

## Be Our Guest

Do you believe in magic?  
As we create a fantasy  
wedding, our Dream Team  
winners learn that  
wishes do come true.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY  
CHARLES AND JENNIFER MARING



# [dream team wedding]

(Continued from page 228)



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: THE BRIDAL PARTY WATCHES FIREWORKS BURST ABOVE THE CASTLE. RECEPTION DETAILS INCLUDE DAMASK TABLECLOTHS AND CHANDELIER'S EMBELLISHED WITH ROSE-PETAL GARLANDS. TYLER FLORENCE'S MENU, PENNED BY MARIA THOMAS, DOUBLES AS A PLACE CARD. EVERY ONE OF SYLVIA WEINSTOCK'S FLOWERS IS HAND-SCULPTED OF SUGAR.



castle, where friends, family, and 10,000 onlookers waited. Later, pop rocker Ryan Cabrera stepped up to sing "True," lending an MTV vibe to the Magic Kingdom.

Fast-forward to the reception. Fireworks explode over the turrets. Champagne corks pop. An army of waiters appear. And Julie, John, and guests gasp as they enter a tent transformed into an opulent garden with

gilded candelabras and a profusion of flowers. The feast is served; guests make toast after toast. Finally, everyone heads to a dessert lounge, where Ultrasuede sofas create a clubby backdrop for Andy Kushner and his Sound Connection band.

At the stroke of twelve, Julie and John retreated to the Castle Dream Suite to count their blessings. Happily, we presume, ever after.

## Live the dream

- ✦ Even a massive site like Disney World can be customized—here, David Tutera's palette of orange, gold, and chartreuse did the trick.
- ✦ Talk to your caterer about incorporating dishes from your ethnic background in new ways—like Tyler Florence's dish of short ribs, crab wonton, and coconut salad, a modern spin on Thai cuisine.
- ✦ If you'll be texting the reception area, opt for clear walls and ceiling, which look enchanting and let guests gaze out at the scenery, whether it's fireworks or moonlit waves.
- ✦ The more personal the favor, the more it will be treasured. A place card done in elegant calligraphy is almost guaranteed to become a keepsake.
- ✦ Shifting guests from space to space creates excitement; just as you move from cocktails to the meal, think about staging a separate dessert area or dance lounge.

LOC ON!  
FOR A BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT THIS FANTASY WEDDING, LOC ON TO BRIDES.COM/DREAMTEAM

# [dream team wedding]

(Continued from page 224)



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: JULIE AND JOHN GAZE AT THE CROWD OF 50 LOVED ONES—AND 10,000 ONLOOKERS. CONFETTI SHOWERS THE COUPLE DURING THEIR MAIN STREET, U.S.A., RECEPTIONAL. THE GETAWAY VEHICLE. HOMETOWN PASTOR RANDY REMINGTON OFFICIATES AT THE THAI WATER CEREMONY.



**FAIRY GODMOTHERS** may be in short supply, but storybook weddings are alive and well. When Julie Parsons and John Kinney of Hillsboro, Oregon, won BRIDES' Dream Team wedding contest, it was our chance to create a royal celebration at Cinderella Castle at Florida's Walt Disney World Resort. Not only would the couple be the first to wed at the castle, but we'd fly in 48 friends and family members for the fun.

Event designer David Tutera got our Dream Team into gear. Celebrity chef Tyler Florence concocted a magnificent menu that incorporated the bride's Thai background; pastry

chef Sylvia Weinstock designed a buttercream fantasy based on the orange and gold color scheme; and lettering artist Maria Thomas set to work creating a suite of paper goods. Meanwhile, BRIDES' fashion director, Rachel Leonard, was busily coordinating attire and accessories.

Early on February 14, hairstylist Mark Garrison and makeup artist Stacey Lyn Weinstein unpacked their brushes as photographers Charles and Jennifer Maring buzzed between bride and groom. Whisked to the foot of Main Street, U.S.A., Julie and her dad rode a horse-drawn carriage to the (Continued on page 232) >>>