

JESSICA KLINE TO DAVID RUBINSTEIN

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The June 27 nuptials of pharmaceutical rep Jessica Kline to David Rubinstein, Senior VP of Sales for Expo Communications, was a romantic celebration of Old World grandeur. Famed designer Preston Bailey transformed the Pierre Hotel into a summer garden-in-the-moonlight fiesta with roses, hydrangeas and orchids in a stunning medley of white, cream, champagne and blush. Delicately embroidered linens, majestic orbs of pastel florals in towering vases and an array of flickering candles completed the look. Guests feasted on Peking Duck, rack of lamb and Dover sole while rocking it out to Hank Lane until almost 3 a.m! **How they met:** At a birthday party, through mutual friends. Couple met three times before groom finally got a phone number. Guess the third time really can be the charm! **The proposal:** Delightful. Groom lured bride to the Mayflower Inn in Connecticut on a pretext of visiting family. After a day of in-room massages and sumptuous dining, bride was led to the library for dessert, where champagne and roses were waiting – along with a surprise engagement ring. **Bridal fashion choice:** A-line Vera Wang creation in ivory duchess satin with lace and button accents, cathedral veil with pearl and crystal hair clip. Eight bridesmaids donned four different styles of Vera Wang biscuit-colored gowns. **Groom's preference:** Armani tux. **Wedding cake:** Beautifully crafted butter cream confection by Sylvia Weinstock, filled with chocolate, vanilla, raspberry, strawberry, key lime and coconut. **Wedding bounty:** Bridesmaids received John Hardy silver bracelets with heart charm; groomsmen took home John Hardy cufflinks. **Fun facts:** After taking lessons to prepare for their big day, couple did their first dance to Everything, by Michael Buble; Celebrants were handed gelato in cones and cotton candy after the meal to keep them energized and dancing until the wee hours; In a traditional maneuver not often seen anymore, bride threw her bouquet – and a scramble ensued to catch it! **Honeymoon:** Two weeks of fabulous la dolce vita in Italy. **Photo credit:** Harold Hechler Associates.

JADE ZEFF TO JOEL GIFFIN

Bohemian chic met Asian elegance at New York's uber-stylish Mandarin Oriental Hotel. for the August 29 wedding of Ralph Lauren accessories executive turned art therapist Jade Zeff to Joel Giffin, doctoral candidate and Clinical Director of Premier Physical Therapy. In a nod to the bride's art pursuits, florist Golf Srithamrong of Tantawan Bloom created sculptural and architectural centerpieces reminiscent of watercolor paintings, complete with frames and intricately strung orchids and calla lilies. Guests toasted the occasion with signature lychee martinis during the lounge-style cocktail hour before partaking of lobster, arctic char, filet of beef and glazed Japanese eggplant with smoked tofu at the reception. Michael Hart band of Hank Lane keep celebrants on their feet all night long! **How they met:** Eight years ago while working at Camp Ramapo for Children, a special needs camp. **The proposal:** On bended knee at bride's apartment, after which groom whisked bride off for a surprise celebratory weekend in Puerto Rico. **Bridal fashion choice:** Ivory cowl-neck Elizabeth Fillmore form-fitting gown, no veil; Bridesmaids wore purple. **Wedding cake:** Four-tiered butter cream creation with fondant cascading leaves and flowers by NYC's Soutine Bakery. **Wedding bounty:** Bridesmaids received individual gifts, including a painting by the bride, a gold monogrammed medallion and gold bangles; groomsmen took home monogrammed whiskey tumblers. **Fun facts:** Couple's commitment to the environment inspired them to create an eco-friendly wedding that did not sacrifice style. The stunning recyclable and sustainable letterpress invitations that used 100 percent cotton paper and vegetable inks were created by The Lettered Olive, while the eco-friendly arctic char served at the reception was specially raised and caught; Centerpieces were donated after the wedding to a The Village Care of New York, a senior living center; Couple gave donations on behalf of guests to the camp where they met; In keeping with the camp theme of the night, James Munz of the Mandarin Oriental put together a selection of "camp-style" passed desserts – mini s'mores, warm chocolate chip cookies with malted milk shots and sorbet mini cones! **Honeymoon:** Chillaxing on the French Riviera. **Photo credit:** Harold Hechler Associates.



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