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TAYLOR YOUPA & MATTHEW JOHNSON
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THE PERFECT TOUCH

FOR ONE DALLAS COUPLE,
A PERSONALIZED PARTY AT THE NASHER FILLED
WITH *MEANINGFUL DETAILS*
MADE FOR A NIGHT TO REMEMBER.



WHEN MATT JOHNSON MET TAYLOR YOUPA at a pub in Dallas, they were each out with friends. But once they made introductions and started talking, it was as if they were the only two people there.

"We talked for hours—about traveling, what we were doing," Taylor recalls of their meeting. "He just seemed like a really good guy, and he was really cute, so we went on a date a couple days later."

Matt, who was in his second year of business school at SMU, was immediately taken with how accomplished and driven Taylor was. Taylor, a teacher, liked that Matt pursued her and didn't play games. It felt different from the start.

When Matt graduated with his MBA a year later, he fielded job offers from out of state but turned them down. "I knew that staying here with her was what I wanted," he says. "I knew I had met my future wife."

Though he did spend a year in Austin, he and Taylor visited constantly, and he took a job in Dallas the first chance he could. Before long, they moved in together.

In August of 2013, after three years of dating, they planned a getaway to Hilton Head, South Carolina. Matt thought it would be the perfect setting for a proposal. He planned to pop the question the first night of their vacation, atop a lighthouse at sunset. But rain dampened his plans. Thankfully, the next night was clear—just like Taylor's answer.

For their ceremony, the bride quickly decided on First United Methodist Church, where her parents got