



## THE *Storybook* SECOND WEDDING

EVERYONE WEARS WHITE—  
AND FOOD AND DANCE TAKE CENTER STAGE—  
AT THIS UPSCALE YET INTIMATE UNION OF SOULMATES.

### THE SETTING:

These Southern-and-South American-inspired nuptials host sixteen of the couple's closest friends at the Serenbe Bed and Breakfast, 30 miles south of Atlanta. The colors deepen from natural whites to sensual reds as the evening progresses.

### THE CEREMONY:

As guests arrive in white linen finery, they are greeted on the lawn with signature Georgia peach bellinis and the sounds of a roving banjo duo. The couple processes through a garden of blooming hydrangeas to the deep, soulful sounds of a gospel choir before exchanging vows.

### THE RECEPTION:

A string quartet entertains during the cocktail time. Servers pass champagne and pistachio-and-goat-cheese truffles on teak-wood trays as guests enjoy the open air.

An upscale Southern picnic, catered by Rich Wilner of Affairs to Remember, captures the heart and soul of this event. The dinner tent is surrounded by birch trees, its poles are wrapped with birch bark,

and branches dripping with Spanish moss and box lanterns extend over the dining area. The atmosphere is courtesy of Pancerz and Associates, and an antique estate chandelier suspended in the center of the tent adds a charming fairyland quality.

Guests flow to an open area with tables constructed of stacked hay and covered in ecru Battenburg lace linen, and take their seats in fruitwood *chiavari* (ballroom-style) chairs with ecru linen sashes. At each place setting is a picnic basket: a latticework of crisp Parmesan cheese overflowing with

mixed organic greens, edible flowers and topped with fig-raspberry vinaigrette and pecans. The second course is a Savannah crab cake served in a martini glass topped with orange-apricot sauce.

The main entree consists of braised short ribs steeped in their own juices, served with sautéed miniature baby "Piedmont" vegetables of zucchini, pattypan squash, carrots and haricots verts.

In an auxiliary clearspan tent illuminated with rich, red gels and twinkle lights, guests enjoy passed Argentine wines and traditional Brazilian *caipirinhas*, made with fermented sugar cane. Deep red and mango flowers from Pancerz and Associates adorn the tent, and each table is aglow with candles. Drawn to the dance floor by the unmistakable sound of the *bandoleon*, the bride and groom perform a sensual tango for their first dance. Argentine tango dancers perform and then invite the guests to join in. Everyone enjoys wine, flan and hand-rolled cigars late into the evening.



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