass ensemble playing "When the Saints." We waved farewell to the remaining guests as we sailed away into the moonlit night.

THE HONEYMOON The morning after our wedding, John and I flew all the way from Georgia to Le Taha'a in the French Polynesia. It took five different planes, but the trip was so worth the travel. We spent five days relaxing on a small motu at Le Taha'a's Island Resort, before taking another flight to Bora Bora where we spent the remainder of our trip. We enjoyed quiet mornings together, couples massages, and island adventures learning about French Polynesia's history and Tahitian culture. Needless to say, we are already counting down the years until we can go back again!





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