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*Dear Friends,*

This year will take LaCour all over the country, with weddings in Miami, New Orleans, the Grand Canyon, and The Hamptons in New York. We feel honored to be trusted with such a significant day in people's lives.

Each new family we meet reminds us of the importance of what we do.

Enjoy the celebrations in your life, both big and small. In the end, they are what you remember the most, and what make a life feel well-lived.

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Erin Reed

*Mark*

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# *La Cour on the Press*

Andrew and Rachel's portraits of contestants at the World Beard and Moustache Championships in Berlin were featured in *LIFE* magazine in November. More than 200 contestants from 20 countries were judged in facial-hair categories ranging from imperial to wild-west goatee.

Working together on each portrait, Andrew and Rachel used a Canon EOS 1Ds with ProFoto lights and one umbrella. The frames were shot at ISO 50 at f/22 to maximize depth of field and to make every detail sharp. The portraits can be viewed at [lacourphoto.com](http://lacourphoto.com), under Features.



Willi Chevalier of Germany holds the world title for his three-decker beard.



Newlyweds Margaret Kresge and Mason Poe share their first dance.

**S**outhern Seasons magazine launched its premiere issue April 1 with a feature on the wedding of Margaret Kresge and Mason Poe, photographed by LaCour.

The Atlanta wedding took place at The Cathedral of St. Philip, with a reception at The Capital City Club.

The Del Baroni Orchestra provided music, while event designer Robert Long incorporated

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Event designer Robert Long creatively packaged rose petals for the exit.

florals, custom lighting and other design aesthetics. Margaret wore a Vera Wang gown with vintage Oscar de la Renta gold sandals.

**W**PPPI Photography Monthly, published by Wedding and Portrait Photographers International, featured LaCour as its Studio of the Month in December. The article focused on LaCour's unique branding efforts and the division of labor among its four principals.

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A romantic photograph of a couple dancing in a grassy field. A large, leafy tree stands on the left, its branches reaching across the top of the frame. The couple is silhouetted against a bright, low sun on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The man is on the left, holding the woman's hand, and they are both looking towards each other. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky.

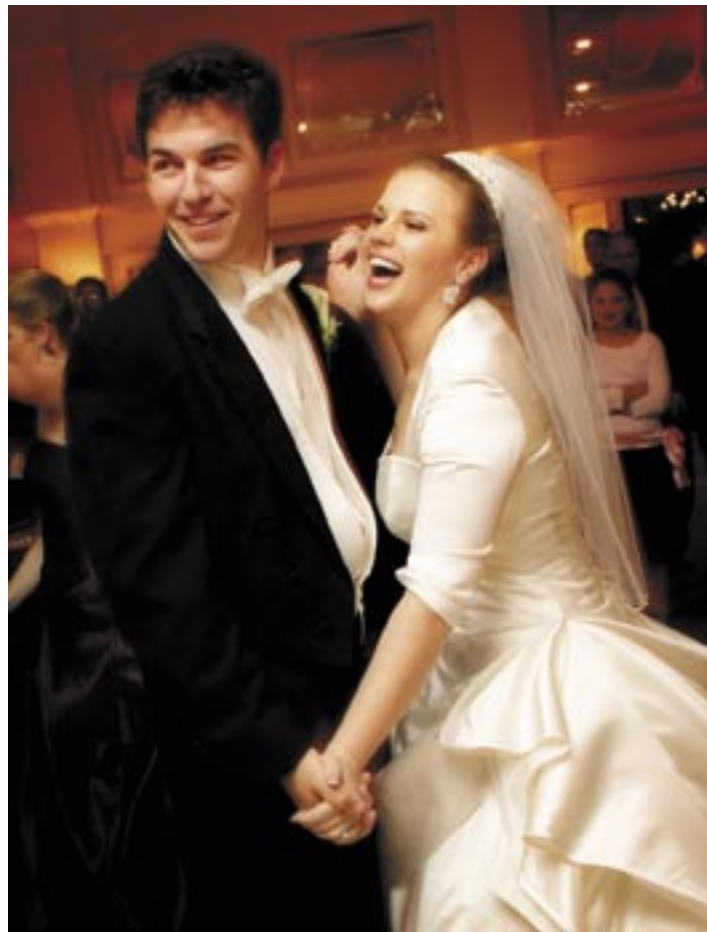
## *Two Step*

LaCour photographers encourage couples to relax, be themselves and have fun during their engagement sessions. Mark captured this moment between Neely and Brad in the fall.

# Wedding Bells and Baseballs

High-school sweethearts Laura Crews and Stephen Drew were married in their hometown of Valdosta, Ga., in November. Stephen was a first-round draft pick with the Arizona Diamondbacks. The event drew big names in baseball, such as the groom's brother and groomsman J.D. Drew, who plays for the L.A. Dodgers and was formerly with the Atlanta Braves. Stephen's other brother, Tim Drew, also plays professionally. The family is often referred to as the "first family of baseball."

The couple used a baseball theme throughout the wedding. On top of a traditional reception dinner, guests also were treated to Cracker Jacks and hot dogs. The groom's cake, by Buckhead Wedding Cakes, was shaped like a baseball equipment bag.





## Autumn in Georgia

Adrian Sasine of Atlanta researched years of meteorological records to find the perfect day to marry his love, Dawn Lieber. His work paid off. November 6 was an idyllic autumn day of mild temperatures, gently falling leaves and vibrant fall colors.

The outdoor ceremony at the historic mansion ruins of Barnsley Gardens Resort in Adairsville, Ga., provided a setting of warm yellows, oranges and reds, which were also incorporated into the chuppa, bouquets and centerpieces made by M.G. Floral Designs of Atlanta. Dinner was served inside the open-air, ivy-draped mansion. Votive candles were tucked inside every nook of the ruins, casting a warm glow into the atmosphere.

## White and Wintry

Rebecca Harper and Elliott Davenport of Chattanooga, Tenn., chose December for their celebration.

After their ceremony at All Saints Episcopal in Atlanta, the couple treated guests to dinner and dancing under a heated white tent behind the Peachtree Golf Club.

Rebecca wanted the event to have a wintry feel. Guests entered the reception through a row of lanterns hung on white-painted branches, made by Le Jardin Français of Atlanta. Inside, tables featured white florals, and a chandelier made of white branches hung from the ceiling.

Bridesmaids wore pale blue dresses accented with off-white sashes.

Atlanta band “Anita” kept the dance floor energized and packed throughout the evening.





**M**ark made this photo of North Carolina bride Alex Classen during her bridal portrait session. Her antique veil, made by hand in the 18th century, has been worn by generations of women in her family.

To emphasize the pattern of the veil, Mark placed the bride in front of a white fabric backdrop lit with a remotely triggered flash unit from the rear. He made the image with a Canon EOS-1D Mark II digital camera and a 70-200 mm, f/2.8 lens.