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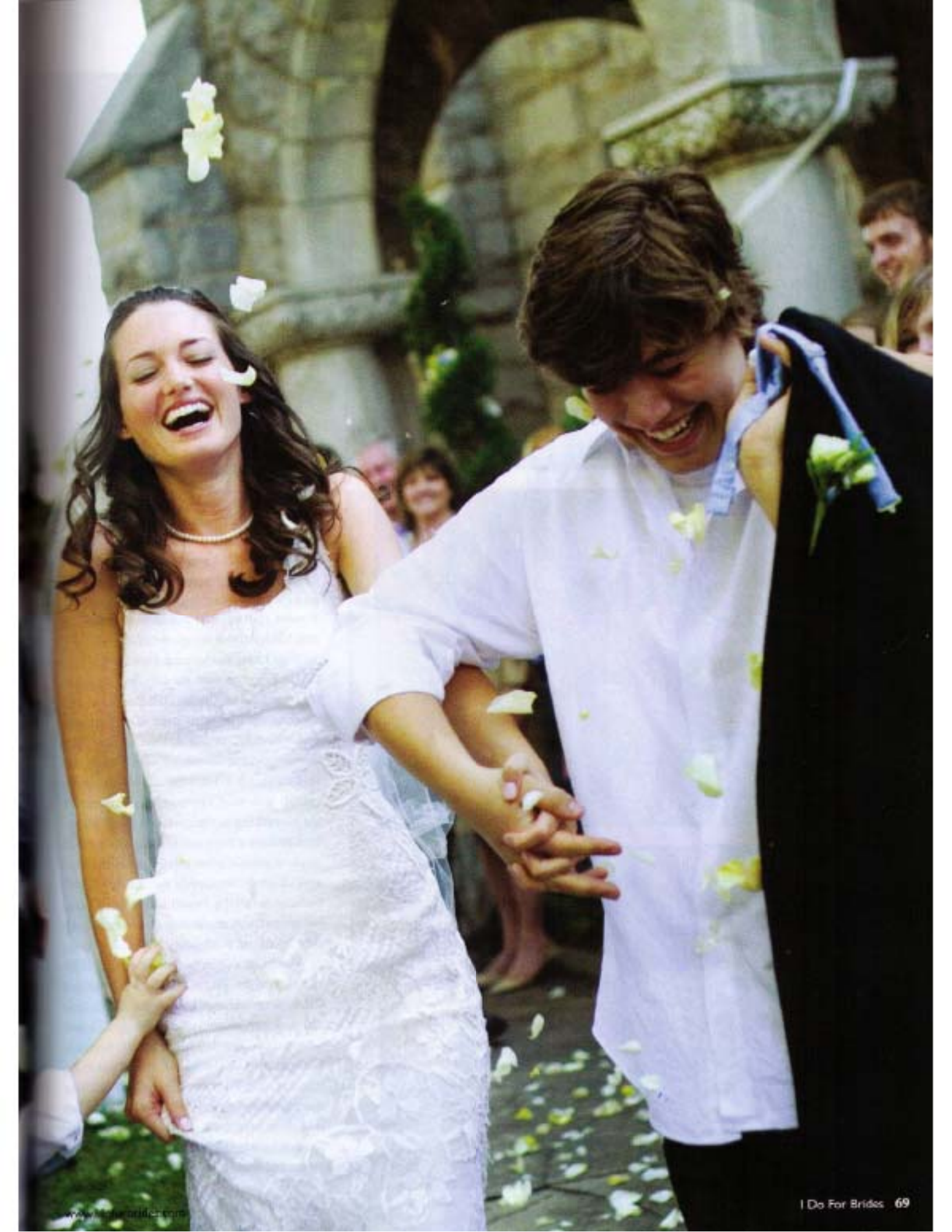
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Family tradition with a Southern feel was the order of the day at the wedding of Kate Tucker and Zac Hanson. Personal touches made the guests feel right at home.

Music plays a large part in the lives of Kate and Zac Hanson. In fact, it brought them together, as well as played a part in their engagement and wedding. The couple met in 2000 when Kate came to see Zac's band, Hanson, play in Atlanta. A mutual friend was working for the band at the time and introduced them.

They dated for four years, and then one night, the couple was having dinner at the Atlanta Grill. Zac excused himself, and when he returned to the table, he had his guitar with him. "He sang me this beautiful song that he had written," Kate says. Zac then said he had went ahead and ordered dessert. The waiter brought out a covered platter, and when he lifted the lid, "The ring was right there in a bed of beautiful roses, and he asked me to marry him. It was really sweet," Kate says. >>





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When it came time to plan the big day, Kate first chose Rhodes Hall as her reception location. "I knew from then on, every decision I would have to make, I'd have to picture in that setting," she says. "I chose Rhodes Hall because it was really beautiful and I loved the atmosphere of it."

Kate knew she wanted a wedding planner to help her plan the big day. At a get-together held at Rhodes Hall for brides and vendors, she met April Trigg of eventologic, and they hit it off immediately. "She understood the vibe that I wanted, and just really got what we were all about," Kate says. It was very important to the couple for everything at their wedding and reception to have a personal touch. "We wanted to show people what was important to us, and make it memorable for them not just because it was a beautiful wedding, but because it was about our love and about the two of us," Kate says.

Music was one personal touch. The couple had the Thomas Dorsey Birthplace Choir serenade the 140 guests at the traditional ceremony, while the jazz band Squat entertained at the reception. Since Georgia girl Kate knew she would be moving away after the wedding, the reception was a nod to her roots. To give it a Southern feel, she focused on the food, which was catered by Catering 101. "I wanted food people would be comfort-

where guests could snap their own pictures. The couple also had a "photo booth" the perfect dress. I loved it."

couldn't be altered. And it fit me. It was just really old, some of it was new lace. It really pieced together. Some of it was vintage and she says, "It was a dress that was all lace dress shopping. I wanted my own style," actually the first one Kate tried on while Opulent Creations in Atlanta, and was dress itself was made by Christina Sands of pattern all over the cake with icing. The kind lace wedding dress and recreated the cake. Lotti took a piece of Kate's one-of-a-kind lace wedding dress and recreated the Cream and Zach's favorite of turtle cheese-between Kate's favorite of Bailey's Irish Lotti of Classic Cheesecakes that alternated which was a four-tiered creation by Mark Another personal touch was the cake, one from Japan and one from England.

sent Kate while he was on tour, including collected, as well as teapots that Zac had teapots that Kate and her mom had white roses and calla lilies were put in centerpieces, blue and white hydrangeas, but so good and comforting," she says. For Georgia peanut soup. "It was so different, fondue. Kate's favorite thing was a truffle later tots with Manchego cheese fried green tomatoes, BBQ brisket and Georgia pecan-crusted smoked trout with The menu included fried chicken, able with, but also had a twist," she says.

"[Bryan Johnson] had done it at other weddings, Zac has a big family, and they are all so much fun. I just kept thinking they'd really get into it. It ended up being one of my very favorite things of the day, because it just captured that aspect of our wedding, people really enjoying themselves," Kate says. With all of the little touches to make their wedding special and unique, what

sticks with Kate the most is her groom and the ceremony. "When I think about that day, I think about the moments, like right after we were married and just looking at each other. We had talked about getting married for so long and we both wanted it so bad. I think about those moments when it was just the two of us, and how special it was," Kate says. **116**

