

# Jordan & Matt

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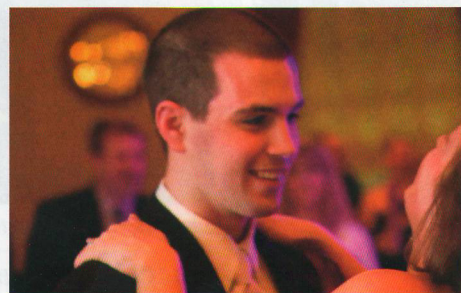
The groom must not see the bride before the wedding. Rain is bad luck. Wear something borrowed and something blue. Save the top layer of the cake for your anniversary.

Among the list of wedding do's and don'ts, getting married on the unluckiest day of the year has to take the cake, but daring couple Jordan Munsell and Matt Hochberg defied superstition and convention to walk down the aisle on the evening of Friday, the 13th. All of their friends and family gathered for this joyous celebration that was anything but unlucky.

Jordan Munsell & Mathew Hochberg  
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The couple met in high school and fell in love after Jordan switched seats with a friend— in order to sit closer to Matt! They grew closer together over the years, eventually becoming inseparable. A wedding is the natural culmination of their romance, yet it is just the beginning of their life together.

Both the ceremony and reception were held at the historic Yorktowne Hotel in York. Built in the roaring twenties, this venue was the perfect complement for their traditional wedding and elegant reception. Jordan's bridesmaids were attractive in their floor-length eggplant-colored gowns with ivory sashes—the colors of the wedding—complemented nicely by their bouquets of ivory flowers, including roses, carnations, calla lilies, and daisies. A recording of the song "Marry Me" by Train played as the bridesmaids began the processional to the front of the room. Matt and his groomsmen waited at the front in black tuxes from Men's Warehouse, accented by calla lily boutonnieres.

Just as the music swelled, the double doors at the back of the room closed, and everyone held their breath in anticipation. Then, the doors slid open with a flourish to reveal Jordan, gorgeous in her ivory gown and veil, carrying a bouquet of red roses. As she walked down the aisle toward Matt, her smile was wide and her eyes glistened with tears – as did the eyes of her father who was escorting her.

During the faith-based ceremony, Jordan and Matt's minister spoke about the nature of love. To explain what will make their love endure, he incorporated a classic quote from Mark Twain, "Love is friendship set on fire"—perfect for Matt and Jordan, since these high school sweethearts were friends before they

fell in love. They exchanged traditional and personally-written vows, each telling the other what they love best; Matt treasures Jordan's loyalty and honesty, and she adores his kindness and personality. The couple exited the room to share their first few moments together as man and wife.

Guests retired to the hotel lobby for a cocktail hour, where they enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and an open bar provided by Yorktowne Hotel. The reception followed in the elegant ballroom, where the high ceilings and dramatic windows provided a classic location for dancing, dinner, and toasts to the happy couple. The Yorktowne Hotel provided a gourmet meal. Guests selected either Stuffed Chicken Florentine, Steak, or Vegetarian Tortellini.

Jordan and Matt circulated throughout the room, greeting friends and family; neither could stop smiling. Everyone admired Jordan's dress—a mermaid cut with a sweetheart neckline—from The Bridal Emporium. Her train swept away into hundreds of gauzy flowers and all agreed that she had never looked lovelier. Even with cake on their faces, they continued to smile. Their cake was a tasteful creation from Providence Divine Cakes and Pastries. Elegant in its simplicity, it was topped with a larger-than-life diamond ring and wedding band. Ivory fondant covered three of the four layers, and the fourth was a dark icing with large sugar crystals. It was quite delicious, a sure crowd pleaser, with vanilla cake layered with chocolate ganache and raspberry chambord.

As the couple's family and friends danced the night away, all knew one thing for certain. Jordan and Matt may not be superstitious, but they certainly do believe in happy endings.