

## JESSICA LAWRENCE marries RAGAN NARESH

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Four years after meeting at Mardi Gras, a couple celebrates with a wedding in downtown Boston marked by creative, decorative details and a New Orleans-inspired menu.

Jessica bought her Lazaro gown at Kleinfeld (kleinfeldbridal.com), in New York. "I loved the dress's vintage feel," she says.

Her updo, created by Mark Johnson of Seven Salon Spa (sevensalonspa.com), in Stockbridge, was accented with fresh dendrobium orchids. Ragan wore a black suit from Tom James (tomjamesco.com).



Instead of a standard table, the couple had an escort-card "tree." Cards by designer Melissa Knapp (917-678-6414) were tied to ribbons that were then attached to the branches. "The display added a fun visual element to the room," Jessica says. All flowers by William Mizuta Private Florist (617-451-2224).

"I wanted the ceremony décor to have a clean, organic feeling," Jessica says. "It was very 'zen,' with the white candles and curly willow."



Jessica created the place cards using materials from Paper Source (paper-source.com). Dinner was catered by the Four Seasons Hotel Boston (fourseasons.com), where the wedding was held. The menu, influenced by the food of New Orleans, included a barbecued-shrimp salad and fried green tomatoes.



LEFT, MIDDLE Melissa also designed the couple's monogram, using the wrought-iron bannisters found in New Orleans as inspiration. LEFT The chocolate cake was made by Ellen Bartlett of Cakes to Remember (cakestoremember.biz).



Jessica's bridesmaids wore green dresses with black sashes by Vera Wang (verawang.com). The band Unity (murrayhilltalent.com) performed for four hours during the reception. Then, a DJ spun tunes until 1 a.m.

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