





amy & yves

MAY 6, DELRAY BEACH

photography by Janine Stone

Amy Serrago and Yves-Gerard Goldberg know a thing or two about special events—the two musicians run a successful entertainment and production company in New York City. But planning their own special event, a destination wedding in Florida, came with its own set of challenges. After Yves proposed one Christmas morning, the two knew they would need help to pull off the celebration of their dreams, so they called in Danielle Dworkowitz of Creative Touch Party Design to assist with the details. “She introduced us to nearly all of the vendors we used and helped us make decisions the whole way through,” Amy says. “I couldn’t have gotten through the planning, let alone the day of the wedding, without her.”

An overall mood of tropical elegance infused the day, with a color palette of pinks, mangos, and corals. The bright hues blended nicely with the lush greenery at Crane’s Beach House, >>





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a romantic hideaway located right on the beach. The ceremony was held near the pool, where bamboo pillars covered with roses, hydrangeas, and vines served as the altar. A friend stepped in as the officiant and personalized the nuptials with special readings and an old Irish blessing. A sand ceremony added a special touch and included Yves' son Max. "We each had our own jar of sand, and we combined them into one large jar to symbolize the joining together of a new family," explains Amy.

The sounds of steel drum and guitar music kicked off the cocktail hour, adding to the tropical flavor of the event. A tiki bar served up libations, while tasty bites of sushi, coconut lobster tail, shrimp cocktail, prosciutto with melon, and mini brie and raspberries en crouete kept everyone sated until dinner, which was served poolside. Colorful centerpieces of roses, hydrangeas, orchids, and limes sat on bamboo pillars, adding even more tropical elegance to the décor. Guests dined on grilled mahimahi with a pineapple mango pesto and grilled New Zealand rack of lamb, followed by dessert that was chosen especially for the groom. "Yves saw cupcakes at a wedding we performed at, and he thought it was the best idea ever," says Amy. The butter pound cake >>





Planning tip: Match your menu to your theme. Amy and Yves served their guests island cuisine such as coconut lobster tail and grilled mahimahi for their tropical-inspired celebration.

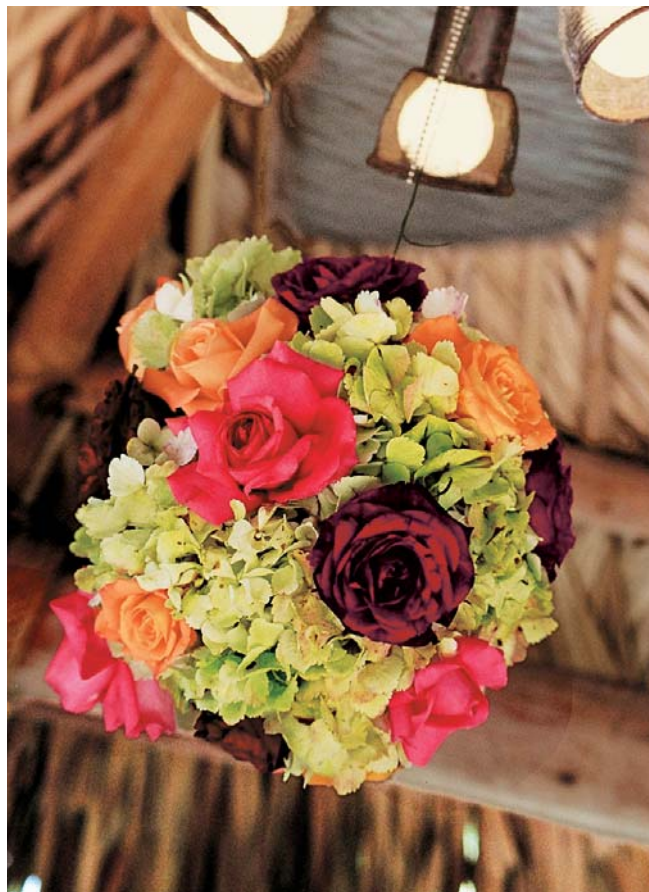


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and raspberry-filled chocolate cupcakes were topped with buttercream icing and handmade white and milk chocolate seashells.

Since Amy and Yves are musicians, their guests knew they'd be in for a treat after dinner—and they weren't disappointed. After the couple opened up the dance floor with a spin to "I Love You More Today Than Yesterday" by Spiral Staircase ("We both love music from the '70s," says Amy), their band from New York made a few impromptu performances in-between DJ sets. The barefoot crowd grooved on the sandy dance floor all night long, until John Hiatt's "Have a Little Faith in Me" signaled the end of the party. Gourmet chocolates with a tropical flair—crystallized pineapple dipped in chocolate and white-chocolate sand dollars—were the perfect sweet ending for the celebration. —S.B. >>





AMY & YVES' INGREDIENTS

SITE Crane's Beach House (561) 278-1700
PHOTOGRAPHY Janine Stone Photography, JanineStonePhotography.com, Miami
CONSULTANT Danielle Dworkowitz, Creative Touch Party Design (561) 329-0942, Palm Beach Gardens
OFFICIANT Scott Eggert, a friend of the bride and groom, is not only an ordained minister but also a member of their band!
GOWN For the ceremony, Amy wore a strapless, ivory, A-line gown by Michael of Piccione. She changed into a less formal, ivory bridesmaid dress for the reception: "I wanted to be more comfortable, since we were outdoors the whole time," she explains. Alfred Angelo (954) 574-0054, Deerfield Beach; Jim Hjelm, Kleinfeld Bridesmaids' Loft (212) 398-5255, New York, NY
VEIL Alfred Angelo
JEWELRY Lee Resnick, Spa Tique (561) 799-6602
SHOES Though Amy found her shoes at DSW in New York City, she went barefoot—a lot!
HAIR Alberto Martinez, Las Olas Beauty (954) 779-2616, Ft. Lauderdale
MAKEUP Ann Marie Leone, The Beautiful Face (954) 322-7474
BRIDESMAID DRESSES Jim Hjelm, Kleinfeld Bridesmaids' Loft
FORMALWEAR Groom: Calvin Klein, Macy's (212) 695-4400, New York, NY; groomsmen: custom guayaberas from MyGuayabera.com
INVITATIONS Creative Touch Party Design
FLOWERS The bridal bouquet was created entirely of white and green dendrobium orchids, while the bridesmaids carried red and tangerine roses with white and green hydrangeas. Daniel Events (561) 393-1432
RENTAL EQUIPMENT Creative Touch Party Design
CATERING Olde Florida Catering (954) 561-1877, Boca Raton
MUSIC Ceremony and cocktail hour: Florry Duncan and the Tropical Sons (561) 686-0973; reception: Top Hat Entertainment (561) 963-6424, Lake Worth
CUPCAKES Betty Baird, Sweet Tiers (772) 546-8822, Hobe Sound
FAVORS Hoffman's Chocolate (561) 433-4438, Greenacres
ACCOMMODATIONS Crane's Beach House
HONEYMOON Yves' parents and sister gave them a seven-day honeymoon in the Caribbean. Sandals Halcyon Beach Resort St. Lucia (888) SANDALS, St. Lucia