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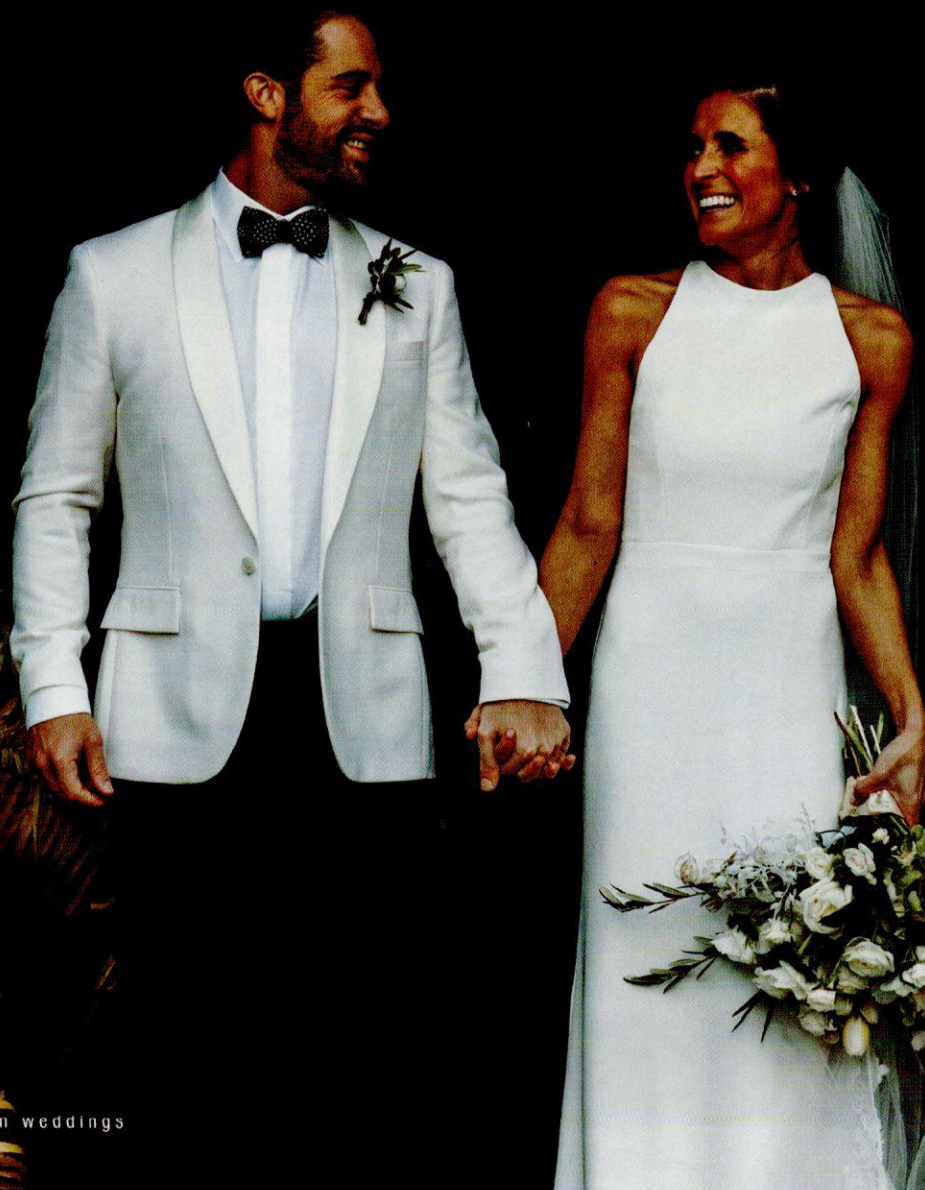
Family, friends, the romance of a rustic Italian villa, and a touch of Old Hollywood glamour put this fabulous fête over the moon

BRITTANY BERAN & PAUL MATTHEW WINSTON

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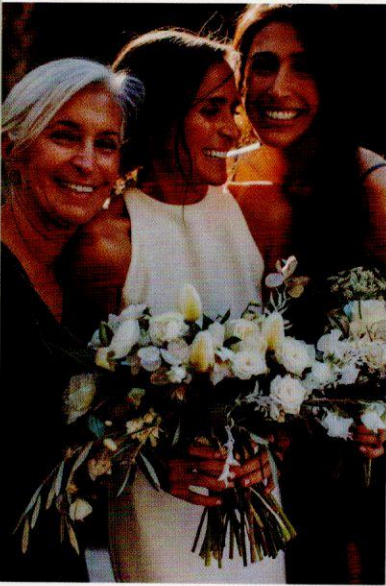
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"We wanted timeless but bold, classic but a bit Old Hollywood," explains the bride. Details like the gold chargers and art deco-style chairs helped create this feel.





Family was at the center of the day from start to finish. Brittany's mother and sister were her matron and maid of honor, while her brothers, Blaine and Bryan, walked her down the aisle, as their father had recently passed away. "I love that it became innately so much more intimate that way." The flowers by Roadside Blooms balanced drama with simplicity, as did Mattie's statement bow tie by Brackish, set against his white J. Crew suit jacket. (right) "The love was palpable to every person in attendance," event designer Amy DeVito says. The personalized ceremony was even more touching because Mattie's wedding ring belonged to Brittany's late father. And Brittany's veil—stunning with original pearls, Chantilly lace, and raw silk—was custom made by Nadya D. Studio from her mother's wedding gown.

