

carson & rudy

ATHENS
June 10

photography by Laura Negri

the bride's look

Carson, carrying a hand-tied bouquet of cabbage roses, wore a strapless silk organza gown with crisscrossed grosgrain ribbons and a double-back sash by Vera Wang.

the location

To help them with the planning, the couple hired a consultant. And with the helping hand of Carson's mother, they pulled off a beautiful wedding at a historic house with a southern garden theme and plenty of charm and hospitality.



their story

Six clues led Carson Brown (24 and a teacher's assistant) on a scavenger hunt from her apartment to her boyfriend Rudy Weber (27 and a consultant), who was waiting to propose underneath the north campus Chapel bell at the University of Georgia (the two are avid Georgia football fans). When she said yes, their friends, who had been hiding in the bushes and trees, congratulated the two, and Carson rang the Chapel bell (a university tradition for any school or personal victories). —A.W.



the ceremony

The ceremony took place outdoors on the Taylor-Grady House grounds. As guests arrived at the ceremony, they were given sweet tea and lemonade to sip and programs that doubled as paper fans to keep cool in the warm summer air.

the centerpieces

Tables covered with white linens and green and pink overlays were bedecked with pink, peach, and ivory floral centerpieces in varying heights and shapes.

the boutonniere

To accessorize his look, Rudy donned a simple rose bud. >>



the reception

Following the intimate ceremony (the groom's father officiated), wrought-iron candelabras lit the way for guests to walk from the ceremony to the reception tent behind the house.

the cake

The couple cut into a four-tiered, round, Spanish lemon cake with buttercream icing, which was adorned with rolled pink rose petals. >>



the first dance

Carson and Rudy kicked off the celebration with a first dance to David Hasselhoff's "Flying on the Wings of Tenderness."

the bridesmaid looks

The five bridesmaids wore cactus green, tea-length, Vera Wang dresses with bobbinet accents at the hem and ivory grosgrain belts, which picked up the colors from the surrounding garden.



their ingredients

SITE Taylor-Grady House (706) 549-8688

PHOTOGRAPHY Laura Negri Photography, LauraNegriPhotography.com, Atlanta

CONSULTANT Michele Turner, Consultants Unlimited (706) 548-3948

OFFICIANT Mr. Rudy Weber (father of the groom), Dunwoody

GOWN Vera Wang, Impressions Bridal Salon (404) 841-6202, Atlanta

VEIL Impressions Bridal Salon

HAIR Stacy at Bob Salon (706) 546-0950

MAKEUP College friend and honorary bridesmaid Mary Beth Powell

BRIDESMAID DRESSES Vera Wang, Bridals by Lori (404) 252-8767, Atlanta

INVITATIONS Julie Harmon, Bumblebee Press (404) 577-4540, Atlanta

FLOWERS European Floral Design (706) 227-9937

RENTAL EQUIPMENT Lee Epting Catering (706) 353-1913

CATERING Lee Epting Catering

MUSIC Ceremony: Magnolia Quartet (404) 819-3854; reception: Jeni Michelson, The Society Express Band (770) 579-6967, Marietta

CAKE Cecelia Villavecques Cakes (706) 543-3308

TRANSPORTATION Getaway car: Stephen's Limousine (706) 353-6248; limo from Athens to Atlanta: Bulldog Limousine (706) 613-5206

ACCOMMODATIONS Foundry Park Inn & Spa (706) 549-7020; Hilton Garden Inn (706) 353-6800

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