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Real Wedding: Meredith Dulaney & Brian Escobedo



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When Meredith Dulaney and Brian Escobedo met in November 2010 at a country music concert in New York City, you might say it was fate that brought them together. That's because although Meredith, a Mississippi native, was a country music fan, lifelong New Yorker Brian was not. But when Brian's coworker offered him a ticket to the concert, he thought, "Why not?" The two ended up hitting it off, and at the end of the concert Brian asked Meredith for her phone number. He called the next day to ask her out, and the rest is history. "New York boy meets Mississippi Delta girl at a country music concert in NYC...who would have guessed!" Meredith marvels.

A year and a half later, a few days before Easter, Meredith came home and found a bowl of chocolate-filled plastic Easter eggs waiting for her. As they talked about their days, Brian suddenly asked Meredith if she had looked inside one specific Easter egg. Before she knew it, he was on one knee with an engagement ring. "I was completely caught off guard. I am not even sure if I said yes," Meredith laughs.

The couple wanted to hold a destination wedding in between their home states, so they settled on Sea Island, Georgia for its location and Southern charm. Since all of their 160 guests would be traveling to the celebration, they planned a whole weekend of activities, including a cocktail party, rehearsal dinner for all invited guests, and a "bikinis and bellinis" poolside gathering. On the big day, Meredith and Brian had their "first look" at the Avenue of the Oaks, a long driveway lined with 100-year-old live oak trees; then, they headed to the garden at The Cloister resort for the ceremony. Meredith kept the décor simple with a champagne, cream, and pale pink color palette, rose petals lining the aisle, and a natural floral swag over the altar. The couple was married by the priest from their New York church, and supported by five bridesmaids and groomsmen, 10 honorary bridesmaids, and six ushers.

After the ceremony, guests walked across the street to the Sea Island Beach Club for the reception, held on an oceanfront lawn in a clear-top tent. French linens, wrought iron lighting fixtures, and

hanging wood boxes filled with pink ginger flowers, creamy peonies, and garden roses adorned the space. Guests enjoyed a “bourbon and moonshine” cart as well as a menu of seafood, beef tenderloin, and shrimp and grits. Brian raves about the live band that entertained the guests (and a few wedding crashers) for the entire evening. “I guess the best way to describe it is to say that it was like attending an amazing concert but at our wedding,” he says.

The newlyweds have a long list of favorite moments from the day: walking down the aisle; enjoying the band; watching the fireworks display that concluded the evening; and especially the moment they arrived at the reception. “Brian and I were the first people to walk into the reception and we were completely blown away with how beautiful it was,” Meredith remembers. “It was perfect.”

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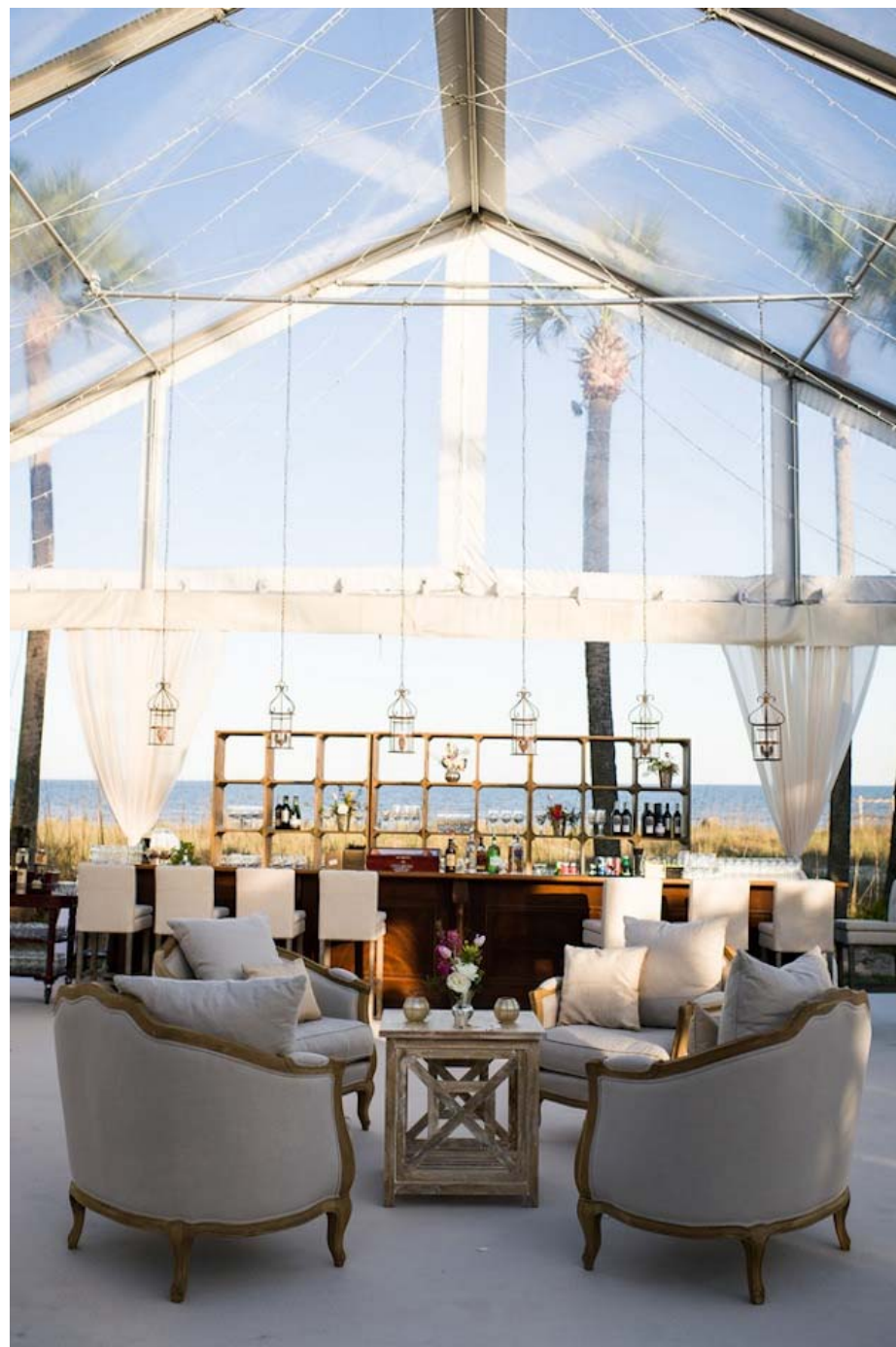


















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