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SARAH BELL & LANDON FLAX

January 3, 2015

Ceremony: Royal Lane Baptist Church

Reception: The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas

Photography by Perez Photography

THE COUPLE A passion for sports brought the couple to Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas where Landon Flax played baseball and Sarah Bell played softball. The Fort Collins, Colo. native took Sarah on a first date to the movies, and like a true gentleman he picked a chick flick called *Valentines Day*. After they'd spent four years together and graduated from college, Landon

popped the question the day after Valentine's Day (Sarah, a registered nurse, had to work the night before). Like their first date, Landon took her to a movie; then he surprised her at home with a teddy bear and a rose, as well as her engagement ring and a sign saying, "Will you marry me?"

THE DETAILS Sarah's athleticism juxtaposed her glitzy, girly taste when it came to decor. The reception showcased over-the-top floral centerpieces and a showstopping head table. Chandeliers were brought in for the occasion and hung from the The Ritz-Carlton ballroom ceiling to add extra opulence to the stunning setting.

THE PARTY It was important to the couple to pay tribute to their athletic backgrounds, as that is what brought them together. The bride and her bridesmaids, many of whom were college athletes themselves, sported coordinating tennis shoes for the getting ready photos. The groom wore a Colorado Rockies pin on his tux as an ode to his favorite baseball team, and a baseball-playing bride and groom cake topper completed his cake honoring his alma mater. A masterful heart-shaped ice sculpture, complete with baseball stitching, added personality to the reception entryway. The couple's college mascot even paraded through the reception!

WHAT WE LEARNED "Everyone tells you that the little details aren't important and everyone else won't notice them," says Sarah. "I learned that the little details are important and you will [notice them] and you should take the time and effort to plan them out."

THE HONEYMOON After a vintage getaway car provided by Blue Diamond Limos whisked them away, the newlyweds spent a luxurious week in Maui. —Alexa Malevitis



BELLE OF THE BALL From left: The bride accessorized her Lusan Mandongus lace gown with a delicate headpiece and Betsey Johnson shoes; Bella Flora designed the towering centerpieces of pink and white roses and peonies and the double halo that hung in the center of the dance floor.



Invites Cotton Paperie created Sarah and Landon's ornate invitations. The couple's blush and gold invites featured elaborate script and gold lace detailing. The couple's wedding favors were vintage boxes of Cracker Jacks, which was a nod to their passion for baseball and their athletic pasts.

WEDDING RESOURCES

Wedding Planner

Rachel Burt, As You Wish Events, asyouwishevents.com

Wedding Dress Lusan

Mandongus, lusanmandongus.com

Bride's Shoes Betsey Johnson,

betseyjohnson.com

Bride's Hair & Makeup

Brittany Jones,

brittanyjonesweddings.com

Bridesmaids' Dresses

Mori Lee, morilee.com

Wedding Rings Kazlow &

Associates Fine Jewelers,

kazlowfinejewelers.com

Florist & Lighting Bella Flora,

bellafloraofdallas.com

Cake Panini Bakery & Cakes,

paninicalakes.com

Invitations Cotton Paperie,

cottonpaperie.com

Linens & Rentals Elegant Designs

Specialty Linens, elegantdsl.com

Ice Sculpture

Stellar Ice, stellarice.com

Entertainment

Limelight, limelightband.com

Videographer Jennifer Burns,

Beyond, beyondld.com



SIMPLE ELEGANCE Sarah's something blue for her big day was a custom-made ring from her mother, Annette. The 8-carat topaz is encircled with diamonds from a tennis bracelet that belonged to Annette.