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# BEST OF WEDDINGS WINNERS

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Photographers

*plus* MORE

COLOR PALETTES  
BY SEASON

THE PERFECT PLACE  
TO SAY "I DO"

BUILD A  
MEANINGFUL  
BOUQUET

## *YOU'RE ENGAGED!*

Here's What to Do Next

## 8 GEORGIA WEDDINGS

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GETTING MARRIED IN  
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## GOWNS YOU'LL LOVE

+ DRESS  
SHOPPING  
SECRETS



APRIL 8 • SEA ISLAND  
michael & jon

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AUSTIN GROS

Michael paired her ecru gown with her stepmom's grandmother's blue topaz ring as a "something blue."

She turned a vintage Hermès tie into a bow tie and added the wedding date as a gift for Jon.







A gold-brushed cake with drip detailing combined Jon's favorite flavor, chocolate, with Michael's preferred, lemon.



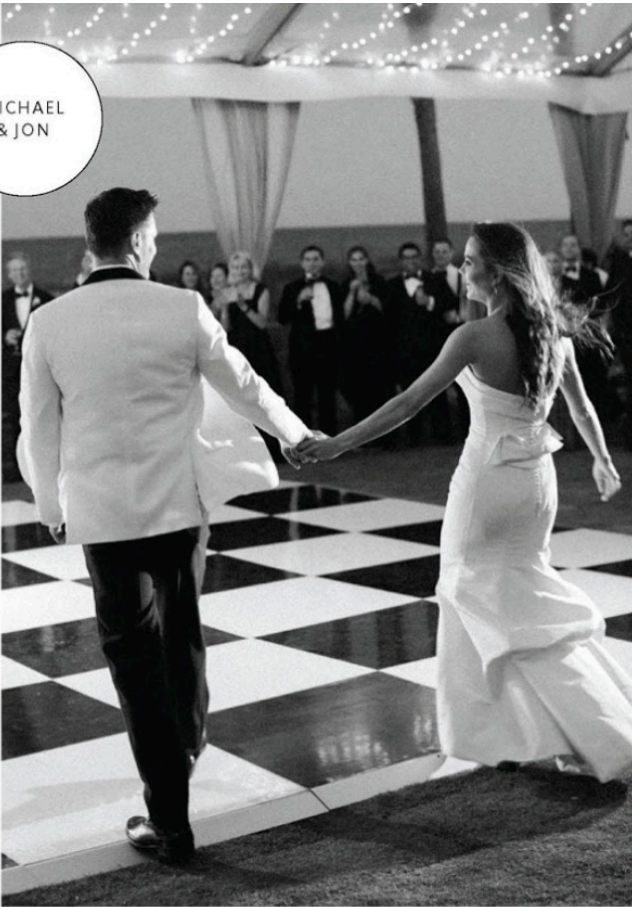
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#### THEIR STORY

After losing two of four suitcases in transit from Washington DC to Atlanta, Michael McCollum (28 and a political consultant) and Jon Adams (30 and a digital director) had grounds to lose their cool. Plus, bad weather had trapped many guests in the Northeast. However, the two kept a sunny perspective. "It turned out the storm produced the most amazing weather ever for our actual wedding weekend," says the bride, who chose the destination locale (ironically) for its ideal weather. The couple wanted the celebration to double as a vacation for loved ones. Though Michael poured the most energy into her welcome bags, she admits, "the real winner of the night was the feeling at our reception!" —BM



MICHAEL  
& JON



On the way to the ceremony, guests passed large oak trees and a swing covered in greenery. The newlyweds made their tent entrance to Whitney Houston's "I Wanna Dance with Somebody" played by a 14-piece Motown band and kept dancing all night, only breaking for late-night snacks of mini chocolate milkshakes and popcorn.



"I wanted a very romantic feel, flowing champagne and lots of neutral colors," the bride says of their wedding vision.





Muted accent colors, French 75s passed in coupes and a live painter appearance created a European atmosphere. The duo added details closer to home too by including iced cookies shaped like Texas (the bride's home state) and Alabama (the groom's) in welcome bags along with other personal treats.



### MICHAEL & JON'S WEDDING INGREDIENTS

- 🏠 **CEREMONY & RECEPTION SITE** The Cloister, Sea Island 📷 **PHOTOGRAPHY** Austin Gros 🎥 **VIDEOGRAPHY** Lance Holloway 📅 **PLANNER & EVENT DESIGN** Sea Island Wedding Coordinators 🌸 **FLOWERS** The Vine 📖 **OFFICIANT** Bill Barrow 👔 **GOWN** Carolina Herrera, Mark Ingram Atelier, New York City 💇 **HAIR & 💄 MAKEUP** Emma Collins 🧥 **VEIL** Mark Ingram Atelier, New York City 👠 **SHOES** Valentino 💍 **ENGAGEMENT RING** Klein's Jewelry 📍 **WEDDING RINGS** Five Star Jewelry Brokers 📍 **EARRINGS** Jude Frances Jewelry 👰 **BRIDESMAID DRESSES** Amsale, The Wedding Library, New York City 👔 **MENSWEAR** TheBlackTux.com 📄 **STATIONERY** Programs & tags: Funky Print Studio; calligraphy: Script Studio 🍽️ **CATERING & 🍰 CAKE** The Cloister 🎵 **MUSIC** Ceremony: Music By Pegge; Reception: I Love This Band 📸 **PORTRAIT ARTIST** Ronald Bayens 📦 **FAVORS** Cookies: Two Sugars Studio; Kim's Cheese Straws; Popcorn: Stella's Popkern; Water bottles: VOSS 🚗 **TRANSPORTATION** Sea Island Shuttles 🏠 **ACCOMMODATIONS** The Cloister; Inn at Sea Island 📍 **REGISTRIES** Bloomingdale's; Crate & Barrel; Williams Sonoma 🍷 **HONEYMOON** The St. Regis Bora Bora Resort
- GUESTS** 185 **BUDGET** \$\$\$\$\$ (see key, p. 8)

