

# Unveiled

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## Beachside bliss for these high school sweethearts

**D**rew and Kristin are high school sweethearts who met in Georgia, but have called New York City their home for the past five years. Kristin is the co-founder of Bellafare, a boutique event and wedding planning company, and Drew is a fashion and documentary photographer. Drew and Kristin fell in love during a summer study abroad trip to Europe. They dated for nine years before Drew whisked Kristin away for a surprise engagement in Paris. When it came time to plan the wedding, choosing their date was easy, as it fell close to their 10 year anniversary of being together.



High School Sweethearts, Drew and Kristin, enjoy an ocean front, passionate kiss as a newlywed couple.

Kristin and Drew wanted a laid back, yet sophisticated and modern aesthetic. They have always wanted a destination wedding and felt that the South Carolina coast was the perfect backdrop for their chic beachside affair. The ceremony took place underneath the Folly Beach pier. Following the ceremony, the newly married couple drove away in a golf cart to the Beach Club, where the reception was held.

As guests were invited to the reception area during sunset, the dance floor was surrounded by square tables topped with gray linens, white flowers, floating candles and various

coral and sea urchin pieces. Guests danced late into the night while listening to Motown and top 40 hits before saying farewell to Kristin and Drew as they embarked on their Italian honeymoon.

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# Unplanned kiss leads to happiness



Austin and Angela's sunset kiss at one of their favorite places in downtown Charleston.

**A**ustin and I met twelve years ago — when he mistook me for someone else and kissed me! I was sitting at a local coffee shop on my college campus, when he came up from behind, kissed me on my cheek, then realized that I wasn't who he thought I was. From then on, each time he saw me on campus, he came over and apologized for the confusion. Eventually, one of those apologies became a dinner invitation, and the rest is history.

Each summer, for the past eight years, we head to Charleston for vacation. It holds so many happy memories, so we decided to

marry in historic downtown, right on the Battery. It was important to us to have the ceremony and reception outdoors, and we loved the astounding beauty and history of the Battery.

Our most profound moment came during the ceremony, when we were standing beside each other exchanging vows, encircled by the love of our family and friends. We were euphoric to begin the celebration and our lives together. I could not thank Forever & Always enough for making our wedding day a fairy-tale.

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## Battery Park

**O**ne of the best spots to see in Charleston, South Carolina is Battery Park. Located directly on the water, it features incredible old southern mansions, cannons, tall oak trees, a gazebo, views of Fort Sumter, Castle Pinckney and the Sullivan Island Lighthouse. Home to many battles that took place across the harbor, Battery Park is home to some fine southern history.

Also known as White Point Gardens, Battery Park got its name from the piles of bleached oyster shells. During the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, Battery Park was occupied by Fort Broughton and Fort Wilkins. The cannons in the park were placed there in response to the War of 1812 to act as a last defense for Charleston.

Centuries have gone by, but the Battery looks as if it has remained untouched. The Gazebo located in the heart of the Battery is the perfect place for weddings. Your dream wedding will be filled with the perfect historic charm of the South Carolina coast.



View from the Charleston Harbor looking down the historic homes on Battery Lane.

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# Barefoot beachfront

**A**t a young age, I knew that I wanted to get married barefoot on the beach, and I made that dream a reality. We got married on Kiawah Island, a quiet beach off the coast of Charleston, SC. I grew up spending my summers in Kiawah with my family, renting out many different condos and houses on the island. Over the years it has changed tremendously, and becoming more popular, but it will forever hold the familiar, comforting feeling in my heart.

My husband and I both love the outdoors, so, naturally the ceremony and reception were planned to take place outside. The ceremony was located on the beach in front of the Sanctuary Hotel with 100 of our closest family and friends. Forever & Always decorated the ceremony and reception site and provided a beautiful catered spread. Our Labor of Love Photography did an amazing job with our pictures, capturing all of the details throughout the day. As the night ended, I felt like we were in a fairy-tale as we were whisked away in a horse-drawn carriage.



The new couple, Harrison and Jenny Barton, in complete bliss laughing as they run barefoot through the sand.

## Quick Facts about Forever & Always

- Named “ The Number One New Event Company in the Southeast for 2011”
- Southern, family inspired company
- Located in the heart of downtown Charleston
- Five event coordinators on staff to help you plan your big day

## The Sanctuary Resort



The beachfront, state of the art resort, The Sanctuary. Located 30 minutes from Charleston, SC.

**P**icture your perfect wedding day... amazing views of the Atlantic Ocean, breathtaking sunsets, live Oaks draped in Spanish Moss and charming cuisine. Kiawah Island offers all of this, and more, to make your special day memorable. A beachside ceremony with breaking waves as your backdrop, followed by an elegant plated dinner, served in an oceanfront ballroom, is just one way for you to enjoy your picturesque wedding day.

Only 21 miles from Charleston lies one of the most beautiful island resorts on the east coast. Say ‘I Do’ outside the grandeur of this exquisitely designed, oceanfront hotel that captures the charm and beauty of the south perfectly. As you walk through the front doors, you will be dazzled by the intricate architecture and fine southern hospitality. The Sanctuary features a 3,000 square foot Presidential Suite, accompanied by 255 other spacious rooms and suits, with not a bad view in sight.

# Bridal Expo

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 3

**Time:** 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Where:** Charleston Area Convention Center Complex

Sponsored by **Forever & Always**, the event will feature a fashion show with wedding dresses by today's most famous designers, local food from the Charleston area, florists, jewelry and a trunk show with discount bridesmaid dresses available.



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