

# B m a n h a t t a n r i d e

For the Sophisticated NY, NJ, & CT Bride

Spring/Summer 2010 \$4.95

*Your  
Complete  
Wedding  
Guide...*

*Over 750  
Gowns  
Ideas &  
Resources*

*Perfect  
Locations  
The Best for  
Your Day*

*Win a Honeymoon  
in Jamaica*

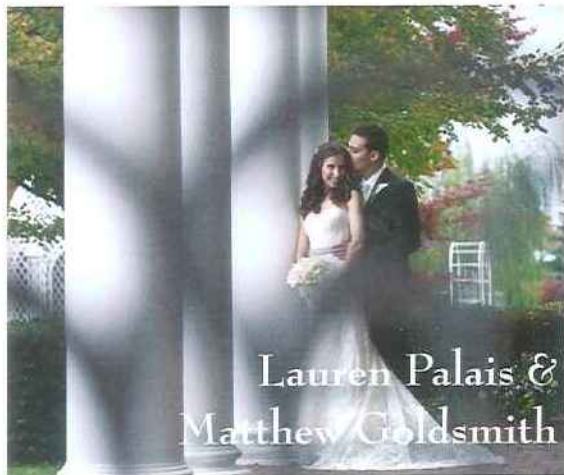
*Stylish,  
Romantic,  
Delicious  
Your Menus,  
Cakes, Music,  
Flowers,  
Photography*

*39 Real  
Weddings  
Romance &  
Inspiration*

*10th Anniversary  
Issue*



[manhattanbride.com](http://manhattanbride.com)



Matt and I were introduced by mutual friends at a bar on the Lower East Side in February 2005. I was a first-year law student at Cardozo and Matt was in his final year at New York Law School. We had a lot in common, and lived two blocks away from each other in Murray Hill. Two weeks after meeting, we went on our first date to Aquagrill, a restaurant in Soho. We had a great time together and planned our second date: lunch and a movie the very next day!



In July of 2008, Matt and I were on our way to a party on Long Island, when we got a call from Matt's sister, asking us to stop by her house and watch her son, Nate, while she ran an "emergency errand." While entertain-

### *Ceremony & Reception:*

The Rockleigh

*Gown:* Monique Lhuillier

*Bridesmaids:* Amsale

*Hair:* Ted Gibson Salon

*Makeup:* Kimara Ahnert  
Makeup Studio

*Tux:* Hugo Boss

*Florist:* Andrew Pascoe Flowers

*Cake:* The Rockleigh

*Photographer &*

*Videographer:* Brett Matthews

Photography, 516.621.4242,

BrettMatthews.com

*Band:* Christopher Michaels Band

ing him, I came across a note at the bottom of an empty toy box that read, "Will you marry my Uncle Matt?" When I turned to look at Matt, he was down on one knee, asking me to marry him. I immediately said yes. That evening, we went to Matt's parents' house for a barbecue, where our families were waiting to surprise us to celebrate our engagement. Family is so important to both of us, so it was especially touching that Matt had included them in our engagement day.



I always wanted a fall wedding and could not think of a better way to showcase the beautiful colors of the fall season than by hosting our guests in New Jersey, where I grew up. My mom heard great things about The Rockleigh from her friends, particularly about the beautiful ballroom, delicious food, and top-notch service.



courtyard and fountain. It was the perfect backdrop for the elegant, black tie affair we were planning.

The day of our wedding, our guests entered the grand lobby of The Rockleigh and were greeted with butler-passed beverages, including champagne with strawberries and warm apple cider with cinnamon sticks. The ceremony aisle was covered in rose petals and lined with hurricane candles. I met Matt under a beautiful chuppah constructed of four birch trees entwined with curly willow branches and adorned with natural oak leaves, cream hydrangeas, lavender, roses, burgundy calla lilies, orchids, and hanging amaranthus.

When we visited The Rockleigh, Bari Green, our wedding planner at the venue, greeted us with champagne and cocktails to celebrate our visit. Without one single flower or decoration, the ballroom at The Rockleigh was gorgeous, with towering ceilings, magnificent chandeliers, a marble dance floor, and beautiful, tasteful décor in soft, muted colors. Large windows on either side of the room created a romantic garden-like feel, with one side of the room overlooking The Rockleigh's large



with cranberry pecan crust. Alternating desserts of molten chocolate lava cake with a coulis of raspberry and apple cobbler with a scoop of vanilla ice cream were served so that everyone could sample each dessert. We also served slices of our strawberry shortcake wedding cake. Our guests are still raving about the quality of the food and the attentiveness of the wait staff. We also treated our guests to butler-passed desserts, including chocolate milkshake shots and mini fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies, so that they were able to sample everything without ever leaving the dance floor. As our wedding day came to a close, we treated everyone to one last indulgence, a fully stocked candy bar! We are so thankful to everyone at The Rockleigh, and especially our parents, for giving us the wedding of our dreams!

