

Wedding Announcement



Joshua Ty Johnson & Michael Dale Popham

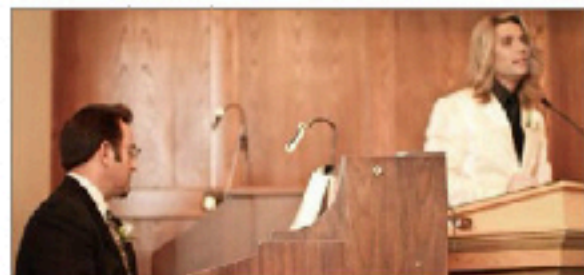
Josh and Michael met in church, as all good Southern, Middle Tennessee bible-belt boys do. Love at first sight blossomed, over the course of the next ten years, into a remarkable relationship, like the beautiful magnolia trees they were so often surrounded by in the green rolling hills of Nashville.

As Josh's celebrity grew and developed, and the ocean-kissed coast of California beckoned, Josh and Michael decided to "go west" and loaded up the truck, bound for Beverly Hills. Hollywood success eventually led to celebrity green rooms and awards shows. Eventually culminating in the rollout of the Josh Johnson signature line of luxury home décor—launching Winter 2014—the journey they have been on has truly been one akin to that of the proverbial yellow brick road.

With the turn of the tide toward affirming same-sex marriage, Josh and Michael felt the time had come to express publicly their enduring love through the traditional custom. Set amid the hallowed halls of Music City's brick and mortar homage to the legends of Country music, their deep roots in and great respect for Tennessee's musical contribution will be evidenced by a sparkling celebration of love without inequality.

With their lives centered on a deep belief in God and daily acts efforts to exhibit Christian principles through action, Josh and Michael strongly trust that the Bible Belt will soon come to realize and embrace that we are all God's children, that God is love, and that love is love. Living a loving relationship is not a lifestyle. In the meantime, the only validation required for their sacrament is the support of the intimate, "true" relationships that surround their mutual life.

Thus, surrounded by their family and friends, Josh and Michael will enter the state of holy matrimony this very month. Congratulations!



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