



# After the Rain

CANDACE FLORES AND JONATHON CARRILLO

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*As the saying goes*, “Life is like a rainbow. You need both the sun and the rain to make its colors appear.” Candace Flores and Jon Carrillo enjoyed their rainbow following a refreshing spring rain, as they wed in a celebration that honored Spanish Colonial and Sonoran-Mexican traditions.

The lucky rain shower made the elaborately-cast stone façade of St. Augustine Cathedral’s shine above the wedding party, as they made their entrance into the grand vestibule. The bride carried antique charms entwined in her bouquet of peonies, in memory of loved ones.

Mariachi Aztlan festively announced the newlyweds as the celebration continued to the reception at the Stillwell House &

RECEPTION LOCATION: The Stillwell House & Gardens

PHOTOGRAPHER: Lyn Sims Photographer

WEDDING COORDINATOR: Flores Event Design

FLORAL DESIGN: Paula Wertman Classic Design,  
Sauliz Floral Dezigns & Villa Feliz Flowers

CATERING: El Charro Café

CAKE: Village Bakehouse

ENTERTAINMENT: Fantastic Five and Master Mixx

INVITATIONS: A Fine Line Stationery & Gift Boutique

LINENS AND RENTALS: Tucson Party Rentals and  
PRO EM Party Concepts

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Lodge on the Desert

REHEARSAL DINNER: El Charro Café

REHEARSAL DINNER CAKE: Ambrosia of Tucson

Garden. Guests mingled in the courtyard breezeway, decorated as a festive hacienda-style lounge with comfortable couches and candle-lit tables adorned with ivory floral arrangements and wedding photos from both families. A bounty of Sonoran-style delicacies created by Chef Carlotta Flores for the occasion included fresh salsas, gourmet guacamole and dips, bacon-wrapped shrimp and sizzling mini-chimichangas. Signature mango, hibiscus, and traditional margaritas were on hand in addition to wine, Mexican beer and top-shelf tequilas with a variety of fresh fruit dipped in spiced candied tamarind.

When dinner was served, friends and family entered the main house to find tables swathed in a double layer of cream linens with finely filigreed pewter chargers, elegant silver place settings, and budding vases of delicate roses, Lily of the Valley, and hyacinth. The generous, authentic Sonoran meal was presented on elegant china.

After-dinner celebrations in the courtyard included a whimsical take on a Mexican candy store. “Dulceria Carrillo” boasted mounds of homemade pan dulces, Mexican wedding cookies, childhood candy favorites and fresh fruits, surrounding a magnificent cake adorned in gold marzipan and delicate heart milagro.

The celebration spilled into the romantic corners of the garden, under festive Mexican star lights and lush topiaries, where guests lounged with satisfied spirits. Well-wishers departed with homemade empanadas marked with “Buenas Noches” as a parting gift from the newlyweds.