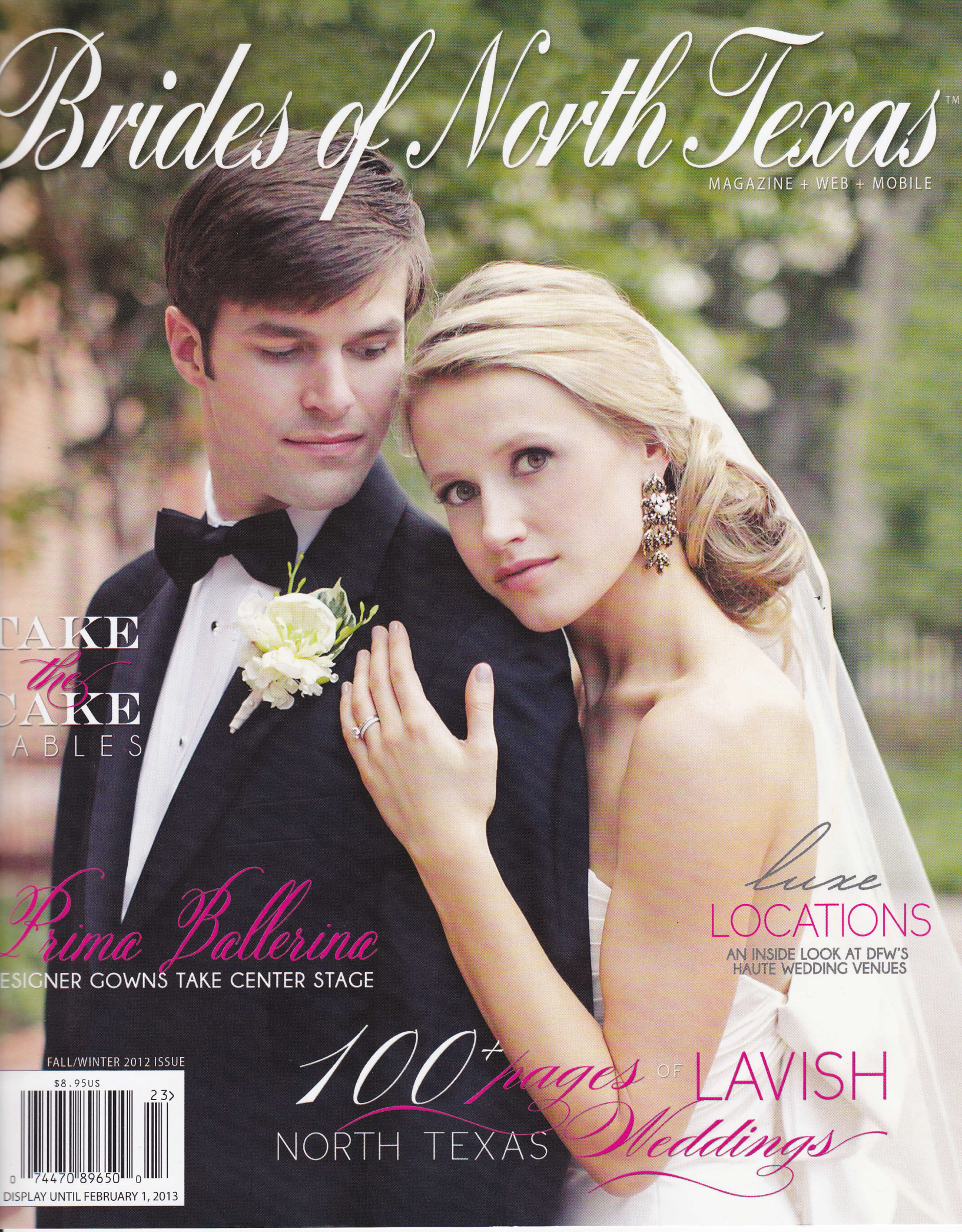
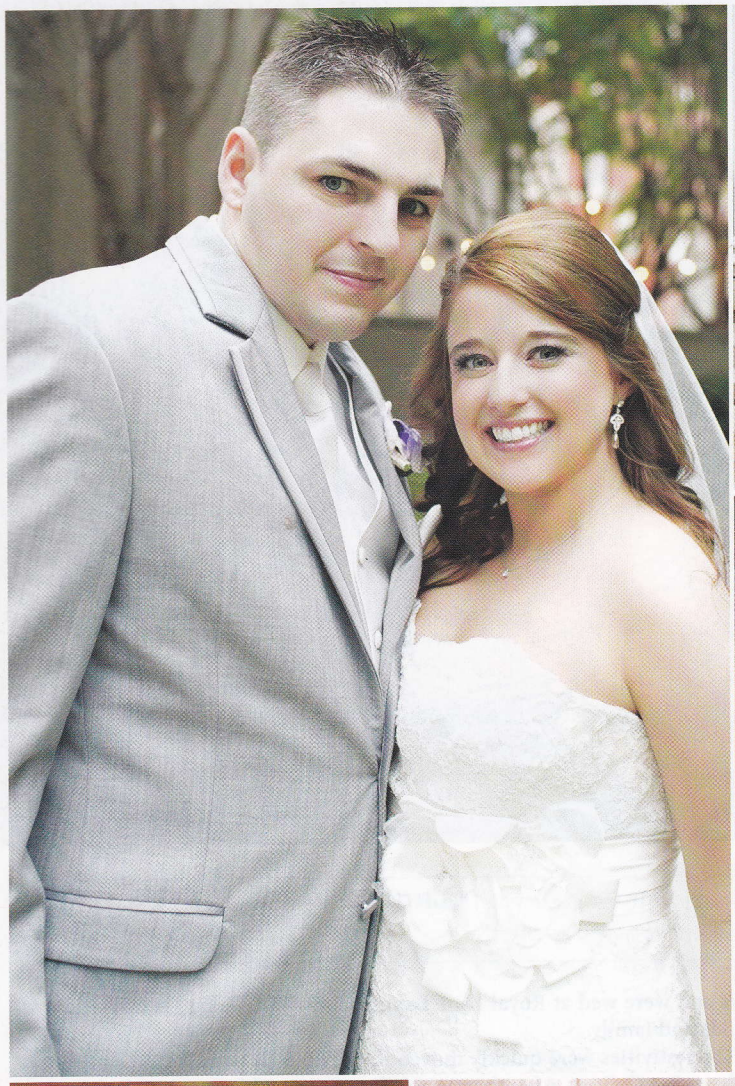
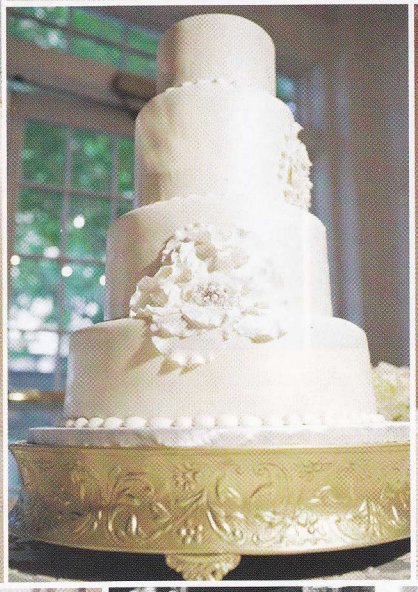

