

rielle & bobby

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photography by Angela Stott Photography



the bridal bouquet

The bride carried a bouquet of roses with white dendrobium orchids, green cymbidium orchids and bear grass for subtle color. Pearl pins secured the ivory satin ribbon wrapped around the stems.



their story

Rielle Montague (34 and an attorney) and Bobby Barnes (31 and a financial analyst) are proof that sparks don't always ignite at first sight. Sometimes, it takes a little longer. The two first met during a social event, hosted by the DC Chapter of the Stanford Black Alumni Association. "I was responsible for coordinating the event and Bobby had volunteered to help," says Rielle. She kept running into Bobby at the SBAA events and soon, they were planning events for two. After two years of dating, Bobby made an intimate proposal on Christmas Eve, while he and Rielle spent a quiet evening home. The couple exchanged vows 18-months later in Washington, DC, where Rielle grew up, met Bobby and fell in love. —CC



the reception

Peacock linens, embroidered with a subtle gold medallion design, covered the tables in the Roof Terrace Restaurant. Simple gold-rimmed, ivory china and cream-colored napkins completed the look.

the invitations

Ivory cardstock, with teal and apple green accents, tied the sophisticated invitations into the style of the celebration.

the ceremony

The bride and groom exchanged vows in a traditional church ceremony at Western Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. >>



their style

To combine Rielle's city lifestyle with Bobby's Southern roots, the couple created an "urban elegance with Southern hospitality" theme. The groom's favorite colors, blue and green, inspired the peacock color palette with gold and ivory accents.



the cake

Smooth, ivory buttercream covered four graduated square tiers of the cake. A simple dot pattern edged each tier while green cymbidium orchids added an elegant touch.

the ceremony programs

Rielle made the programs herself, with pearlized cream cardstock, an aqua-colored wedding monogram and green silk ribbons.

the bridesmaid dresses

Rielle's five bridesmaids wore teal-blue A-line dresses with empire waists from Banana Republic. "The girls loved the dresses and said they would definitely wear them again," says Rielle.



their ingredients

CEREMONY SITE Western Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC, (202) 835-8383

RECEPTION SITE The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Roof Terrace Restaurant, Washington, DC, (202) 416-8555

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CONSULTANT Alexandria Pare, Cherry Blossom Wedding & Events, Alexandria, VA, (202) 730-6427

OFFICIANT Rev. John W. Wimberly, Jr., Western Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC, (202) 835-8383

GOWN Peter Langner, purchased at a Brides Against Breast Cancer Sample Sale, BridesAgainstBreastCancer.org; alterations: Angie Cavallaro, Fairfax, VA, (703) 830-0634

VEIL Angie Cavallaro, Fairfax, VA, (703) 830-0634

RINGS Bride: Blue Nile; groom: Charleston Alexander, Bethesda, MD, (301) 951-6200

HAIR Diane Cole Stevens, Cole Stevens Salon & Day Spa, Greenbelt, MD, (301) 345-0033

BRIDESMAID DRESSES BananaRepublic.com

FORMALWEAR Tuxedos: MensWearhouse.com; groomsmen's ties: BCBG.com; groom's tie: Sean John, Macy's, New York, NY, (212) 695-4400

STATIONERY Save-the-dates: VistaPrint.com; invitations: Papyrus, New York, NY, (212) 490-9894 and eInvite.com; programs, menu cards and sign-in board: Paper Presentation, New York, NY, (212) 463-7035 and Paper Source, Washington, DC, (202) 298-5545; printing: Agile Printing Company, Inc, Washington, DC, (202) 785-5555

FLOWERS Sarah von Pollaro, Urban Petals, Washington, DC, UrbanPetals.com

RENTAL EQUIPMENT Dance floor: Capital Party Rentals, Sterling, VA, (703) 444-0040

CATERING Roof Terrace Restaurant, Washington, DC, (202) 416-8555

CEREMONY MUSIC Alcova Ensemble, Arlington, VA, (703) 271-4244

RECEPTION MUSIC Bialek's Music, Rockville, MD, (301) 340-6206

CAKE Just Cakes, Bethesda, MD, (301) 718-5111
TRANSPORTATION Chariots for Hire, McLean, VA, (703) 790-5466

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the favors

The bride filled cellophane bags with lime-green and aqua-blue jelly beans (her favorite candy), then placed them in gold boxes and tied the escort cards on with grosgrain ribbon.

the transportation

Following the ceremony, the newlyweds shared a bit of private time in a limousine on their way to the reception.

the centerpieces

Clear vases in various sizes held modern arrangements of ivory and green roses, dendrobium orchids, mini-cymbidium orchids, hydrangeas and bear grass.

