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MICHELLE & AUSTIN, WHO CURRENTLY RESIDE IN NICARAGUA, CHOSE EAST HAMPTON FOR THEIR WEDDING DESTINATION BECAUSE IT HOLDS COUNTLESS SUMMER MEMORIES FOR THEM & REPRESENTS A RELAXING RETREAT FROM THE HUSTLE & BUSTLE OF EVERYDAY LIFE.



BEFORE THE RING + THE PROPOSAL.

Thirteen years ago, Austin Drill walked into a popular Rollins College hangout and planted a big kiss on a friend's cheek—or so he thought. In a case of mistaken identity, Austin had kissed the cheek of a complete stranger: Michelle Marino. Embarrassed, Austin continued to apologize for the confusion every time he spotted Michelle on campus. Eventually his apologies turned into a dinner invitation, and the two went on to date throughout college. After graduation they moved first to New York City, then to California, and eventually to their current home in Nicaragua. During their time in California, Michelle and Austin got into the habit of strolling along the beach every night at sunset. One such evening, after returning from visiting family in New York—where, unbeknownst to Michelle, Austin had relayed his proposal plans to relatives—Austin began to reflect on the couple's relationship. "I thought it was sweet that he was being so sentimental, but it didn't dawn on me that he was proposing until he dropped to one knee, reached in his pocket, and had a ring in his hand," Michelle says.

Michelle + Austin

"WE DREAMED UP A PALE PINK AFFAIR WITH GOLDEN ACCENTS & A FEW PERFECT POPS OF COLOR BY WAY OF COCKTAIL TABLES COVERED IN RASPBERRY SILK & BRIGHT PINK, MOROCCAN-INSPIRED VOTIVE CANDLES," THE COUPLE SAYS.



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[1] add shimmering mercury glass vessels for an air of casual luxury [2] intricate invites: use cbs script & classic letterpress to set the mood

FEATURED WEDDING PROFESSIONALS

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TENT: SPERRY TENTS [SPERRYTENTS.COM / PAGE 17]

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS: COORDINATION: BETH HELMSTETTER EVENTS / ENTERTAINMENT: JOSE CONDE YOLA FRESCA & NICOLE RENAUD / EVENT RENTALS: CLASSIC PARTY RENTALS / FLORAL DESIGN: CLAIRE BEAN FLORAL & EVENT DESIGN / GOWN: LIANCARLO / HAIR: SALON SUR MER / LINENS: LA TAVOLA / MAKEUP: MYR PAPER GOODS + CALLIGRAPHY: LAURA HOOPER CALLIGRAPHY / RECEPTION SITE: LONGHOUSE RESERVE

THE CEREMONY. Michelle and Austin both took special care to include sentimental family heirlooms in their ceremony as a tribute to past generations. Michelle wore a pair of her mother's striking blue earrings as her "something borrowed" and "something blue," along with her grandmother's vintage cameo ring, while Austin sported his grandfather's antique cufflinks. As the couple exchanged their vows in the ethereal amphitheater of the LongHouse Reserve, with a delicate sprinkling of rose petals on the grass beneath them, the soft melodies of a French chanteuse singing and playing the accordion filled the air. It was an absolutely perfect musical accompaniment to the couple's harmonious love story.

THE DAY & DESIGN. In an effort to keep their wedding as eco-friendly as possible, Michelle and Austin were vigilant about choosing Hamptons vendors and serving local, seasonal foods whenever possible. They could not have been happier with the results—a sustainable celebration that was also super luxe. The couple kept the decor light, whimsical, and full of eclectic touches. Moroccan lanterns cast a rosy glow, and pretty parasols provided shade and doubled as favors for guests to keep at the end of the elegant evening. The result was an inspired soiree that was as relaxed as it was sophisticated—exactly the way Michelle and Austin wanted to celebrate the beginning of their married life.

