

Eclectic Charm

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Lighthearted and unique, the Eclectic bride will seek to create a wedding experience as fresh and simple as a lake-side picnic. Our bride Celia Stewart Rouse knew she wanted to exchange her vows with groom Jason Pruett in a beautiful, outdoor setting. She therefore selected Chateau Toots, an Alabama premier bed and breakfast nestled at the edge of Lay Lake.

Celia worked with Florist and Event Planner Mandy Majerik of Hothouse Design Studio to select nature-inspired hues of chartreuse green (grass), espresso brown (earth),

and tiffany blue (sky) for her predominant color palette. Bridesmaids Elliott Mayson and Marlow Wilson wear Alvina Valenta dresses by Victoria McMillan, provided by Bella Couture. Elliott's Blue Moon duet satin teal-length dress features an illusion crumb-catcher neckline with an empire waist. Marlow wears a chocolate charmeuse strapless dress. Their bouquets, elegantly fashioned with blue hydrangea and accented with miller, complement Celia's hand-tied bouquet of rare floral varieties. Jewelry by Erin Cole. Hair and make up by Melissa Moore.



Celia's Tamara Kristen gown, the "Marissa," was provided by Bella Couture. Its strapless, princess-seamed bodice flows into a soft, fluted skirt with a garden train. The Alencon lace is showcased with a contrasting cafe silk-satin underlayer and chocolate satin sash.

Diane Olexa of Olexa's Cakes and Catering created a four-tiered French vanilla cake with ice-blue buttercream icing, appliquéd with over 50 hand-pressed edible flowers. Beloved pet Judge Reynolds wears a whimsical ribbon with a touch of greenery for a collar.



Buckingham Stripe table linens and Espresso Bengaline napkins from BBJ Linen provide the perfect foundation for floral sphere centerpieces, comprised of blue hy-

drangeas, green cymbidium orchids, and Ecuadorian roses. Chivari chairs from We Rent Atlanta are accented with Chocolate Lamour chair ties and sprigs of millet.



Celia's invitations, place cards, and menu cards provided by Alan's Invitations, are a perfect representation of Eclectic Charm.



With an intimate gathering of only 75 guests, details are very important to Celia. The groom's cake, provided by Diane Olexa of Olexa's Cakes and Catering, is a chocolate fudge cake with golden toffee filling and mocha buttercream frosting, accented with gold-dusted grapes and pears. Charming touches are also evidenced by the natural place card holders and small, succulent plants, given as guest favors.



Anita Maniscalco and Don Breland of inWhite Photographic Design captures a candid moment of relaxation in the Chateau Toot's billiard room between Groomsmen Ryan Pruet and Kyle Bogardus, and

Groom Jason Pruet. The groomsmen wear khaki suits with kiwi-colored ties and vests. Jason wears a chocolate brown suit with a Riviera café-colored vest. Apparel provided by Mr. Burch Formal Wear.



(Above) The wedding's signature dessert puts guests on "Cloud Nine," made of whipped cream, ganache, and chocolate fudge buttercream, topped with fresh berries.

(Below) Assorted hand cut canapés and seafood Louie with French tomato; French boursin stuffed black olives, topped with smoked salmon and fresh dill.



(Above top page) Spritzertinis with lime and fresh mint garnish.

(Above mid page) Grilled sourdough ham and asparagus open face sandwiches.

(Above) Roma tomato & basil bruschetta.

Catering by Olexa's Catering & Cakes



After a delightful afternoon of fun and frolic spent boating with friends on Lay Lake, Celia and Jason set off in a vintage JEEP Grand Wagoneer, ready to begin their new lives together.