



Lauren & Vaios

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How did Vaios Theodorakos prepare for the BIG moment of asking Lauren Hill to marry him?
“With a lot of stress!”

“We were staying at the Ritz in South Beach, Miami,” Lauren recalls, “and he was really nervous. We went to dinner at Casa Tea, located in an Italian-style villa, distinguishable only by an open gate and diners seated at elegant outdoor tables. It was so romantic. He waited until the last minute of the dinner and asked with tears in his eyes.”

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Vaios Theodorakos, 37, grew up in Belmont, Massachusetts, and for his Greece-born parents, he was their wish for the American Dream. Vaios, who started his own real estate business at 18 and grew it from his two-family home to a nationwide company, is a dynamic, driven individual with a heart of gold. Lauren Hill, an Interior Designer who also sells high-end real estate, grew up further down the east coast in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

The couple met while Lauren was living in Palm Beach. “Our first date,” says Lauren, “was pretty funny. My mother claims that as soon as she heard about Vaios, she knew he was the one. We went to dinner in Mizner Park in Boca Raton, and afterwards he got on the highway and said he had a surprise for me. He drove me to the beach, got out and opened my door, and I saw over ten wrapped presents. Each one was funnier and more thoughtful than the next, representing all little jokes we had for each other. It was so sweet. I still have the presents.”

For five years they continued a long distance relationship until that magical evening in South Beach.

The couple chose the Fairmont Copley Hotel in Boston as their wedding site. “Vaios wished for a beautiful traditional Greek Orthodox wedding. He chose Fairmont Copley because as a boy his father’s first job in America was as a waiter in the restaurant. It was a very proud moment for the entire family. His mother always kept a spoon that was



made of sterling silver from the 1960's, and she gave it to us for our wedding gift."

For Lauren, there was a twinge of sentimentality as well. "Lauren had lost her Grandmother a few months before the wedding, and dedicated the wedding to her. Her name was Jewel and she really was one. She left Lauren pearls that became the inspiration for the wedding. The pearls were strung for Lauren's earrings and bracelet, and were also put in all the flowers and on the wedding dress," said Vaios.

Lauren claims "the best part of the wedding was the surprise video, a montage of Vaios and I growing up and of us together. The entire wedding was cut like a movie and it was so beautiful. It showed me getting ready and the most important parts of the wedding. It looked like a 1940's wedding in black and white, and showing my parents crying and Vaios' first look at me coming down the aisle."

Advice for prospective brides and grooms? "Never hold back! Live for the moment. Your wedding will be one of the best moments of your life. You never want to look back and wish you would have said something or done something more." **LB**

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