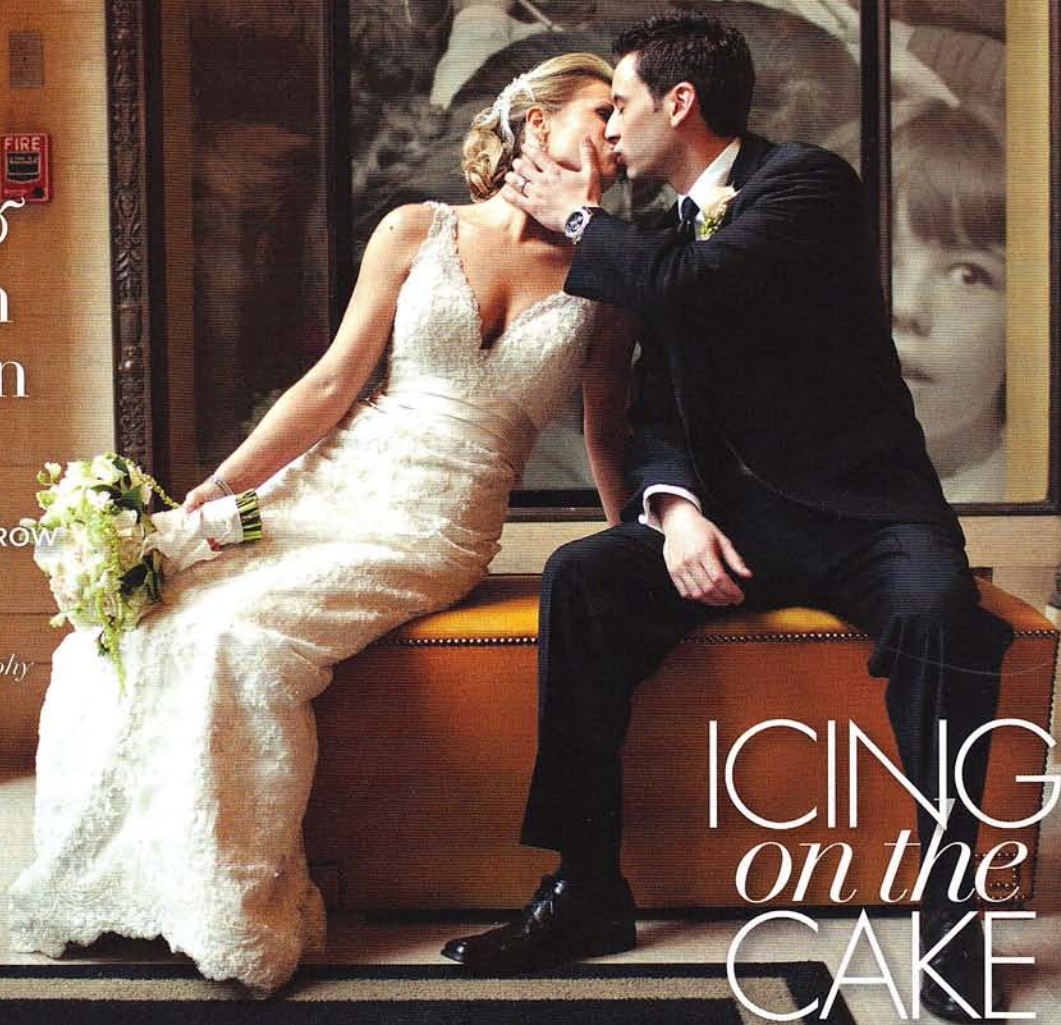


# Kristen & Jonathan Dickinson

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## ICING on the CAKE



Politics brought Kristen and Jon together in November of 2006. Although they'd both been working for legislators at the State Capitol, it was the long days and nights on the campaign trail that intensified their friendship. And then, after just one date, Jon knew he wanted to spend the rest of his life with Kristen. Even from the beginning, there was none of the usual small talk about the weather or movie likes and dislikes. "From the get-go we discussed what values and morals we expected in a significant other and what type of family we anticipated in the future," says Jon. The

agreement on all things important was the icing on the cake for the man who had already fallen for the gorgeous lady with the fantastic baking abilities.

After begging for more than three years to go on a road trip to Disneyland, Jon finally relented and took Kristen for her birthday. While waiting for dinner reservations in New Orleans Square in the Magic Kingdom, Jon hired an artist to draw a caricature of the couple. After what felt like a painfully long time—and in which time a large number of spectators had gathered around—the artist paused to ask for

Kristen's help. When Kristen peaked over, she saw a drawing of Jon on one knee proposing marriage.

Immediately, the hardest part of wedding planning kicked in—picking the venue. The couple quickly bagged the idea of a destination wedding when they realized there were too many guests, and it wasn't going to cost any less to include all of their loved ones. So the couple decided on a ceremony at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, followed by a reception at The Citizen Hotel—a vintage, city-chic atmosphere in the couple's hometown.

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One of the bride's favorite decorative items was the escort card table, topped with a large, ornate mirror that was covered in moss and flowers. Names of guests were printed on flags that stuck to pins in the moss. This unique creation was Shannon from Flourish's vision. The couple was pleasantly surprised by all the little extras their vendors threw in on



The reception theme included touches of rustic décor to mesh with the hotel's vintage look. Splashes of green, chocolate brown, cream and pewter were sprinkled throughout. On top of the tables were varying sizes of cylinder vases. The tall pieces were filled with white hydrangeas, magnolia leaves, bells of Ireland and hanging amaranthus, topped with curly willow branches, mossy limbs and dangling votive candles. The shorter centerpieces were clusters of apothecary jars filled with fresh moss, flowers and air plants, with a few Sahara roses clustered around the base of the jars.

their special day. For example, Sonny, their DJ, helped to create a lighting package to give off soft, amber lighting, similar to candles. And their photographer Travis jumped in with a surprise television displaying a slideshow of wedding pictures that were taken earlier in the day. Finally, there was the wedding planner, Kate from Kate Miller Events—whom the bride refers to as amazing—for the small, but important touches. "Not only did she ensure problems were diffused in the month leading up to the wedding, but she handled everything on the day of," says Kristen. ☺