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## *Wedding Issue*

**ETHEREAL ROMANCE  
WEDDING AT THE CROCKER**

**THREE REAL SACRAMENTO WEDDINGS**

**MEXICO'S RIVIERA MAYA**



# Real Sacramento Weddings

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## Stephen & Ashley

Stephen and Ashley were born and raised in the Sacramento area - Ashley from Carmichael and Stephen from Land Park. Although they both moved away for college and work, Stephen and Ashley eventually made their way back home to plant their roots. The couple now owns a home in Tahoe Park where they live with their six-month-old Australian Shepherd puppy named Vinny.

Stephen and Ashley first met over three years ago, introduced by a childhood friend of Stephen's and a college friend of Ashley's, who thought they'd be a great match. One night, the four of them went out for drinks, and the rest is history!

For the wedding ceremony, Stephen and Ashley exchanged vows at Holy Spirit Church, Stephen's hometown parish. The reception was held at Tsakapoulos Library Galleria in downtown Sacramento.

Ashley works for an IT solutions company called Randstad and Stephen works for the Sacramento Kings. Because

Stephen is a lifelong Kings fan, the couple had a little fun by providing their guests with Kings props such as foam fingers, crowns and hats at the "selfie station."

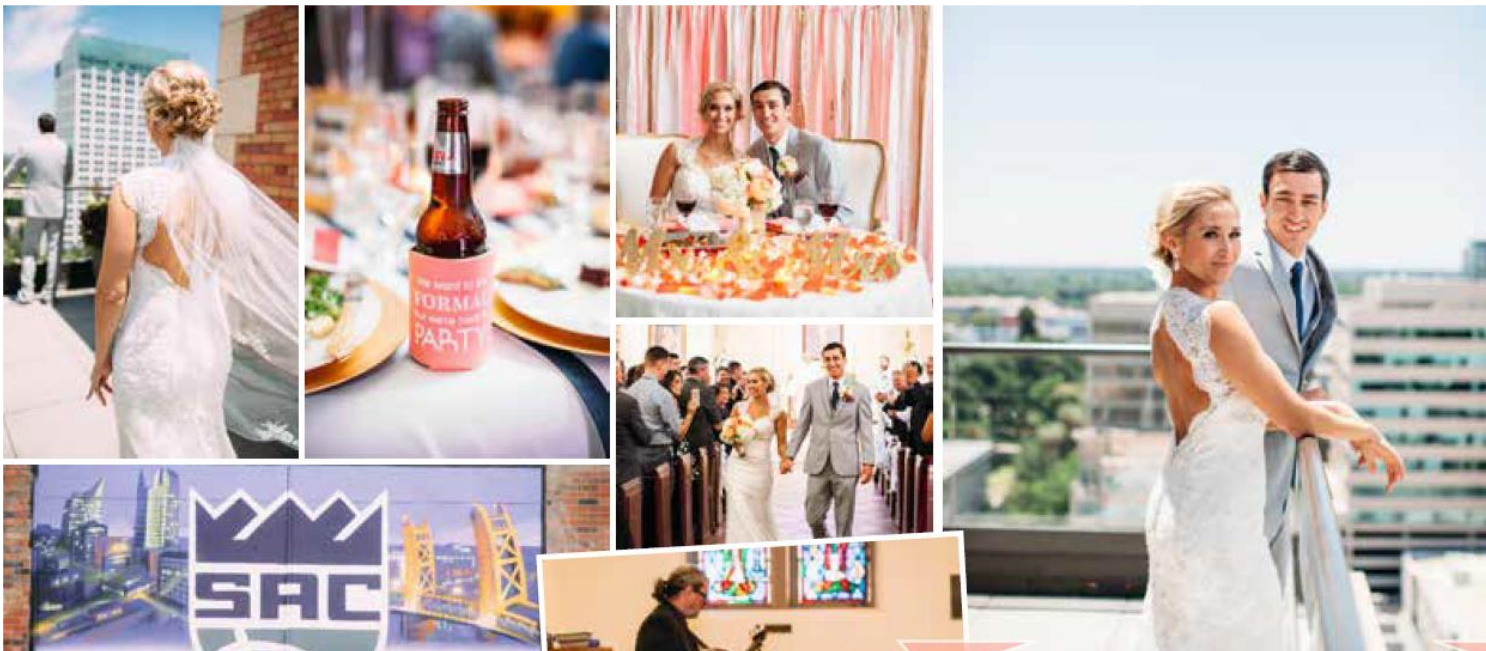
When asked what the best thing was about their wedding day, Ashley says, "Hearing our song during our ceremony! Stephen's dad, Mike, wrote and performed a song entitled 'We Found Love' during the ceremony. It was such a special gift and meant so much that he could share his love of music that day."

