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Lydia Jones & Justin Pizzonia

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Lydia Jones still gets emotional when she describes the moment she exchanged vows with Justin Pizzonia. "Our four-year-old daughter Kylie came and stood right between us all on her own as if she knew she was a part of this," Lydia says. "It was a beautiful moment for all of us as we became a family." Lydia and Justin shared that incredible moment with 170 guests, not to mention millions of viewers throughout the United States. Their May 27 ceremony and reception were featured in July on the WE television network's "Platinum Weddings" show.



"Justin and I have a remarkable story, which was topped only by a spectacular wedding," Lydia says. Their story began seven years ago, when they met at a party. They dated for about a month, then went their separate ways. But after Justin was in a serious car accident, Lydia, who by that time was a mother to daughter Kylie, came to the hospital to stay by his side. That's when they realized they were still in love. "We had a long-distance relationship, but we made it work," Justin says. "And after a year, we both knew we were supposed to be together."



While celebrating their college graduations by traveling along the Amalfi coast in Italy, Justin popped the question. Lydia couldn't help but say, "Yes!"

The couple worked with Jo Ann Schwartz Woodward of wedding consulting firm Schwartz & Woodward to plan their dream wedding—a Memorial Day weekend fairytale celebration. The wedding took place at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa in Phoenix. "The ceremony was intimate, romantic and very Old World and magical," Lydia says. A hand-painted runner streamed down a dramatic aisle decorated with the couple's monogram. Framing the stage

where the starry-eyed couple pledged their love to one another stood nine-foot-high iron trees topped with lush green orchids. During the cocktail hour, servers in white gloves passed cocktails and hors d'oeuvre while guests enjoyed Italian arias performed by an opera singer.



For the reception, guests gathered in a ballroom decorated in shades of plum, green and gold, set aglow by washes of gold and lavender lighting. There, they savored a seven-course meal that included seafood cocktail, pomegranate sorbet and beef filet, before dancing atop a floor custom designed with an imprint of the couple's elegant monogram. Tears came after the couple's first dance, when Justin shared a special dance with his new daughter, Kylie. Capturing every moving moment were Arizona-based photographer Frank Frost and Houston's own A&A Video Productions.



Reflecting on their remarkable story and wedding, Lydia can't help but feel blessed. "Everything we could have possibly imagined having at our wedding came true," she says.

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