

BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA / APRIL 23, 2016

# THE CLASSIC BLACK-TIE AFFAIR

Two midwesterners threw a tented wedding near the bride's vacation home on the May River

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**A GRAND ENTRANCE** A Charleston-based gospel choir led the couple and their wedding party to the cocktail hour. "Their energy was contagious," says the bride. "Everyone started dancing with them."

## THE COUPLE

Jennifer Buddig, 27, private banker, and Christopher Sizer, 27, commercial banking officer

## THE WEDDING

At St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church and Montage Palmetto Bluff

## HOW THEY MET

While studying abroad in Paris in 2009

## THE PROPOSAL

With handwritten notes delivered in three flower arrangements to the bride's family home in Chicago

## THE HONEYMOON

St. Lucia



**GRACIOUS GESTURES** Jenny and Chris wrote each of their 275 guests a personal thank-you for making the trip to South Carolina. The notes, in calligraphed envelopes, doubled as place cards at dinner.



## THE COUPLE'S TAKEAWAYS

**1 FIND INSPIRATION EVERYWHERE** When Jenny and Chris had trouble coming up with decor ideas, planner Kristin Newman suggested that they flip through home magazines, like *Architectural Digest*. "We pulled images of hedging, topiaries, and French gardens to find our theme," the bride says.

**2 HONOR YOUR FAMILY** The bride wore the veil that her mother and sister wore in 1987 and 2014, respectively. And the groom carried a handkerchief that was monogrammed with his late stepfather's initials.

**3 PLAY WITH TRADITION** Jenny knew her BFF Grace's boyfriend planned to propose two weeks later, so she rigged the bouquet toss to ensure Grace would be front and center to catch it.



**CEREMONY VENUE** St. Gregory the Great; [sgg.cc](http://sgg.cc). **RECEPTION VENUE** Montage Palmetto Bluff; [montagehotels.com](http://montagehotels.com). **PLANNER** Kristin Newman Designs; [kristinnewmandesigns.com](http://kristinnewmandesigns.com). **DRESS** Oscar de la Renta; [oscardelarenta.com](http://oscardelarenta.com). **FLORAL DESIGN** Gathering Events; [gatheringevents.com](http://gatheringevents.com). **CAKE** Minette Rushing Custom Cakes; [savannahcustomcakes.com](http://savannahcustomcakes.com). **PHOTOGRAPHY** Gayle Brooker; [gaylebrooker.com](http://gaylebrooker.com).