

Francie & Ennis

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A spring time wedding in Charleston could not be more striking and fitting than that of Francie and Ennis' nuptials at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and reception at the William Aiken House. Distinctive Events coordination and design team helped to enhance the look of the already gorgeous grounds of the House, as well as transform the dance and lounge tents to be the perfect extension of this natural beauty.

Francie made a stunning bride an incredibly unique styled gowns created by the British designer David Fielden. The gorgeous bride wore a silk crepe back satin gown with low lace back and lace trimmed hem. It fit her like a glove! The veil was finished with a matching lace trim.

Following a traditional Catholic wedding at the infamous Cathedral on Broad Street, the guests moved to the natural setting of the William Aiken House where they were greeted with a refreshing Cucumber Collins as they arrived. What an incredible spring/ summer drink made with Lotus Vodka, St. Germain, **Crushed**, cucumber, ginger, simple syrup, and Ginger Ale.

The William Aiken is always a treasure trove of colors and textures no matter what the time of year. Existing variegated ferns on the brick walkway near the carriage house were the inspiration for a lot of the foliage elements used in Francie and Ennis' reception tent. An array of hanging variegated fig balls, and three ball fig topiaries provided a textural pop against the backdrop of a custom sage green shimmering organza tent liner, set off with cream, organza, shaded, bronze chandeliers.

Distinctive Events' amazing floral design expert, Leesa Phipps, created Francie's perfect bouquet in a European style utilizing a mixture of lotus pods, green bouvardia, chartreuse viburnum, Virginia roses, and green cymbidium orchids. The bouquet was finished with double French silk ribbon, seed pearls and touches of low country grasses to add movement. The unique centerpieces were created with birch bark used to encase allium, viburnum, dianthus, roses and succulents with berries.

Francie loved the idea of incorporating succulents somehow. It seemed to perfectly complement her dean simple cake created by Elaine Mincey. A cascading effect was created down one side of the square tiered, sugary delight.

One of the highlights around the beautiful pergola and reflecting pool, was custom, antique mirrored bars created by Distinctive Events' specialty rental department. French metal sculptural laurel wreaths accented the bars using digital, allium, roses, and soft antique green hydrangea.

The event was perfectly captured by the ever so talented Evan Laettner. His fun loving personality comes out in each and every photo.



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