



Springtime in the South

High school sweethearts Jessica Scott and Henry Wayne Holloway bonded originally over Italian food – Olive Garden to be exact! It's no surprise, then, that Wayne would propose in beautiful, romantic Italy. The couple spends every Christmas in different countries in Europe "to thrust ourselves in different cultures during the holiday season." Christmas 2011 was spent in Venice, Italy. Despite Wayne's propensity to be less than romantic, he "took advantage of the gorgeous surroundings to make up for the words he couldn't seem to find at the time, being so nervous" and popped the question at Jessica's favorite place in Venice: Saint Mark's Square. "We stood there in the square, tourists buzzing around snapping photos, the infamous hundreds of pigeons flying above and around us, crisp-cool December chill in the air," she describes. He set up the camera tripod, claiming to take a self-portrait of them before they headed in for the night. Secretly he was recording the proposal – "I was in total SHOCK! And of course I said yes! I knew at that moment I would get to spend the rest of my life with such a wonderful man who literally completed me." As they left the square, grinning ear to ear, Wayne looked at Jessica and said, "Wow, I need a drink! That was stressful!" They laughed together and went to the nearest pub to celebrate their engagement over a couple of beers.

The couple planned a Cinco de Mayo wedding celebration at the historic Union Station Hotel. "We wanted an intimate setting for our roughly 130 guests," says the bride. Jessica spent the night before the wedding at the hotel and was able to witness the entire transformation of the hotel lobby into a "lobby of lace and love." Her favorite moment of the day was when they saw each other: "If one could bottle those feelings up, I would label it 'priceless!' Wayne had the biggest and cheesiest grin on his face as he could see me through the lace sheers. My heart was racing at least a thousand miles a minute, my hands were perspiring, knees getting weak... what a moment!" Wayne's first whispers to her were, "You look absolutely beautiful," and she had to stare at the ceiling to keep from ruining her makeup with joyful tears.

The guest of honor was Wayne's grandmother, Diane Clark, who was able to make it in for the celebration. She has since passed away, but "Wayne was the apple of her eye – she would not have missed the wedding for anything," says the bride. "It was a blessing to have so many of our friends and family from out of town come in for our special day."

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Ceremony and Reception Site: The Union Station Hotel; Event Planner: Angela Proffitt of Elegant Weddings by Angela & Events by AP; Rentals: Liberty Party Rentals and Music City Tents & Events; Line: Connie Duglin and Wildflower Linen; Lighting: Nashville Event Lighting; Drapery: Visual Element; Florist: Village of Flowers; Cake Designer: Jay Qualls; DJ: DJ Tyrus Briggs; Minister: Marc Casey; Videographer: Zane Karl Studio

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