



CAROLINE + BILLY

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Sometimes your friends really do know you best, and even know what's best for you. Caroline Duffy and Billy Fairhurst were fortunate enough to have mutual, married musician friends who decided to play matchmaker for the two, inviting them both to events, dinners and concerts to get them together. This plan turned out to be intuitive magic.

They chose The Carolina Inn for their wedding day because they loved the look and the vintage vibe of the Old Well Room. But what cinched the decision was spying Caroline's grandparents' wedding china in a hall display case, a sure sign for the pair that the Inn was their wedding destiny.

Caroline and Billy felt that music played a big part in their meeting, dating and their lives, so they incorporated it into their wedding theme. Tickets for the "live" event of dinner, cocktails, music and dancing directed each guest to their table. There, guests discovered a favor at their place setting – a personal CD-mix styled as a vintage vinyl record. Strings of paper hearts recycled from old music scores were included in the décor. The vintage vibe was capped off with the bride's walk down the aisle in her mother's bridal gown! Caroline later changed into a short bridal gown for the reception, perfect for the rock n' roll reception.

Caroline's favorite moment of the busy wedding day was when she and Billy peeked in on their guests enjoying the cocktail hour. She then surprised Billy with a look at his groom's cake, and they shared a special, private dance. Billy confirmed that his most special memory was when Caroline unveiled his surprise TARDIS groom's cake topped with the two of them and their dog in Dr. Who persona.

Caroline praised The Carolina Inn for their remarkable staff and the care they took to ensure that they and every wedding guest had an exceptional experience. She heartily credited her wedding consultant, Amanda Scott of A Swanky Affair, with "making the wedding happen from start to finish," and "making their experience fun and exciting." Of course, our favorite quote from Caroline was, "I found my awesome wedding planner in *SB&G* magazine...pretty much the reason I had an amazing and memorable wedding."



WEDDING CONSULTANT *A Swanky Affair*

REHEARSAL DINNER Top of the Hill Restaurant & Brewery

CEREMONY Bryan Courtyard at The Carolina Inn

RECEPTION The Old Well Room at The Carolina Inn

PHOTOGRAPHER Alexa's Photography

BRIDAL GOWN ceremony - her mother's dress; reception - Galina

BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES Alfred Sung

CEREMONY MUSIC musical trio

GETAWAY TRANSPORTATION pedi-cab

GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS The Carolina Inn

WEDDING FAVORS personal mix CDs