Stephen and Ashley's advice for couples planning a wedding:

- Start planning early and don't be afraid to voice exactly what you want.
- Make note of the things that matter the most to you and communicate those to your coordinator and vendors.
- If you couldn't imagine your day without a photo at sunset, cutting the cake or tossing the bouquet, stress that in your timeline and in your final meetings with vendors.







## THE DETAILS

## CEREMONY

Holy Spirit Church

916.443.5442 | HolySpiritParishSac.org

## RECEPTION

Tsakapoulos Library Galleria

916.264.2800 | [LibraryGalleria.com](http://LibraryGalleria.com)

**PHOTOGRAPHER**

Elise Nicole Photography

925.788.8820 | [EliseNicolePhotography.com](http://EliseNicolePhotography.com)

## DRESS

## House of Fashion

916.554.7440 | [HOFBridal.com](http://HOFBridal.com)

## WEDDING EVENT PLANNER

## Cain Event Planning

916.505.0990 | [CainEventPlanning.com](http://CainEventPlanning.com)

**CATERER**

## All Seasons All Reasons

916.451.9393 | AllSeasonsAllReasons.net

## MUSIC

## DJ Party Service

916.365.3813 | [DJPartyService.com](http://DJPartyService.com)

**FLORIST**

## Simply Blossoms

916.417.6725 | Kathryn\_Scott@comcast.net

## CAKE

## Paper Heart Patisserie

PaperHeartPatisserie.com

## HAIR AND MAKEUP

Hair by Whitney Anderson at Daisy Salon

916.792.8976

Makeup by Molly Wilson Makeup | 707.322.3630

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## THE DETAILS

### CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

Vizcaya

916.594.9285 | [VizcayaSacramento.com](http://VizcayaSacramento.com)

### PHOTOGRAPHER

Alicia Gines Photography

916.996.6325 | [AliciaGinesPhotography.com](http://AliciaGinesPhotography.com)

### DRESS

Madeline's Bridal Boutique

[MadelinesBridalBoutique.com](http://MadelinesBridalBoutique.com)

### FLORIST

Mom's Wholesale

[MomsWholesaleFlowers.com](http://MomsWholesaleFlowers.com)

### MUSIC

Essex

916.806.8814 | [EssexBand.com](http://EssexBand.com)

### CAKE

Ettore's European Bakery

916.482.0708 | [Ettore.com](http://Ettore.com)

### HAIR AND MAKEUP

The Traveling Stylist

[TheTravelingStylist.com](http://TheTravelingStylist.com)

## Sidney & Ashley

Sidney, a broker with ReMax and an avid golfer, was born and raised in Santa Clara. After graduating from Chico State, he made his way to Sacramento. Ashley, originally from Fresno, recently graduated from Sac State with an education in childhood development. Today, she is a campaign executive for United Way, which allows her to use her education and give back to the local community.

