



Lisa & Joel

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09.20.14 Houston Rockets director of broadcasting Joel Blank has none other than his ex-girlfriend to thank for booking him up with his lovely bride, KHOU-TV anchor Lisa Hernandez. We bet Lisa's thanking her, too. Though both Joel and Lisa were, by their own admission, "anti-blind-date," the pair agreed to let the aforementioned ex, who happened to be Lisa's personal trainer, set them up. As Joel recounts it, "We had our first date, and knew we had gone on our last first date." The couple made it official with a lovely late-summer wedding at the dazzling Crystal Ballroom at the Rice, where guests dug into fajitas, indulged in a decadent "dessert gallery," and danced the night away. We don't know who's luckier—the bride, who, dressed in her stunning Ines Di Santo mermaid gown, tearfully exchanged vows with the man of her dreams, or the groomsmen, who each went home with an NBA game ball signed by Dwight Howard, James Harden, Kevin McHale, Calvin Murphy, Clyde Drexler and Hakeem Olajuwon. You be the judge!





NAMES **LISA HERNANDEZ & JOEL BLANK** ♦ NUMBER OF GUESTS **225** ♦ VENUE **CRYSTAL BALLROOM AT THE RICE** ♦ DECOR & RENTALS **EB INC EVENTS** ♦ CAKE **SUSIE'S CAKES & CONFECTIONS** ♦ CATERING **SAMBUCA CATERING** ♦ INVITATIONS **KATIE & CO.** ♦ WEDDING DRESS **INES DI SANTO FROM IVORY BRIDAL ATELIER** ♦ VIDEOGRAPHY **31 FILMS** ♦ HONEYMOON **TURKS & CAICOS**