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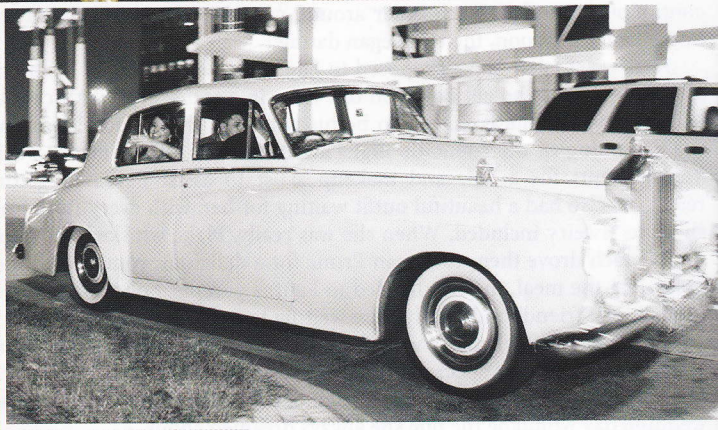


















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Chad and Rachel met through mutual friends in high school, but it was not love at first sight. In fact, they are opposites to say the least but like the old saying goes, opposites really do attract. They had always been friends but it wasn't until they both ended up at Texas State University that they began to look at each other differently and began dating. When Rachel graduated and moved to Dallas, they continued their relationship long distance until a year later when Chad quickly followed.

After dating for some time, they were both ready for the next step. It had always been Rachel's dream to celebrate her engagement with her family, making timing somewhat difficult for Chad since her parents live overseas, but he was determined to make it work. Chad bought a beautiful diamond ring and asked her father for her hand. Rachel's family had come to visit in April of 2011, but it never was quite the right time. It then came down to the wire during her parent's last weekend visit over Easter so Chad planned an intimate proposal at their house and of course she said, "YES!" and they were able to share champagne and dinner with her family.

To ensure everything went smoothly and to alleviate any stress, they immediately hired SaraBeth from SaraBeth Events to begin planning their special day. When they found the Belo Mansion nestled in the Arts District, they knew they had found a theme for the whole weekend — Southern Traditional with a modern twist. Everything just fell in to place. Jami from Imaj Design custom created all of the paper details including their amazing monogram, which went beautifully with the theme.

To begin the weekend, the couple hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Dallas Chop House. It was an evening of laughter, childhood stories and great food. Then on April 28, 2012, the couple was married in the First United Methodist Church of Downtown Dallas, officiated by Rev. Jay Cole and Dr. Jarrell Sharp, Rachel's childhood minister. It was a personal and intimate ceremony with about 130 of their closest friends and family.

True to form, Rachel found her wedding dress on the first try! It was an all-over lace and beaded, lace-up, A-line gown by Maggie Sottero but to add some modern flair she added a flower and rhinestone belt and royal purple Badgley Mischka pumps to complete the look. Her four lovely bridesmaids wore purple, one-shoulder dresses by Jim Hjelm, while the groom and groomsmen wore gray tuxes.

After the ceremony, the evening continued with a wedding march to the reception hosted by Rachel's parents, Bill and Claudia Ofield. A Stylish Soiree provided the perfect details and flower arrangements in pinks, purples and greens that truly captured the spring season. Hanging lanterns and floating candles lined the entrance while crystal lamps and votives lit the ballroom. Brooches and crystal accents added sparkle to the ivory satin linens, and mercury glass vases held bouquets of peonies, hydrangeas, calla lilies and tulips. The fabulous and lovely team from Perez Weddings captured everything so beautifully!

As guests entered the reception they were serenaded by a wonderful jazz trio while they enjoyed hors d' oeuvres and cocktails. The couple was announced shortly after and went straight in to their first dance to kick off the fun-filled evening ahead. Special Edition Band did not disappoint! They kept the dance floor packed the entire night and interacted with all the guests.

During breaks from the action on the floor, the men enjoyed cigars in the courtyard. Outside the trees were lined with café lights to set the mood and the bar was fully stocked, but if guests wanted to stay inside, the atrium had lush lounge furniture and pillows. Leading out to the courtyard through beautiful drapery was the bride's four-tier cake. It was a delectable variety of flavors and fillings from Frosted Art Bakery and was fabulously decorated to match the flower belt on her dress. The groom opted for a delicious selection of mini and bite-sized pies in Apple, Blackberry and Pecan. There was not a pie left!

After a memorable private last dance, the couple departed the reception with a send off of purple streamers in a vintage white Rolls Royce from Blue Diamond Limo. They shared joyful tears and hugs from their parents and from there they enjoyed a luxurious and relaxing honeymoon in Aruba. Since then, the couple has purchased their first home and continues to reside in Dallas. They cannot think of a better way to have spent their special day!