

WEDDING PLANNER MAGAZINE Winter 2018/2019 Issue



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GLAMOROUS BALLROOM WEDDING WITH TRADITIONAL TOUCHES

PLANNER: Weddings by Debra Thompson LLC

TIME IN THE INDUSTRY: 20 years

PHOTOGRAPHER: Photography by Alfonso

OTHER BUSINESSES INVOLVED: The Beauty Parlor, Club International Limousine Service, Bravo Limo Service, Rockleigh Country Club, Enza Events, DJ Serg, AG Design, Las Grande Tobacco, Good Mood (Food Truck)

WEDDING DATE: July 14th, 2018

GUEST COUNT: 255

INVOLVEMENT: Wedding planning & coordination

THE COUPLE: Small Jewish family meets a large Italian family, touching both cultural traditions, i.e. a church ceremony, Hora dance.

WEDDING PLANNING STYLE/INSPIRATION: Traditional meets trendy! Black tie event. The couple drew inspiration from their traditional family values while adding their personal style to the decor. Lucite ghost chairs, gold mirror table numbers and signage. Their monogram was infused through out their event decor.

COLOR PALETTE: Blush, Gold, Cream

BUDGET: Approximately \$200,000.

MOST UNIQUE DESIGN ELEMENT: Laser cut invitations, Lucite ghost chairs with traditional gold lace linens accented with blush underlays

TIME: 9 hours day of

HOW LONG PLANNING: 13 months

NUMBER OF STAFF: 4 people

BIGGEST CHALLENGE: The biggest challenge of the event day was the weather! It was a very humid one with a temperature close to 100 degrees accompanied by scattered thunderstorms. Our bride and groom hosted a large bridal party so photography session had to be endured. My assistant, Lorraine, provided relief via clip on mini fan to our couple's apparel. A must have in every planner's emergency kit.

LEARNINGS: Although I believe and recommend to host only live entertainment. I was pleasantly surprised by the entertainment company, DJ Serg brought the "live" aspects of violin, saxophone and percussionist into the recorded songs. The crowd loved it!

WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY: Easy question: Nothing! Fabulous planning and wedding event!