



SWEET SUMMER CELEBRATION

Shannon Sweeney & Shawn Kruse | Four Seasons Aviara, Carlsbad

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As Shannon and Shawn headed to their mutual friend's birthday party in January 2003, they had no idea they'd meet the love of their lives that evening. Two years later, during a "Sweeney



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family trip” to the Bahamas, the couple went on an evening stroll to a spot overlooking the sparkling ocean. Shawn leaned over, whispered in Shannon’s ear and asked her to marry him. Without hesitation, Shannon agreed to the proposal and then realized the engagement ring was the one she had fell in love with five months earlier in Aruba. The tropical proposal led to an unforgettable summer wedding.

Invitations *Papyrus* **Floral & Event Design** *Anna’s Florist* brought the couple’s theme of “Summer Elegance” to life. The atmosphere was decorated with vibrant fire orange-red and deep purple for an upbeat and exotic feel. **Lighting** *MI Media Productions* created a warm glow perfect for dancing. **Linens** *Elegant Design Specialty Linens* **Rentals** *Classic Party Rentals* **Catering** Guests were greeted upon arrival with a festive signature drink appropriately named The Tahitian Treat. The gourmet meal started with five delectable hors d’oeuvres, followed by an endive and spinach leaf salad, and for the main course, roasted Alaskan halibut and sirloin steak. In lieu of a wedding cake, an enormous table of goodies followed the dinner, complete with four chocolate fountains from *Orange County Chocolate Fountains*. After dancing the evening away, guests were surprised with a “Midnight Munchies” buffet, including miniature cheese burgers, gourmet chicken tenders and personal-size pizzas. **Entertainment** The couple flew in a band from North Carolina, *Rubberband*, to entertain guests with southern funk music. **Wedding Gown** *Lazaro, Mon Amie* **Hair & Makeup** *Jose Eber* **Bridesmaid Dresses** *Vera Wang* **Formalwear** *Tommy Hilfiger, After Hours Formalwear* **Honeymoon** Tahiti

