

THE KNOT S SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - FALL / WINTER 2008





the cake

The four-tier cake alternated between red velvet cake with cream cheese filling and chocolate devil's food cake with fudge filling. Fondant icing in black and green featured an Art Deco design.

the ceremony décor

The ceremony was decorated with silk-wrapped boxes filled with white and green lisianthus, anemones, and roses.

the boutonniere

Jim wore a purple lisianthus wrapped in black ribbon on his lapel.



their story

Deb Goodfader (a 36-year-old artist) claims she would never have had the nerve to flirt with Jim Loucks (a 38-year-old actor) had she known how tall he was. Good thing for both of them, Jim was always sitting down at the Mark Taper Forum theatre, where the couple met. Deb was a production assistant there and Jim worked at the back stage desk. It wasn't until their first date that 5'4" Deb realized Jim stands 6'2". But the two didn't let the height difference get in their way, and six-and-a-half years later, Jim produced a gorgeous ring and asked Deb to marry him on a quiet afternoon at home. Deb said yes, and then it was off to dinner at their favorite restaurant. —S.K. >>

the centerpieces
Three boxes of varying sizes wrapped in silk and filled with white flowers accompanied three vases filled with purple flowers as well as three small votives to create a variety of heights and shapes on the tables.

the escort cards
All printed materials, from the menus to the place cards, were inspired by the Wiley Valentine design of the invitations.

the ceremony
Jim entered the ceremony to "Ain't Misbehavin'," and Deb walked down the aisle to "At Last." After breaking a glass (Deb's background is Jewish), the couple's recessional was set to the tune of "Steppin' Out With My Baby" in an effort to set the tone for a fun reception.



style notes

Deb and Jim chose a classic black-and-white color scheme to complement the Cicada Restaurant. The palette also worked well in bringing in the jazz club feel that the couple wanted to inspire their family and guests.



the reception
 Deb and Jim worried about entering the reception and making it to the dance floor on cue, but once the applause of their family and friends hit them, they relaxed and enjoyed the moment.

the bridal bouquet
 Deb carried purple lisianthus, anemones, and pansies with black privet berries, all wrapped in a ribbon the same shade of green as the sash on her gown.



their ingredients

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GOWN Cymbeline Paris, The Montclair Collection (310) 260-9555, Santa Monica

SHOES zappos.com

HAIR David Jensen, Shampoo Lounge (310) 392-8211, Santa Monica

MAKEUP Cricket Leigh, The Powder Room (323) 229-2815

FORMALWEAR The World Group, Bangkok, Thailand

INVITATIONS Wiley Valentine, Black Ink (310) 573-9905, Pacific Palisades

FLOWERS Elizabeth Bailey Floral and Event Design (310) 922-3223, Brentwood

RENTAL EQUIPMENT JFox Event Lighting LLC (310) 424-5584

CATERING Cicada Restaurant

MUSIC Jazz quartet booked through West Coast Music (310) 278-6848, Beverly Hills; DJ booked through Red Shoe Productions (213) 610-4174

DANCE LESSONS The Dance Doctor (310) 459-2264, Santa Monica

CAKE Cake Divas (310) 287-2609, Culver City

FAVORS Alyssa Nicol Photography

TRANSPORTATION Ace Limo (866) 429-5466, Santa Monica

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nancy & jon MAY 12, GOLETA

INGREDIENTS
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Los Angeles; flowers by
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Nancy Alamy (now 30) first met Jon Heath (31 and a physician) when she was a sophomore and he was a senior in high school. They had one class together, and she was so taken with him that she once spent an entire class working up the courage to ask if she could borrow his pencil. A semester later, having given up hope that anything romantic would happen, Nancy relaxed and they became friends. Luckily Nancy was wrong, and that summer they began to date. Eleven years later, Nancy was visiting Jon in Connecticut for the holidays. He was there doing his surgical rotation and had suggested they celebrate her January birthday a bit early. "He made an amazing dinner and had the table set with candles," says Nancy. "I had no idea because Jon is always doing really sweet things." So when Jon presented her with a small jewelry box, she received one big surprise inside. — S.K.