

A seven-year courtship culminates in a music-filled sunset wedding in Dana Point.

The Beginning

Fran Scaglione didn't like karaoke – and avoided it whenever possible. And yet, on an odd Monday evening – karaoke night – the recording studio owner found himself at the Casting Office, a bar in Los Angeles.

Jade Williams, a petite travel planner with big amber eyes, squeezed between him and his friend to order a drink at the bar. As he turned toward her, she joked – in her best faux Southern accent – “I'm just trying to get closer and get a good smell.”

That sense of humor got his attention enough that his eyes followed her as she sang. When she returned to her seat, they talked for hours.

The Proposal

Five years later, Scaglione proposed to her using an elaborate scavenger hunt, so that the first letter of each clue put together spelled out the question: “Will you marry me?”

The Plan

Working a year ago with wedding planner Gail Garceau, the couple left no detail undone: from the palette of chocolate and a Tiffany-esque blue to the custom cocktails – Pomegranate Frantinis and Lemon Jade Drops – to the DIY candy bar for wedding favors.

As the sun's last summer rays cast a glow on the lawn at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel in Dana Point, Williams exchanged vows with Scaglione after she was escorted down the petal-carpeted aisle by her father, Stephen Williams and stepfather, Scott Flanders.

Perfect Harmony

The Music

Because music played such an important part of their lives, it was only fitting that they danced to a song Scaglione had written as a Christmas present to Williams. And his bride couldn't resist an opportunity to bring their romance full-circle. Once more, she stepped up to the microphone, and backed by the band, sang Ingrid Michaelson's “The Way I Am.” ◊

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