

The
**SOUTHERN
SOCIAL**

DFW WEDDING MAGAZINE

celebrating
love stories

page **109**

page 98 **LOVE IS
BLIND!**

page 69 **PRETTY
MAIDS
ALL
IN A
ROW**

page 38 **THE
REVELRY
IS HERE!**

NUMBER 3

dfw
weddings

she SAID *yes!*

written by | ABBIE MCKELVEY

photos by | MICHAEL BUSH PHOTOGRAPHY

Everyone loves a good styled shoot right? But what if we told you that this one had a surprise twist ending? Planner, Alexa with *Alexa Kay Events* and Social Catering Manager to *The Ashton*, Ashleigh James Jagim planned this exquisite shoot at *The Ashton* hotel on June 3rd with the *Great Gatsby* in mind for a design concept. With the help of Photographer, Michael Bush, they were able to capture something more than just a styled shoot...

The models for this particular shoot, Leann and Zac just so happened to be a real life couple! What everyone in the room, except for Leann, knew was that Zac had extra plans that day. He was going to propose!

We had the opportunity to sit down with Leann later and get the full scoop on her and Zac's relationship and her feelings about the surprise engagement:

"Zac and I have known each other since high school but didn't talk at all or hung out. We grew up just a few streets from each other and never knew it until now. We actually reconnected via Facebook 2 years ago and went on our first date a year ago.

The proposal was SUCH a surprise. My family had been going through an incredibly tough time with my grandmother's declining health and she passed away shortly before this shoot. He knew my heart was with my dad and I wasn't feeling in positive spirits that day- he certainly cheered me up.

We have talked about marriage since shortly after our first date and always envisioned a Fall wedding (our favorite season). My favorite flowers are sunflowers, so we are planning a barn/rustic October wedding with pumpkins, sunflowers, red roses, etc.

Together, we have a total of 5 kids, and plan to have more- the more the merrier. We are certainly the modern day "Brady Bunch!"



The Southern Social

LET'S GET INSPIRED!

*Get ready to be inspired by our featured professionals with these beautiful styled shoots.
That's right, you can take any of these ideas and create your wedding dream.*





PHOTOS BY MICHAEL BUSH PHOTOGRAPHY



OTHER LOCAL VENDORS

- BRIDAL GOWN | BLISS BRIDAL SALON
- CAKE | BELLA NOEL BAKERY
- GROOMS ATTIRE | JOS A BANK DOWNTOWN
- HAIR AND MAKEUP | CRISSY SMALLWOOD
- JEWELRY | SPARKLE A LA VIE
- PHOTOGRAPHY | MICHAEL BUSH PHOTOGRAPHY
- RENTALS | MARQUEE EVENTS
- STATIONERY | BETHANY'S LETTER SHOP

"With an official tagline like "The jewel on main street. A historic gem!" How could you not love the vibe of this property. From the gorgeous art deco lobby to elegant Romance Suites complete with antique claw foot tubs this building is rich with charm and history. I wanted to find a way to play to all the ornate features and showcase the rich history. I imagined what kind of party might have happened in the space, who would have occupied it. I thought about socialites and debutantes making their debut in all white. Of course, brides with their lace trains with lush bouquets. The gold tile ceilings with stunning chandeliers reminded me of something you would have seen in the Gatsby's waterside mansion. Then it occurred to me! This property was alive and well in the roaring 20's and this was exactly the type of place one would want to be seen rubbing elbows with Fort Worth's who's who, drinking French champagne while partying the night away. I focused on various shades of gold and white, trying to avoid the classic black and white scheme of the time period. I steered clear of red as this would clash too much with the femininity, I wanted to bring to the space to offset the heavy woods in the room. I knew what I had in my head and it was time to call in the true-blue experts in to help me execute them! Alexa Sharkey, owner and principal designer of Alexa Kay Events, made my idea come to life. I had been eager to work with her since I first met her. I knew she would be able to take my theme and soften it into any modern-day bride's dream."





planning and design
ALEXA KAY EVENTS
www.alexakayeevents.com
alexakayevents

floral

THE FLORAL BAR
www.thefloralbartx.com
thefloralbartx

venue

THE ASHTON HOTEL
www.theashtonhotel.com
theashtonhotel



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL BUSH PHOTOGRAPHY