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REMEMBERING THE WEDDING VOWS OF  
NICOLE ENDRES AND AARON HOBBS







What is it about our nation's capitol that makes it the ideal location for a dignified yet dramatic wedding? Is it the monuments and museums? The strong sense of heritage surrounding every historic building? The political atmosphere?

Nicole and Aaron Hobbs feel that it's a mixture of all these elements. "We wanted a wedding that showed off the city," the bride says. "It's such a beautiful city and we just love living here." A wedding that shows off the city is just what they got.

Nicole and Aaron met in 2003 while working at the Department of Agriculture. In a fateful moment, she bumped into him in the hallway on her way to an interview. Almost a year and a half later, on December 15, 2005, Aaron surprised Nicole with a romantic proposal in front of the National Christmas Tree. Not only perfectly picturesque for such a moment, this site also holds a piece of nostalgia for the couple. "Our first excursion as friends was to see the National Christmas tree," says Nicole.

The evening of the proposal began in style. As a light evening snow fell, casting a silver gleam across the city, Aaron pulled up to Nicole's door in a limousine. They arrived for a sumptuous dinner at the Capitol Grille, where he gave her three special gifts. The crowning gift of the evening? An engagement ring accompanied by a promise to "spoil" Nicole forever.





The couple lost no time in embarking on their wedding planning adventure. Setting their hearts on an August wedding, Nicole and Aaron employed the talents of acclaimed wedding coordinator Laura Weatherly of Engaging Affairs to help with their big day. Thanks to Laura's expertise and Nicole's fine taste, the Hobbs' guests were treated not only to an unforgettable ceremony, but also to an entire weekend of enjoyment. In consideration of their many out-of-town guests - some from as far away as Germany and Bangladesh - Nicole and Aaron arranged a guided tour of the US Capitol building the day before the wedding. That evening, the bride and groom hosted a welcome party





for their guests at Aria Trattoria in the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. To give their family and friends the best possible experience of their city, Nicole and Aaron treated their guests on the day of the wedding to an extensive tour of the city with stops at the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, and the new World War II Memorial.

After sightseeing, the bridal party and guests congregated for a traditional ceremony at St. John's Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Roses in every shade of pink and purple adorned the church.

Shades of pink also cast a rosy hue on the bride and her bridesmaids. Made by Saison Blanche and purchased at Mary's Bridal Boutique in Annapolis, the bride's gown was found by an unlikely candidate — her father. "I know it's tradition to go wedding dress shopping with your mother," Nicole says, "but my dad was actually the one who picked it out! He said it was 'stunning' so I knew it was the one."

Daddy got this one right. A delicate brocade bodice, meeting a pink sash at the waist, and streaming in a darker shade of pink down the train, gave the gown a captivating blend of elegance and originality. The seven bridesmaids wore shimmering strapless pale pink gowns from Aria.

After the ceremony, the bride and groom made their way amidst a shower of rose petals to a rooftop terrace on Constitution Avenue. Here, guests not only enjoyed an elaborate celebration of food and music but also a breathtaking view of the city.

But the view wasn't the reception's only reminder of the city. Upon entering the terrace, guests retrieved their place cards from a table bedecked by a floral rendition of the Washington Monument. At each place setting, miniature picture frames showcased vivid color photographs of city highlights.

## WEDDING DETAILS

### Ceremony Site

St. John's Episcopal Church

### Reception Site

The Rooftop of 101 Constitution Avenue, Washington DC

### Officiant

Bruce Black

### Rehearsal Dinner

Old Ebbitt Grill, Washington DC

### After Party

Area Trattoria at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

### Gown

Saison Blanche, Mary's Bridal Boutique, Annapolis MD

### Headpiece & Jewelry

Custom design by Trousseau, Vienna VA

### Bridesmaids

Aria

### Tuxedos

Joseph Abboud, M. Stein

### Make Up Artist

Mary Ellen Landry

### Hair

Hair by Diane

### Caterer

Design Cuisine, Arlington VA

### Wedding Cake

Fancy Cakes by Leslie

### Photographer

Juan Carlos Briceno - Fotobriceno

### Videography

Tom Bowen Video

### Band

Doctor's Orders

### Ceremony Musicians

Washington Symphonic Brass



Every last detail of the Endres-Hobbs wedding was imbued with a touch of D.C. flair, right down to the menu cards stamped with a cherry blossom motif. Fittingly, the wedding cake was the piece de resistance. Made exclusively by Fancy Cakes by Leslie, the elaborate confection imaged the US Capitol building.

### Invitations

William Arthur, from Michelle's Memos

### Florist

Petal's Edge

### Limos & Valet

Atlantic Valet

### Lighting

Frost Lighting

### Tent & Rentals

Party Perfect

### Liquor

ACE Beverage

### Wedding Consultant

Laura Weatherly - Engaging Affairs, Inc.

### Honeymoon

French Polynesia

### Bridal Registry

Pottery Barn, Bed, Bath & Beyond  
Bloomingdales, Crate & Barrel,  
Williams-Sonoma

Nicole and Aaron left their wedding reception at 11:30 that evening, but guests were loath to leave. "We heard that the band played until 1 a.m.," Nicole says. "And that even more people got up to dance after we left!"

The hundreds of well-wishes they received after the celebration convinced Nicole and Aaron that they had put on an event to be proud of. "A lot of our guests said it was the best wedding they had ever been to," beams Nicole. For this happy newlywed couple, being able to share their beloved city with family and friends was the greatest part of their big day. Making their wedding a brilliant reflection of the place they love, they gave their guests a glimpse of what makes Washington D.C. the perfect beginning of their new life together.

