



# Sarah & Frank

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## THE CLOISTER

SEA ISLAND, GEORGIA

Frank & Sarah met in Athens, Georgia while out to dinner with a group of friends at The Last Resort. During that serendipitous meal, the two shared an immediate connection and were inseparable the rest of the weekend. They had been dating long distance for a little over a year when Frank popped the question with a laid-back proposal at Sarah's place in Atlanta.

Sarah grew up visiting her grandparents' Sea Island home and was eager to share the beauty of the Golden Isles with the couple's friends and family. The festivities started with a rehearsal dinner at her grandparents' house (which also served as the after-party venue) followed by a ceremony at The Cloister Chapel and a grand reception on The Black Banks Terrace. To complement the luxurious backdrop, Sarah & Frank decided on a black-tie affair for their February event with a romantic color scheme to match. "I wanted the evening to have a lot of beautiful creams and soft pinks with some pops of gold," said Sarah. With the help of Caroline Carter Events, they designed a lavish evening at The Cloister for 180 guests that perfectly combined their timeless visions with the stunning oceanside setting.

Sarah took her mother, aunt, and three friends to Joan Pillow in Atlanta where she quickly laid eyes on a Monique Lhuillier design. "Once I tried it on, I knew it was the one," remembers Sarah. The winning gown had a lace bodice and tulle skirt which she paired with a custom bolero for their traditional ceremony. She borrowed family keepsakes to accompany her down the aisle, including her grandmother's diamond bracelet and her father's family bible—an item her grandparents and parents all carried during their ceremonies. Since the chapel only allowed for a modest group of attendants, Sarah & Frank kept the guest list short and invited family and close friends to join them for their six o'clock ceremony. They kept their bridal party small, each tapping one person to stand beside them and six sweet flower girls. Frank and his father, both outfitted in sleek black tuxedos from his father's clothing store—Frank Romeo's Clothing—looked on as Sarah made her way down the aisle to the sounds of "Canon in D." After their first kiss, guests exited the chapel where a bagpiper led the way to the reception just as the sun began to set.

The reception took place on The Black Banks Terrace where all three levels overlooked the Atlantic Ocean. A clear tent draped with twinkle lights set the tone for the formal affair where five large chandeliers hung over the black and white dance floor. The seating tables were a mix of high and low tables which were topped with textured arrangements in tones of blush, champagne and white. During cocktail hour, guests sipped on a lemonade specialty cocktail while diving into an extensive raw bar of oysters, lobster, and crab claws. The couple shared their first dance to "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," by Frankie Valli and then, with the help of Evolution Party Band, invited their guests to join in the celebration. When they weren't partaking in the dance party, you could find guests perched on the white velvet lounge furniture or enjoying late night miniature corn dogs, fries and croque monsieurs. Their epic Sea Island reception ended as Mr. & Mrs. Romeo hopped in a vintage white Bentley and made a beeline for the after-party!





**V E N D O R S** - Ceremony Venue: The Cloister Chapel || Reception Venue: The Cloister, Black Banks Terrace || Photographer: The Decisive Moment || Event Planning: Caroline Carter Events || Floral Design: The Vine Garden Market || Gown: Monique Lhuillier || Dress Boutique: Joan Pillow Bridal Salon (Atlanta, GA) || Bridesmaids' Dresses: Amsale || Hair Stylist: Bienvenue Salon || Makeup: Judy S. Crouch || Men's Attire: Frank Romeo's Clothing || Catering & Cake: Sea Island || Rentals: Beachview Event Rentals & Design || Invitations: CalligEMMY || Ceremony Music: Music by Pegge || Entertainment: Evolution Party Band