

SARAH CARMICHAEL SPRUELL *to* ARMANDO LEAL JR. ~ NOVEMBER 20, 2010

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They may have met, sweaty and out of breath, at a Fort Worth gym. But when their November 2010 wedding date came around, you can bet Sarah Spruell and Armando Leal were cleaned up and looking their "I do" best—Sarah in Priscilla of Boston Signature Collection, Armando in a dapper tux from Al's Formal Wear. For his part, the groom notes that Sarah, walking down the aisle, "looked so beautiful, I could not take my eyes off her—it was as if there was no one else in the church but me and Sarah."



Real Weddings



The couple exchanged rings in an Episcopal ceremony, accompanied by the stirring voices of the Houston Boychoir, with programs from Bering's. At the bride's side, bridesmaids wore Priscilla of Boston lapis satin dresses, while the bride's nieces served as flower girls, pretty in ivory Priscilla of Boston frocks with coordinating lapis sashes.

Next, it was on to the Petroleum Club, where 260 guests encountered stunning portraits of the happy couple, by Ashley K Photography, whose photographers also shot the wedding. In the ballroom, dining tables dressed by Elegant Beginnings, held purple centerpieces aglow with crystal votives, by Plants 'n Petals. At dinner, younger guests delighted in the purple ketchup Petroleum Club director of catering Jeremie Millwee created as a special touch to humor the purple-loving bride.

After dinner, guests indulged in two cakes—the bride's adorned with purple sugar flowers; the groom's reflecting Armando's preference for Patrón tequila—from Who Made the Cake. Suffusing the celebration with color and energy was lighting from Bright Star Productions.

After the last dance, the wedding couple departed by horse-drawn carriage, while guests left by limousine, carrying gold boxes filled with Mexican wedding cookies.

Sarah says she could not have created such a spectacular wedding—complete with an engagement party at Messina Hof Winery, a bridal luncheon at Brennan's and a rehearsal dinner at the Cadillac Bar—without the help of Jo Ann Schwartz Woodward of planning firm Schwartz & Woodward. "She made this wedding a joy to plan, and helped keep everything organized," Sarah notes.

The couple honeymooned in Jamaica, and received gifts from several registries, including Williams-Sonoma.