

our big day



Brie AND Mike

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You could say Brie Turek's wedding was a politically connected event. Brie, 30, is well-known in Orlando's power circles as Mayor Buddy Dyer's former chief of staff. The mayor and his wife, attorney Karen Dyer, hosted a cocktail reception for wedding guests the night before the ceremony at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek. Brie and Mike Sachse, 40, met in Orlando in 2008 while he was visiting from Washington, D.C., where he works for the U.S. Secret Service. It was his sister, a friend of Brie's, who introduced them. The two began a long-distance courtship that flourished as they visited each other and traveled the world together. In 2009, while in Hawaii, Michael proposed. "The main focus of our wedding was the ceremony," says Brie. "We wanted our friends and family to hear about our 'love story' and how we met, why we fell in love. It was the best day of our lives." The couple now lives in D.C.

■ Above: Brie Turek and Mike Sachse on the grounds of the Waldorf Astoria Orlando. ■ Right: The couple's getaway golf cart. ■ Far right: The bride and groom's first dance in the Grand Ballroom.



■ Clockwise from left: Brie and Mike's ceremony at The Island at Waldorf Astoria Orlando; the wedding cake; the couple with Mayor Buddy and Karen Dyer; Brie's bold-red Stuart Weitzman shoes; the newlyweds' sparkling send-off.



"The sun started shining just before the ceremony, then two white birds fluttered off into the sunset just as we said our 'I Do's.' It was a moment we will never forget!" —Brie



DETAILS

- **Theme:** Modern-minimalist with a touch of Hollywood glam and favorite things in life
- **Wedding Planners:** Waldorf Astoria Orlando wedding planning team, Leslie Klepk and Lisa New; and ceremony coordinator, Michelle Butler Events
- **Caterer:** Waldorf Astoria Orlando
- **Symbolic Snacks:** In honor of personal and family roots in Philadelphia, Brie and Michael had famous Philly soft pretzels flown in.
- **Most Memorable Moment:** The ceremony, hands down—standing before their friends and family during the ceremony and sharing their vows.
- **If They Had a Do-Over:** They'd have planned for a longer reception. They had to extend the DJ and bar service because everyone was still dancing and having a great time.
- **Bridesmaids:** 4
- **Groomsmen:** 4
- **Guests:** 110
- **Bridal Gown:** A Marisa strapless gown with trumpet skirt made of duchess satin and silk organza, and an Erin Cole crystal belt from Solutions Bridal Designer House, Orlando
- **Makeup Artist:** Tania Fernandez Halcón
- **Photographer:** Sterling Photography International, Orlando
- **Videographer:** Pro One Video, Orlando
- **Cake:** Waldorf Astoria Orlando
- **Florist:** Lee Forrest Design, Orlando
- **Stationer:** Design by Cuellar & Sachse, Orlando; paper and printing by Sam Flax, Orlando
- **Entertainment:** Ceremony vocals by Rebecca Bradley, trumpeter Greg Little and pianist Chris Rottmayer; and reception DJ by White Rose Entertainment, Orlando
- **Officiant:** Kent Sterchi, First Presbyterian Church of Orlando
- **Honeymoon:** Sandals Resort in St. Lucia