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Kerri and Zorz

Raphael Vineyard Peconic, NY

- Ceremony Location: Raphael Vineyard
- Officiant: Reverend Deb
- Reception Location: Raphael Vineyard
- Photographer: T&T Photography and Video Studio
- Entertainment: Music by Michael
- Videographer: T&T Photography and Video Studio
- Florist: Country Petals Flowers & Gifts
- Bridal Salon: Adrienne's Bridal
- Headpiece/Veil: Adrienne's Bridal
- Formal Attire: Roger's
- Cake Designer: Raphael Vineyard
- Limousine: Coachman
- Hair Salon: Salon DeCaro
- Makeup Studio: The Makeup Studio
- Jeweler: The Karat Shop

Kerri and Zorz first met by a chance of fate in Melville, New York, on July 26, 2006. Zorz, originally from Montenegro, was visiting his brother in the United States and immediately noticed Kerri when she walked inside Blackstone Steakhouse. Their eyes locked, creating an intimate connection between the two. After spending hours talking, the two hit it off and spent the rest of his trip getting to know one another until he went back to Europe. Shortly after, the two couldn't bear to stay apart, and Zorz took a leap of faith and came back to the United States to be with Kerri. "After speaking with her I felt so comfortable and knew I wanted to marry her," recalled Zorz, who proposed on Kerri's birthday.

About a year later the couple tied the knot on September 13, 2008, at Raphael Vineyard, which complimented their wine theme. The couple fell in love with the facility's breathtaking vineyard, chic and modern rooms, and unbelievable

scenery. "It fit our personalities because of our love of wine, but it also made guests feel as if they were in another location," said Kerri.

Dressed in a Jim Hjelm lace trumpet-style gown, adorned with a sash tied around her waist, the bride looked stunning as she walked down the aisle. Bridesmaids donned Jim Hjelm spaghetti-strapped, floor-length gowns in burgundy that had a silk underlay and chiffon overlay. The groom and groomsmen all looked sharp in classic black tuxedos, white shirts, black vests, and bow ties.

From cocktail hour to dinner, guests enjoyed a multitude of food from passed hors d'oeuvres to pasta, carving, and Mediterranean stations, to the main entrée of grilled rib eye, sautéed chicken, or pan-seared salmon in Chantilly mushroom sauce. The vanilla wedding cake was three-tiered, designed with a classic lace pattern, adorned with a



flower cake topper. For dessert guests indulged in delectable sweets of cakes, cannolis, chocolate-covered strawberries, and fresh fruit. During this time, Kerri and Zorz relaxed on the balcony, where the staff set up a candlelit dessert table just for the two of them. The staff at Raphael Vineyard was impeccable, as they catered to every guest and made sure everyone had what they needed without having to be asked.

The celebration began and ended with Music by Michael, who provided guests with a cultural blend of music for dancing all night long. For their first dance the newlyweds danced to Celion Dion's "The Power of Love", which

couldn't have been more fitting for the two of them. The couple also participated in the traditional father/daughter and mother/son dances.

Kerri's lifelong friend from T & T Photography and Video Studios captured the day's events through still images and on video. Hal took beautiful shots throughout Raphael Vineyard. Photographs were taken within the vineyard and in the downstairs wine cellar, but some of the most romantic photos were with the newlyweds standing outside, with the facility as a backdrop, as they shared special moments of spending time together. "T & T did a great job and were fun to

work with. His work is phenomenal. Our videographer, Jim, blended in, wasn't intrusive, and made guests feel comfortable," commented Kerri.

When reflecting upon their favorite memory of the day, the couple both enjoyed the anticipation of Kerri walking down the aisle. They were able to relive the connection they felt from the first day they met. Zorz also added that it was exciting to experience two completely different cultures blend together and celebrate their love for one another. Following their wedding day, the newlyweds escaped to Puerto Rico on a two-week long honeymoon.

