

# Real Moments

## Stephanie Spindel & Andrew Finland

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**HOW THEY MET** At a Mizzou football game in Columbia, Missouri **HOW THEY GOT ENGAGED** Andy planned an elaborate surprise proposal for Stephanie in New Orleans. **NUMBER OF GUESTS** 120 **WEDDING COLORS** Black, gold, and ivory **FIRST DANCE:** "God gave me you" by Blake Shelton **HOW THEY PERSONALIZED THE EVENT:** Since we got engaged in New Orleans, we decided to add some French flair to our wedding, full of delicate lace and elegance, but with a modern twist. Our favorite thing we saw while we were in New Orleans was a "second line parade" with a jazz street band. In New Orleans, it is custom for the bride and groom to lead a parade of their bridal party and wedding attendants through the streets, dancing along to the music of a jazz band. We thought it was so much fun that we decided to have one of our own! We hired a local jazz band and made custom handkerchiefs for our guests to wave during the celebration. **BRIDE'S MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT:** "The ceremony. My favorite part was our rose presentation to Mary when the cantor sang, 'Ave Maria.'" **OCCUPATIONS:** Andy is a public accountant. Stephanie is a pediatric nurse, studying to be a pediatric nurse practitioner. **HONEYMOON:** Kauai, Hawaii. **RESIDE:** Tulsa, Oklahoma. **ADVICE FOR BRIDES-TO-BE:** "Make everything personal to you. Don't try so hard to have the perfect Pinterest wedding if it doesn't mean something to you because that won't stay with you in the long run. Twenty years from now, you can look back at your wedding and say that the things you did were special because they were important to you and your husband."



WEDDING CONSULTANT: Kristin Ashley Events • FLORIST: Belli Fiori • BRIDE'S DRESS: Maggie Sottero, Hope's Bridal (Davenport, IA)  
GROOM'S ATTIRE: Savvi Formalwear • BRIDESMAID DRESSES: Dessy Collection • WEDDING LOCATION: Saint Louis Cathedral Basilica  
RECEPTION VENUE: Hyatt Regency at the Arch • DESSERT: Crepe bar • MUSIC: DJ Greasy (reception); Saint Louis Stompers (Jazz band  
for parade and cocktail hour); Saint Louis Cathedral Basilica choir (ceremony music) • SPECIALTY LIGHTING AND DÉCOR: Exclusive Events  
LINENS: BBJ Linen • RENTALS: The Aries Company • PAPER GOODS: Pretty Together • TRANSPORTATION: Best Transportation  
VIDEOGRAPHER: Salvatore Cincotta Videography