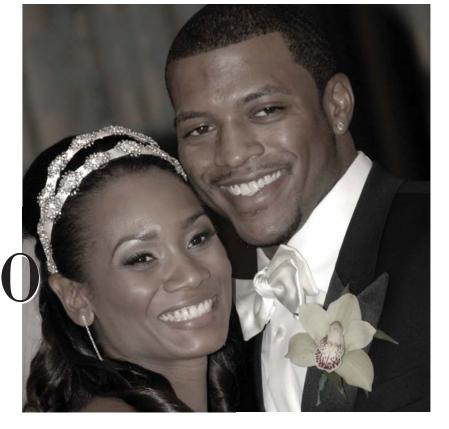
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## SOME MIAMI HEAT FOR A



IAMI IS WELL known as a destination wedding hot spot but it seems that it has also become a favorite wedding destination for many A list celebs and professional athletes. So when Buffalo Bills wide receiver Lee Evans and his fiancé Miranda Farr were looking for the perfect location for their wedding there was no question that Miami was the place to be. Living in New York and with the demanding schedule of a NFL football star it was clear that hiring a planner was a necessity. The couple chose wedding planner Tiffany Nieves of Dream Design Weddings for the planning and design of their wedding. Then they were off to find the perfect location.

The couple wanted an intimate wedding yet with grand appeal so the Loews South Beach seemed like the perfect place. A great location where all the guests could stay close to all the South Beach hot spots, and with the grand appeal that both Miranda and Lee were looking for. Miranda loved the idea that the



ceremony and reception could all be at one location and the view of the ocean from the ballroom just sealed the deal.

With Lee's schedule Miranda and I knew there would be some definite "turbo planning" involved in order to get everything done. Luckily Miranda had some flexibility with her schedule and was able to make several trips to Miami pre-wedding which allowed us to work a bit closer on all the details. Miranda made it clear from the start that she wanted something different and expressed her love of lighting and wanted to incorporate vibrant color into the wedding. It was also very important that the guests would have more of a wedding experience rather than the everyday wedding that they were all accustomed to.

Although the couple chose Miami for it's warm climate they wanted everyone to be



comfortable in formal attire so they chose one of the beautiful ballrooms for their ceremony site. Miranda wanted romantic but not over done ceremony décor; she chose a mix of purple and fuchsia shades for the ceremony with a lush floral arch and a mix of flowers and candles to line her ceremony aisle. Additionally, custom made programs were designed in the ceremony colors with a touch of chocolate for an added punch of

When it came to the reception we pulled out all the stops. Miranda really loved the purple and fuchsia that was used for the ceremony so we continued with the use of these colors and added some chocolate to the color palette to balance the bright colors.





We custom designed a monogram for the couple that was carried through with all of the print work for the wedding and used as a focal point on the dance floor. To give the ballroom a warm and inviting feel we used comfy lounge groupings in chocolate with fuchsia accent pillows around the dance floor and placed them strategically around the ballroom. This was a great place for friends and family to kick off their shoes and enjoy a cocktail and chat.

When it came to flowers Miranda liked the look of tall centerpieces and wanted to create a structure for some of her centerpieces that would be very regal and give her the height needed for the high ceilings in the ballroom. Our flower guru Rick from Avant Gardens designed a magnificent gold structure that would hold multiple layers of flowers and centerpieces; this was a true work of art. We wanted to create at least two other designs for the tables that would be romantic and soft and add a bit of sparkle to the room. One centerpiece of multi height

arrangements set on glass cylinders with masses of candles and a second set on a trumpet type vase with hanging crystals. Together they created the romantic and regal look that we were looking for.

For the wedding cake we knew that ordinary wouldn't do so we commissioned



Rosy Cunile of Elegant Temptations to create a work of art for the couple's wedding cake. A whimsical but elegant four tier cake was designed using the fuchsia, purple, and chocolate colors with hundreds of crystals incorporated into the cake design. Additionally, Miranda wanted to surprise the groom with a groom's cake that would pay tribute to all of Lee's favorite sports.

For the final touches of "Wow" for the reception we brought in an amazing Ice Martini bar complete with the custom monogram, used fuchsia lighting to wash the walls with color and give the room a warm glow along with pin spots on each centerpiece for the final polish to bring the room together that both Lee and Miranda wanted.

This truly was a fairy tale wedding for a football king and his princess bride.

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