

AN ENCHANTED EVENING

See how three creative brides used budding branches to turn their wedding venues into romantic, Shakespearean dreamscapes.

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“*What We’ve Learned*
 “Eat together, alone, during cocktail hour, because you’ll spend so much time talking to everyone and being excited to celebrate that you’ll have little to no time to eat when everyone else does.” –Matthew



WHITE NIGHT Clockwise from far left: The newlyweds share an intimate moment on their wedding day; Bella Flora of Dallas used white sweet peas and ranunculus for Samantha’s bouquet; towering branches, white hydrangeas, ivory majolica spray roses, white o’hare garden roses, long-stemmed dendrobiums, wispy accents of white Phalaenopsis orchids and white-toned lisianthus lined the aisle.



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 Ceremony & Reception: The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas
 Photography by Jenny Martell Photography

Samantha Kurz and Matthew Devito have two meddling matchmakers to thank for their love story: their Dallas-based older sisters! The two SMU grads kept fruitlessly trying to bring Georgetown grad Samantha and Vanderbilt attendee Matthew together. When the sisters’ 2009 SMU graduation hit and both younger siblings were in the same city, they finally got to say, “We told you so!” After several years of dating, Matthew popped the question at their apartment. “We love that our sisters were friends first and now are ‘sisters,’” says Samantha. “Their plan ended up working out perfectly!”

Soon, it was Samantha’s time to plan her big The Ritz-Carlton wedding. For the ceremony, Bella Flora helped the bride create her enchanted forest

vision, lining the aisle with tall branches. At the reception, elegant romance reigned with soft textures, draping and a cornucopia of white flowers. The bride looked enchanting, wearing a fit and flare Romona Keveza dress, plus a little something old and borrowed: her late grandmother’s ring.

Her fondest memory? “My dad’s toast during the reception,” shares Samantha. “I know he started writing it months in advance and was practicing until he basically memorized it. I was so thankful for that, and it meant so much to me that his speech on my wedding day meant so much to him. It’s a speech that I want to listen to over and over again endlessly because every word that came out of his mouth came from his heart and touched everyone else’s in that room.”



ALL THAT GLITTERS
 The Bride accessorized her Romona Keveza dress with sky-high, glittery Giuseppe Zanotti Design peep-toes for a glam wedding look.

WEDDING RESOURCES

- Wedding Planner** Bella Flora, bellafloraofdallas.com
- Wedding Dress** Romona Keveza, romonakeveza.com
- Bride’s Shoes** Giuseppe Zanotti Design, giuseppezanottidesign.com
- Bridesmaid’s Dresses** Monique Lhuillier, moniquelhuillier.com
- Wedding Rings** Custom by Bock Jewelry, 214.692.9000
- Florist** Bella Flora, bellafloraofdallas.com
- Invitations** Cotton Paperie, cottonpaperie.com
- Catering** The Ritz-Carlton, ritzcarlton.com
- Videographer** When It Clicks, whenitclicks.com
- Entertainment** Emerald City Band, emeraldcityband.com