

TICA & BRIAN *A Swanky Affair*



After a brief encounter at a large party, Tica Lema and Dr. Brian Coan were reintroduced by a mutual friend two years later and quickly became a couple. Brian graduated from Duke and is now on the clinical faculty at Duke, as well as owning his own clinic, CARE-Plastic Surgery, where the couple works together.

When they became engaged, they wanted the March 27, 2010, wedding to revolve around Duke, a university that they both feel has done so much for their Durham community. Tica says that wedding planner, Amanda Scott, was an asset from the beginning, helping to book Duke's Great Hall for their reception, and with ideas and organizing throughout their fabulous weekend.

The rehearsal dinner meal included Colombian steak and rice, and music by 16-piece Orquesta GarDel. Brian is Jewish, and their Argentinean rabbi performed the traditional ceremony partly in Spanish as well as English. This was a welcoming touch for Tica's family guests from Colombia. Tica's wish was to have a Latin-themed party so she included those cultural elements into the food and music for the reception. John Brown's jazz group played the ceremony music, as well as a mix of Latin jazz and American jazz during the cocktail hour. Tica's instructions to Ninth Street Flowers were to make it big and very bright and she was thrilled that they "just made it happen" beautifully.

After Tica and Brian had their first dance and thanked their guests for sharing their day, they brought out a special surprise with entertainment by the Cobo Brothers, professional salsa dancers. Throughout the evening the guests danced to a mix of American and some Latin tunes by the Phase Band.

WEDDING CONSULTANT: A Swanky Affair; Amanda Scott
REHEARSAL DINNER & GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS: R. David Thomas Center
CEREMONY: Washington Duke Inn & Golf Course
RECEPTION: The Great Hall, Duke University
CATERING: Bon Appetit
PHOTOGRAPHER: Joy Lyn Photography
BRIDAL GOWN: Priscilla of Boston
FLORIST: Ninth Street Flowers
REHEARSAL DINNER MUSICIANS: Orquesta GarDel
CEREMONY & COCKTAIL MUSICIANS: John Brown Entertainment
RECEPTION MUSICIANS: Phase Band
LINENS & RENTALS: American Party Rental