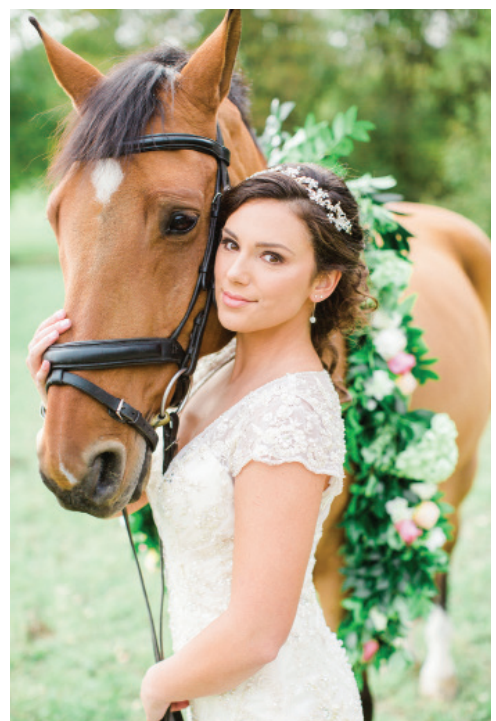


ASHLEY RAINS *and* CORTLAND FONDON
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featured vendors

*bridal gown, bridal accessories, bridesmaid's attire / LULU'S BRIDAL BOUTIQUE florist / SOMETHING PRETTY FLORAL
wedding jewelry / KENDRA SCOTT*

SWEET BEGINNINGS: Ashley and Cortland met in December of 2009 at Cortland's fraternity's tacky Christmas sweater party. Two of Ashley's friends took her arm in arm and dragged her to meet this "really cute guy named Cort". Once they reached him, she uttered the words "I am so sorry about this", shook his hand, then walked away and didn't talk to him for the rest of the night. The next day, Ashley had a Facebook message from him, asking to grab coffee, so they went the next day.

PERFECT PROPOSAL: It was Christmas day, and Cortland was supposed to be in College Station, Texas spending the holiday with family. Ashley was celebrating at her grandmother's house when she got a call from Cortland. They talked for a minute and then he told her to go outside. Thinking that it might have started snowing, Ashley proceeded to the front door, when she saw Cortland standing there. He began to play out a scene from one of their favorite romantic comedies "Love Actually", then got on one knee and asked Ashley to marry him.

THE SETTING: Ashley wanted to show the diversity that she has in her taste in style throughout the wedding. Although the décor was very cohesive, you could still see the vintage, bohemian, and rustic influences. With shades of blue, green,

pink, purple and yellow, the ceremony and reception was more beautiful than the couple could have hoped for.

SPECIAL TOUCHES: Ashley is most definitely a horse girl and wanted to incorporate horses into the wedding as much as she could. The guests wedding favors were all real horse shoes that were spray-painted gold, while the table number holders were gold horses that Ashley made herself.

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: The couple's most memorable moment was when the church doors opened up to the courtyard. Ashley and Cortland walked hand in hand to see their family and friends cheering for them as they walked to the bus. They were both smiling so big because they felt so lucky to have this much love in their lives.

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