



NEW ORLEANS

A FINE Fete

PHILADELPHIANS LEILA AND RIAN MIX ELEGANCE AND FUN IN THE BIG EASY.

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“After an elegant wedding at **Terrell House Bed & Breakfast** in New Orleans’ Garden District, we danced down the street in a second-line parade, following a brass band to **The Tasting Room New Orleans** for an after-party. The city had become a central character in our destination-wedding story, documented by **CinemaCake Filmmakers**.

Nine years earlier, I met my groom, Rian, at a business meeting in Philadelphia, where we work as special-event professionals. When Rian proposed in Rittenhouse Square, we set the date — November 14, 2015 — and enlisted local friends at **Uncommon Events** to plan our wedding in one of our favorite cities.

We stayed with 30 of our 75 guests at Terrell House, and other guests stayed in nearby hotels, including **W New Orleans** and **International House Hotel**. We hosted a rehearsal dinner at **Tableau** and a welcome gathering at the **Loa Bar**.

On the big day, guests joined us at sunset for lighthearted vows at the Terrell House entrance. We chose a handfasting ritual to bind our marriage together. Cocktails and passed hors d’oeuvres were served in the adjacent courtyard before a buffet dinner that included shrimp and grits and bananas Foster flambé. Dancing ensued with **James Andrews Band** and **DJ Marc Fisher**. Locals came out to join us as we paraded to the after-party, and we were honored to share with them the most amazing time of our life in a city with so much heart and soul.” — *Leila Winther*

1. ATTIRE Leila wore a Rosa Clara gown; the groom sported Hugo Boss. **2. BRIDESMAIDS** The girls chose their own dresses. **3. CAKE** Pure Cake created the chocolate fondant confection. **4. VOWS** The bride and groom wrote their vows in books from BHLN.com. **5. COCKTAIL HOUR** Spicy bloody mary shots accompanied oysters from Acme Oyster House. **6. RECEPTION** Seating was open at round tables in the Terrell House courtyard. **7. INVITATIONS** The Papery designed invites made of wood. **8. DECOR** Brass vases came from Magpie Vintage Rentals. Planners ordered flowers from Mayesh. **9. WEDDING PARTY** The couple did away with the traditional split of guys on one side, ladies on the other.