Patience is a virtue—just ask medical consultant Matthew “Mattie” Winston and his wife, Brittany Beran Winston. After working in neighboring offices and meeting through mutual friends in 2014, Mattie waited three years for the right moment to ask Brittany on a date. “He put in tons of effort and I was difficult—protective, stubborn,” Brittany says. “But a month later we met for coffee, and that was that. We were inseparable from that day on.”

Three years later, Mattie proposed on the one day when he knew she'd say yes to whatever he asked: his birthday, which, this year, he insisted should include a sunset walk on the beach on Sullivan's Island. He'd arranged for a photographer friend to stake out the spot and plant a huge conch shell as a decoy he knew she'd fall for. And sure enough, when Brittany went for the shell, Mattie got down on one knee—and stayed there. “He was down on his knee for quite a while before I turned around wondering, ‘Why isn't he listening to me and coming to look?’” she recalls. Tears of joy and laughter ensued.

When it came time to plan their January 2021 wedding, the couple turned to Amy DeVito of Buttercup Events. They knew the event would be small due to COVID, so they focused on what was most important to them: family.

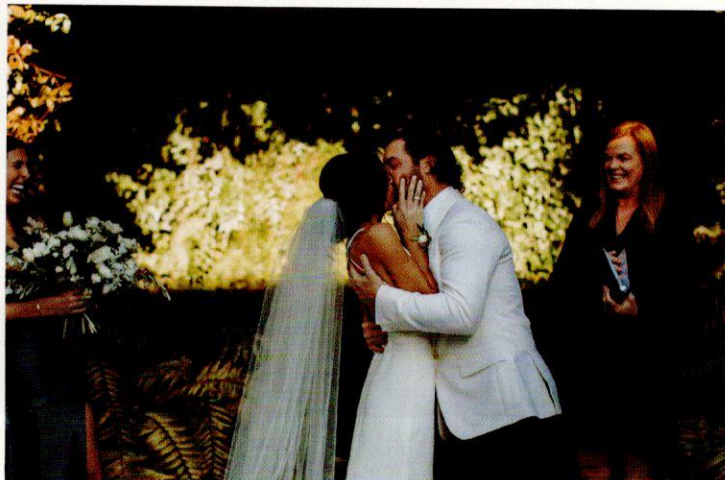
From the start, Brittany and Mattie knew they wanted the feel of an Italian al fresco, family-style dinner party for the reception at Cannon Green, which is also where they held their ceremony. “They really wanted their guests to feel how much they wanted them at their wedding,” Amy says.

Tables were set with carafes of wine and personalized tortoiseshell napkin rings, and the décor featured rattan, checkered marble, greenery, and stoneware rather than crystal, gold, or every shade of white.

Amy also orchestrated a surprise: A sweet tribute to the bride's late father, Bob. His favorite dessert was popsicles, so she booked the King of Pops popsicle cart for the reception so guests could enjoy “Bob-sicles” along with napkins printed with some of his favorite sayings or “Bob-isms.”

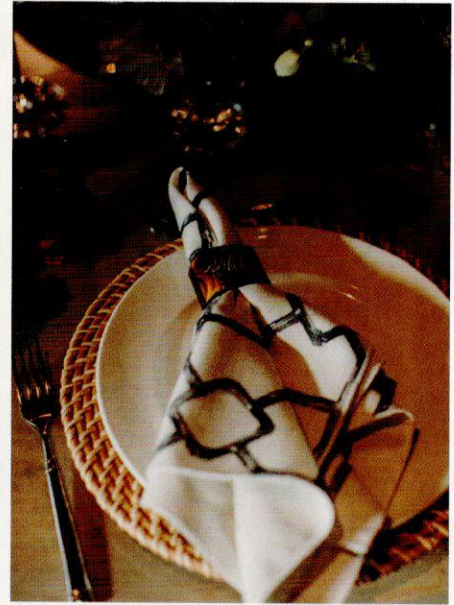
As for unforgettable moments, one has to be seeing everyone in the room crying during the ceremony—except for the bride. “The only dry eye in the house was mine!” Brittany says gleefully. “I was 100 percent at ease, just up on cloud nine, ready to marry that man.”

—Elizabeth Pandolfi





Cannon Green was the perfect canvas for the “rustic Italian villa” feel the couple wanted to give their guests, DeVito relates. The Italian inspiration was due, in part, to the fact that the couple was set to spend their honeymoon in Italy until the pandemic proved otherwise. The evening’s look was a combination of relaxed Italian countryside and chic modern, creating an elevated, luxurious vibe. The décor featured rattan, checkered marble, greenery, stoneware, pewter, candles, and personalized tortoiseshell napkin rings. *(bottom right)* For their send-off, pop-out streamers enveloped the couple in a riot of ribbon and laughter.



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- Planning & Design:** Buttercup Events
- Images:** Maggie Braucher
- Venue, catering:** Cannon Green
- Officiant:** Christy Loftin
- Cake:** Peninsula Grill
- Popsicle Cart:** King of Pops
- Florals:** Roadside Blooms
- Signage:** J. Lily Designs
- Rentals:** Ooh! Events
- Linens:** BBJ Linen
- Bride’s attire:** Alexandra Greco
- Beauty:** Meg Workman
- Entertainment:** Bob Williams Duo (ceremony);
Mr. Potato Head (reception)
- Transportation:** Lowcountry Trolley