But, Sidney and Ashley didn't meet through mutual friends or work together or go to school together. Ashley found Sidney while perusing the list of contestants in the 2013 Sacramento's Most Eligible Bachelor Contest with girlfriends. Intrigued, she sent him a "friend" request through Facebook. Sidney, in turn, responded with "how do I know you?" and "would you like to meet for a drink?" which turned into a dinner invitation. After dating for almost three years, the couple married and now reside in East Sacramento with their adorable dog, Chase.

Sidney and Ashley chose Vizcaya for their nuptials, who also provided the catering, linens, dinnerware, and a guiding hand to make the day go smoothly. When asked what their favorite memory of the day was, Sid

responded, "the band and the party." Ashley loved a moment that she and Sid had when they exchanged presents during the "first look" encounter. Ashley says that Sid always encourages her to carry an "emergency C-note in her wallet", a running joke between the two of them, in case she needs an "emergency pedicure or drinks with friends or some unexpected purchase." For his gift to her, Sid gave her an "emergency C-note" with his picture plastered over Benjamin Franklin, and changed the name to an "emergency Sid-note." Ashley said that tensions are high during your wedding day and that got her laughing and relaxed and ready for the rest of the day. Sid says, "There are so many things that can go wrong and having a little bit of humor goes a long way."

Sidney and Ashley's advice for couples planning a wedding:

- Whatever your budget is, plan for more, because it always goes over.
- Focus on what you want at your wedding, but remember, no one cares about your linens or your centerpieces.
- Have fun with it. You're (hopefully) not going to get the chance to do it again.

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## Gordon & Ashley

Gordon and Ashley, native Sacramentans, were both raised in the Greenhaven area. Introduced by mutual friends, they met when she was just 16 and Gordon was 17. Graduates of Sac State, Ashley is an architectural designer and Gordon is an analyst at the Energy Commission.

Obviously not in a big hurry, the couple dated for more than 13 years before tying the knot. So, when Gordon proposed to Ashley in December 2014, the couple also allowed themselves plenty of time to plan the wedding.

Ashley says she has been in eight weddings and had already seen a lot of different venues. When it came time to plan their wedding, Gordon and Ashley both knew they wanted something different. For their wedding and reception, the couple chose the Crocker Art Museum. The Crocker took care of the catering and the rentals, they simply needed to pick out the colors they wanted. For their wedding, Ashley and Gordon wanted to keep things simple and timeless and went with colors like white and gold.

They were married in the historic ballroom and followed with a reception in the Friedman Court.

Ashley and Gordon wanted a whole new perspective, someone who had not photographed the Crocker before, so they hired a photographer out of San Francisco. And, they both agree, the DJ was “a main staple in our wedding and really helped make our wedding fun!”

Ashley says, “The best thing was that everything ran smoothly. It went by really fast and was a perfect day in August.” Ashley says the Crocker made it easy and “they’re amazing, absolutely amazing.”

Gordon and Ashley’s advice for couples planning a wedding:

- Give yourself lots of time to plan. For Gordon and Ashley, it made all the difference.
- Pick the top three things that are most important to you and focus on that. For Gordon and Ashley, it was the venue, photographer and food.







## THE DETAILS

### CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

Crocker Art Museum

916.808.0177 | [CrockerArtMuseum.org](http://CrockerArtMuseum.org)

### PHOTOGRAPHER

Gary Sexton Photography

650.430.1743 | [GarySextonPhotography.com](http://GarySextonPhotography.com)

### DRESS

Bride to Be Couture

916.972.8223 | [BridetobeCouture.com](http://BridetobeCouture.com)

### MUSIC

Fretty's Disc Jockey Services

916.213.8116 | [Frettys.com](http://Frettys.com)

### CAKE

Freeport Bakery

916.442.4256 | [FreeportBakery.com](http://FreeportBakery.com)

### HAIR AND MAKEUP

Hair by Laura Cox from Images Salon

[ImagesSalonSpa.com](http://ImagesSalonSpa.com)

Makeup by Elyse Reneau

[ElyseReneau.com](http://ElyseReneau.com)

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