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Many love stories begin with a well-meaning friend who decides that two people would be perfect for each other. In this case, such an introduction a little over seven years ago finally culminated in Jessica and Fabrizio's magical wedding celebration.

It seems that the element of surprise was a factor in this relationship, including the proposal. What started off as a regular day ended quite differently for Jessica? In her own words, "It was an early Friday morning, and I was getting ready to pick up my mom from JFK airport. Fabrizio started the day with what seemed to be his regular routine, going off to work. When I returned to our apartment, my mom went to run a few errands, and I went upstairs. When I opened the door, Fabrizio was down on one knee, with red rose petals scattered across the floor."

Jessica was completely thrown off guard, but quickly answered with a resounding "YES!", and the couple soon began to make wedding plans, starting with elegant black-and-white invitations.

Jessica and Fabrizio were wed at the Garden City Hotel, with day-of-wedding photos also taken in the streets of Garden City to capture a real local vibe. Jessica and Fabrizio were married by a family friend, Pastor Bob. The ceremony was packed with both family and friends and featured dim lighting, pillar candles and a fragrant flower wall made up of white orchids and hydrangeas.

Jessica was dressed in a satin mermaid-style gown designed by Ines Di Santo, boasting a sweetheart top, a long train and an open lace back. The simple white tulle veil fell symmetrically below the waistline, and her bridal bouquet included a combination of pink and white roses, embellished with subtle crystals.



The bridesmaids also wore mermaid style, off-the-shoulder gowns, in black. Fabrizio and his groomsmen wore black tuxedos with black ties, designed by a custom clothier. White rose boutonnières completed this classic look.

The unforgettable reception followed the ceremony at the same venue, the Garden City Hotel. With 275 guests in attendance, the overall mood was one of romance and elegance. Jessica adds, “The amount of love, happiness, and energy we felt was even more than we could have imagined. All of our guests were dancing throughout the entire night, thanks to Unique Entertainment, and we must say that those were some of our favorite moments of the evening.”

The décor for the reception was creative, with three different styles of centerpieces for the 26 tables –all filled with hydrangeas, plus pink and white roses, and draped with crystals to match the bouquets.

The cocktail hour started off with pasta, meats, an antipasto, and seafood.

The full menu further included 10 different food stations, including pasta, seafood, carving and slider stations, and even Asian and Mexican fusion. Everyone was also delighted with the cake, a beautiful five-tiered cannoli masterpiece set off with pink roses. To top things off, there was a specialty cocktail station, featuring Banana-Infused Jameson.

Fabrizio’s favorite memory of the day was seeing his bride for the first time, while Jessica’s was finally saying “I DO!”

The happy couple went on to have an amazing two-week honeymoon in Italy, where they visited Rome, Tuscany, Florence, the Amalfi Coast and even Fabrizio’s family in Durazzano.

For other couples planning their weddings, Jessica suggests that you just have fun with it, and all of the details will fall into place. ■