

**NO DEBATE, IT'S LOVE**

Whitney Elizabeth Gage Marries Jonathan Robert Patton

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Whitney Gage of Fort Worth, Texas and Jon Patton of Franklin, Tennessee are both summa cum laude graduates of Vanderbilt University but did not meet until their first year of law school there in 2009. Since then they have shared all the stresses and experiences of law school together—including being partners in Moot Court Competition.

In the summer of 2010, Jon told Whitney he had to go home to Franklin to do some yard work for his father. Instead, he flew to Fort Worth to pick up an engagement ring custom made by the Gage's close family friend and jeweler, Patrick Grissom. He then took Whitney for a picnic at Arrington Vineyards where he proposed to her on a tree swing. Later he arranged a celebration with both families at the Patton's home.

They married in August 2011 at Brentwood United Methodist Church with Reverend Carol Cavin-Dillon officiating. The bride wore a beaded organza gown by Rivini with blue satin Manolo Blahnik shoes. Her mother sewed a patch of fabrics from her own wedding dress and Jon's mother's dress inside Whitney's wedding gown. For the reception, Whitney changed into a hand-embroidered ivory tea-length Vera Wang design with Christian Louboutin pumps studded with Swarovski crystals.

The bride wore an 1886 silver sixpence in her shoe and the groom wore white enameled sixpence cuff links. The bridesmaids wore French blue silk dresses with blue topaz necklaces, custom-made for them as gifts from the bride.

Perri Crutcher of OSHi flowers designed the bouquets and all of the floral arrangements for the wedding. Because Whitney's favorite peonies were not in season in August, OSHi had to fly them in from Alaska.

A reception at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center featured cocktails in the main lobby which was decorated with 15-foot American elms in monogrammed planters. Dinner in the Laura Turner Concert Hall followed with dancing to the tunes of the NashVegas All Stars.

In lieu of wedding cake, desserts included "I Do" and carrot cupcakes from Ivey Cake in Franklin, a sea-salted caramel chocolate truffle tree from Cocoa Tree in Nashville and assorted delicacies by Schermerhorn Catering including mini peach pies, strawberry or chocolate cake pops, mini raspberry mousse shots and chocolate chip cookies atop mini milk shots.

After a wedding trip to Quebec City, Canada, the couple returned to Nashville where they are completing law school and where Jon will join the law firm of Dickinson Wright as an associate next fall.

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