

Southern Bride

WINTER / SPRING 2018

JONATHAN
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TARA
LIPINSKI'S
*Dreamy
Day*

AS SEEN IN

HIGH FASHION
in HIGHLANDS
at Old Edwards Inn

Wedding on the Green

BRITTANY LONG AND BLAKE CUMMINGS
KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA JUNE 10, 2017



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THE PROPOSAL Blake and I had just celebrated our eleven year anniversary and planned a trip to New York to visit his friends for Memorial Day. On Saturday night he took me to the 11th floor of the New York Athletic Club to have dinner overlooking Central Park. Afterwards, we were supposed to meet our friends on the roof of the club for a drink, but we stopped off on an earlier floor. Blake led me into a hotel room overlooking Central Park and proposed on a balcony covered in flowers and candles.

THE PREPARATION Once we decided to have a destination wedding, we knew we would have to travel to South Carolina multiple times before the wedding, but it was a good excuse to go to the beach every couple of months. We visited Kiawah Island at least three times between the venue visits, tastings, and makeup trials. I also worked very closely with my wonderful wedding planner Lindsay, with Fox Events, via long distance, while I designed the invitations and went shopping for my dress and accessories from home in Atlanta.

THE BIG DAY I woke up early and immediately began getting ready as my bridesmaids arrived for hair and makeup while Blake spent the morning playing golf at The Ocean Course with his groomsmen. We eventually met at the clubhouse for pictures and our first look, where we read letters from each other about us getting married from when we were in high school. Our ceremony was spectacular overlooking the ocean right off of the 18th Green. Afterwards, guests enjoyed drinks, appetizers and live music while Blake and I took pictures in front of the sunset. We spent the last few hours of the night dancing to The Tams and eating cake and ice cream. We capped the night off with a ride back to our villa in a vintage Bentley.

THE HONEYMOON Blake and I visited Cocobay Resort in Antigua, which was a beautiful all-inclusive resort. We had a private cottage with a pool overlooking the bay and mountains. Most of our days were spent on the beach reading books and sipping tropical drinks, while occasionally we went snorkeling or sailing. At night we enjoyed three course meals and live entertainment as we watched the sunsets. By the end, we were sure that five days wasn't enough and knew we would be planning return visits for our anniversaries in the future.





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