

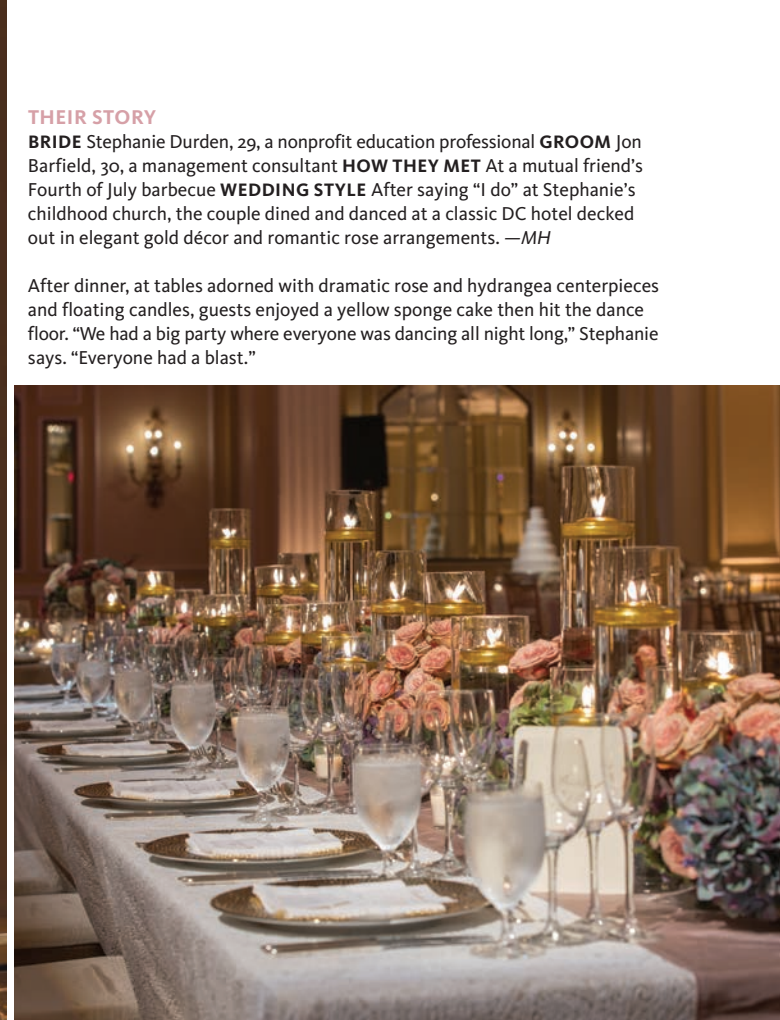
October 3 • Washington, DC

stephanie & jon

engaged: about 1 year

photography by Adagion Studio
at The Willard

"We knew we wanted to get married in DC because it's such a special place for both of us," Stephanie says of celebrating along Pennsylvania Avenue.



THEIR STORY

BRIDE Stephanie Durden, 29, a nonprofit education professional **GROOM** Jon Barfield, 30, a management consultant **HOW THEY MET** At a mutual friend's Fourth of July barbecue **WEDDING STYLE** After saying "I do" at Stephanie's childhood church, the couple dined and danced at a classic DC hotel decked out in elegant gold décor and romantic rose arrangements. —MH

After dinner, at tables adorned with dramatic rose and hydrangea centerpieces and floating candles, guests enjoyed a yellow sponge cake then hit the dance floor. "We had a big party where everyone was dancing all night long," Stephanie says. "Everyone had a blast."

The seven bridesmaids wore short, dusty-rose-colored dresses while the junior bridesmaid stood out in a blush chiffon dress.



STEPHANIE & JON'S WEDDING INGREDIENTS

- CEREMONY SITE** Northminster Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC
- RECEPTION SITE** The Willard, Washington, DC
- PHOTOGRAPHY** Cengiz Ozelsel/Adagion Studio **VIDEOGRAPHY** Adagion Studio
- CONSULTANT** Jeannette Tavares/EVOKE
- FLOWERS** Red Maple Leaf **OFFICIANTS** Rev. Gail Porter Nelson; Rev. J. Herbert Nelson
- GOWN** Matthew Christopher, **Love Couture Bridal**, Potomac, MD **VEIL** Love Couture Bridal **SHOES** Benjamin Adams London
- ENGAGEMENT & WEDDING RINGS** D.Rao and Co. **JEWELRY** Nadri **HAIR & MAKEUP** Abigail de Casanova **BRIDESMAID DRESSES** BHLDN **MENSWEAR** Groom: Canali, Saks Fifth Avenue; groomsmen: Men's Wearhouse
- STATIONERY** Cheree Berry Paper
- CATERING & CAKE** The Willard
- RENTALS** DC Rentals; La Tavola Fine Linens **MUSIC** Ceremony: Crystal Strings/Sterling Artists; cocktail hour & dinner: Wayne Wilentz Trio; reception: DJ Young Rye/RUP Productions **ACCOMMODATIONS** Hilton Garden Inn Downtown; JW Marriott; The Willard **HONEYMOON** Hawaii
- GUESTS** 230 **BUDGET** \$\$\$\$\$ (see key, p. 8)