



paradise island, bahamas

Jina Chung weds Joseph Lin on October 20, 2007

For their wedding, Jina Chung and Joe Lin wanted to highlight what brought them together in the first place: friendship. In the summer of 2000, while attending separate colleges, the couple became pals while on a church mission trip. But it wasn't until seven years later when Joe visited Jina in San Francisco that the two began to feel romantic inklings. "I knew there was definitely something worth pursuing," says Joe, who was living in Chicago at the time. The couple began a long-distance relationship. Five months later, he was on bended knee at San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts Theatre, where he'd first told Jina of his feelings.

The couple, both 30 and lawyers in New York City, chose a destination wedding, Jina says, so they could "trap" their guests and spend time with them for a few days. "Too often we'd experienced weddings that were 'hit and runs,'" says Joe. "Guests would fly in, go to the wedding and take off."

After a 10-month engagement, 100 guests arrived at Paradise

Island to partake in the four-day celebration. Jina's mother made the vanilla wedding cupcakes; Joe's friend made Jina's wedding jewelry; their close pal, Lisa Chun, organized the wedding; and Joe's sister did Jina's hair.

At sunset, at the One&Only Ocean Club, Jina walked down the stonework aisle while the couple's friend, Mike Wonho Hong, strummed the Christian song, "Simple Token." Then the couple exchanged vows and performed a feet-washing ceremony. "I wanted to love Jina by serving her," Joe explains. "We thought it was relevant because Jesus washed his disciples' feet." An open-air reception followed at the Atlantis resort, where guests danced to music spun by a DJ the couple flew in from Chicago.

And so their wish for a friends-and-family-filled wedding was granted: The day after the festivities, Joe and Jina had breakfast with their guests and lounged poolside with friends. "We wanted everyone to meet each other and have a good time," Jina says. And that they did. — *Blake Miller*

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The bride wore a charmeuse sheath by Lazaro (1). Red and orange gerbera daisies accented the decor (2). Guests await arrival (3) in the resort's Augustinian Cloisters. The couple held a photo shoot (4) the next day on the beach. The groomsmen rolled up their pants at the Cloisters to beat the heat (5). The newlyweds get lively on the dance floor (6).