

Christina & John

January 16, 2010
The Venetian
Garfield, NJ

Ceremony Location: St. Ephrems

Reception Location: The Venetian

Photographer: Abella Studios

Videographer: Abella Studios

Entertainment:
Classie Sounds Entertainment

Lighting Design:
Magic Moments, LLC.

Florist: Flowers By Brian

Limousine Service:
TBT Limousine Service

Cake Designer:
A Little Cake (Le Petit Gateau)

Bridal Salon:
Bridal Reflections

Headpiece/Veil:
Bridal Styles Boutique

Formal Attire: Lacobucci Formal
Wear & Dante Zeller Tuxedos

Invitations: Baci Press

Hair Salon: Lush New York

Makeup Artist: Maureen Walsh

Jeweler: ShaiDion



During what began as a night out with her friend Kim at Chickie & Pete's in South Philadelphia, Christina ended up meeting the man of her dreams. Christina and John instantly clicked that night and kept in touch afterwards. Despite John working at the time in Rhode Island, the two continued to visit each other and kept in touch. The couple continued to date for three years, before John finally popped the question. Christina had planned a fun-filled day in New York City for the two of them, not aware that John was planning on popping the question that evening. During the trip, Christina and John decided to take a walk in Central Park, where there was a horse and carriage waiting for them. While on the ride on Madison Avenue in Manhattan, John asked Christina to move over. A little confused at the moment Christina agreed to move over. As she was moving over, she quickly noticed people staring at her in the streets. As Christina turned back around, before her eyes was John down on one knee. "I knew it was love after our first date to the Cheesecake Factory," shared Christina. "I remember John saying to me, that he couldn't wait anymore and leaned in to kiss me, it was a moment I'll never forget." The date was set for January 16, 2010.

When the couple began planning their wedding, they fell in love with the first place they visited, The Venetian. Jennifer and John loved what this location had to offer to them—the wide selection of food, the marble dance floor, the Romanesque colors, and the big crystal chandeliers. After meeting with the owner, they knew this was the place to hold their dream wedding.

Following the ceremony, guests helped themselves to The Venetian's signature cocktail hour that consisted of pork and lamb. First course consisted of a tower of mozzarella, tomato, and parmesan basket with salad. The guests had the choice between stuffed chicken breast, asiago cheese, prosciutto, potato, broccoli rabe, filet mignon, and vegetables for



dinner. Finally for Christina and John's Venetian hour, guests enjoyed a white and milk chocolate fountain, cannolis, red velvet cake, zeppolis, Ben and Jerry's milkshakes, cotton candy, as well as cappuccinos, and waffles. "If you love food the way us Italians do, trust me, you couldn't wait to eat all the food that we talked about," shared John. "From the hors d'oeuvres to the entrees, I knew this was going to be a great wedding!" The wedding cake designed by A Little Cake (Le Petit Gateau), was three-tiered with flowers cascading down the sides and made up of three different flavors—red velvet with cream cheese icing, citrus with lemon mousse, and chocolate cake with chocolate ganache.

For their first dance as newlyweds, Christina and John shared a romantic moment to "Vivo Per Lei" by Andrea Bocelli. Classie Sounds Entertainment played a variety of music all night, having the guests on the dance floor the whole night. "Our emcee stayed in tune with our guests the whole night making sure it fit everyone's needs. He even made sure the right music was being played when specific food was out," said Christina. "The music made the night. I couldn't stop dancing," John added.

The couple was extremely pleased with their photographer and videographer from Abella Studios. Christina and John were able to choose between several packages, which made it easy to choose the right one for them. The staff explained what they offered, as well as what they could do to suit the couple's needs exactly. "The photographer was great—they knew what pictures I wanted and were on time the whole day," commented the bride.

Following their big wedding, the two newlyweds honeymooned in Anguilla and St. Martin.