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Jessica and Anthony

MONTAUK, NY  
10.10.2010  
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*Jessica + Anthony*



**BEFORE THE RING.** Jessica Graves and Anthony Bianco first locked eyes while playing on opposing teams in a dodgeball match in Little Italy, New York. Whether it was love at first sight or just the intensity of the game, they made quite an impression on each other. They had their second encounter just a few weeks later at the gym, where Anthony hung around just long enough to ask Jessica out on a date. The pair went for dinner in the South Street Seaport, followed by a sunset cruise around the Statue of Liberty. Despite the conventional nature of their date, it was then that both Jessica and Anthony began to fall in love. “The day was totally cheesy and absolutely romantic,” Jessica says.

**FEATURED WEDDING PROFESSIONALS**

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**ADDITIONAL CONTACTS:** ACCOMMODATIONS: BEACHCOMBER / CAKE: CAKES BY MONA / COORDINATION: DM EVENTS / ENTERTAINMENT: DJ KEITH & ENCORE MUSIC / EVENT RENTALS & LINENS: CLASSIC PARTY RENTALS / FAVORS: MONTAUK SALT WATER TAFFY & WAT-AAHI / GOWN: ANNE BARGE / HAIR & MAKEUP: ERIKA FRANCO / TUXEDO: J.LINDBERG / WEDDING OFFICIANT: JOANNA FERNANDES

*“ANTHONY WORE MY LATE GRANDFATHER’S CUFF LINKS; I WORE MY MOTHER’S RING,” JESSICA SAYS. “ON MY BOUQUET, I PINNED AN ANTIQUE BIRD OF HAPPINESS THAT I’D BOUGHT WHILE TRAVELING WITH MY DAD.”*

**THE PROPOSAL.** A year and a half later, on the first day of spring, the couple went for a ride on Anthony’s Harley across the Brooklyn Bridge to Dumbo and walked down to the park. On this warm, beautiful day, the pair strolled hand-in-hand, pausing by the playground and sitting on the benches to bask in the sun. Unbeknownst to Jessica, Anthony had plans that would ensure he and Jessica remembered this simple walk through the park for the rest of their lives. While walking, Anthony suddenly let go of Jessica’s hand. To her surprise, he got down on one knee and pulled out the most spectacular diamond ring she had ever seen. In the middle of the bustling park, surrounded by newly blooming flowers, Anthony asked Jessica to be his wife.

**THE CELEBRATION.** Sixty-five of the couple’s closest friends and family witnessed these two best friends exchange vows, which Jessica says was one of her favorite moments of the day. However, this touching moment couldn’t prepare anyone for the energy-filled reception that would follow. As testament to the exuberant personalities of the bride and groom, the dance floor was full the entire evening. What’s more, Jessica and Anthony, in honor of that memorable game of dodgeball, decided to once again exhibit their competitive sides by holding a dance-off, which ended up being one of their favorite moments of the wedding. All the guests were on their feet for most of the night, especially the newlyweds. “I’m so happy we ditched the Sinatra song and choreographed dance we’d originally planned for our first dance,” Jessica says. “Instead we went with ‘Bad Things’ by Jace Everett, and we just freestyled.” This switch-up added an extra flair that boosted the adrenaline levels of all the guests, so they could keep up with the excited newlyweds. Dancing the night away on the East End, Jessica and Anthony could not have chosen a better way to celebrate their beginning.



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