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Busy Philipps & Marc Silverstein

The actress and her screenwriter groom bowl over their pals with a surprise L.A. wedding



Busy Philipps & Marc Silverstein, June 16, 2007

Actress Busy Philipps, of *ER* and *Dawson's Creek* fame, and *Never Been Kissed* scribe Marc Silverstein didn't intend to go about the business of getting hitched backward. Yet the couple chose a venue and Philipps bought a gown *before* they picked out an engagement ring. "Once we had those three things," says the groom, 36, with a chuckle, "we were like, 'Guess we're getting married!'"

The pair first met at an L.A. audition in 2001 but didn't begin dating until they crossed paths again in 2005. When they became engaged earlier this year, the two decided to keep it under wraps in order to throw a surprise wedding. Under the guise of a secret 28th birthday bash for Philipps, Silverstein lured 120 friends to the Marvimon House in L.A. When Philipps stepped out from behind a curtain wearing a strapless organza-and-tulle Vera Wang gown and a 1910 round-diamond ring, "Everyone was like, '*Surprise!* What the ...?'" she recalls. "People gasped audibly. I took the mike and said, 'We're getting married tonight!'"

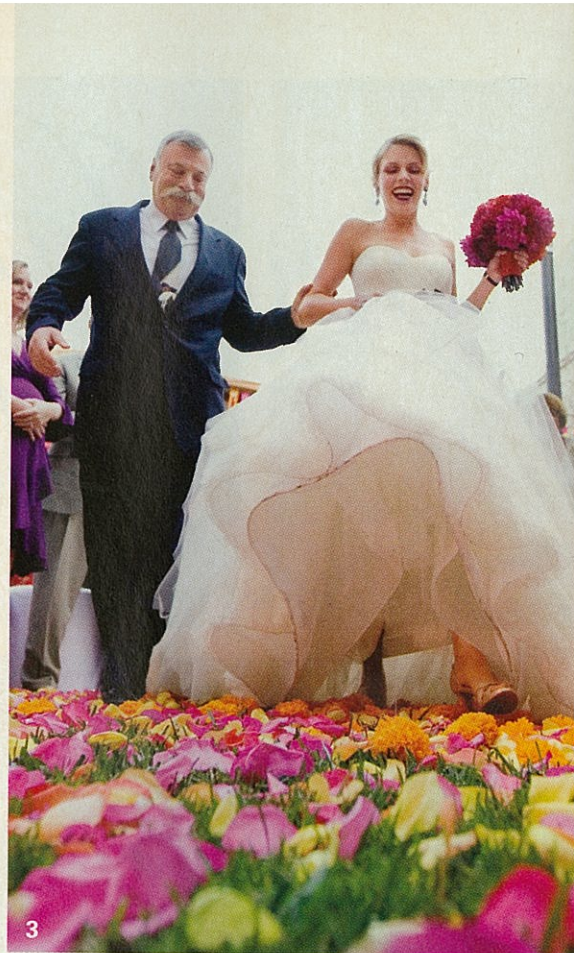
To pull off their elaborate ruse in style, the pair turned to L.A. event guru Jo Gartin, who created a chic, colorful look by contrasting the loftlike venue's brick and concrete walls with bright flowers and ribbons. After an outdoor ceremony, guests including Michelle Williams and Ali Larter dined and danced. "We got exactly what we wanted," says Philipps. "An awesome party with all of our friends." ■



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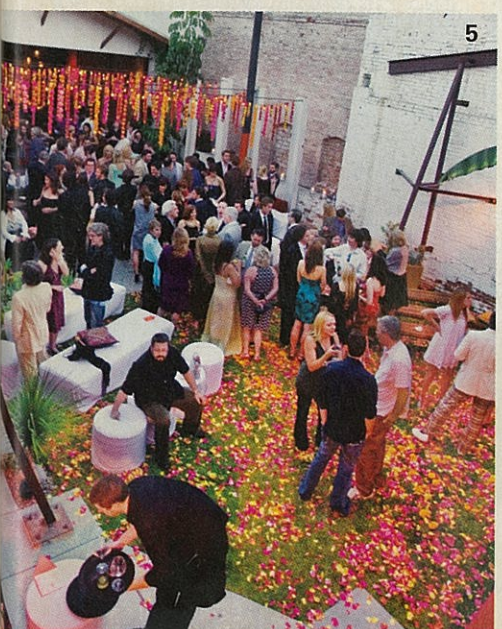


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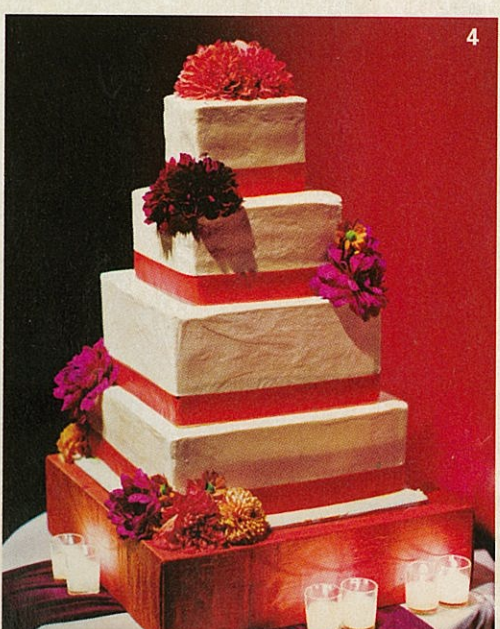
1 Philipps's close friend Michelle Williams, who dubbed herself a "secret bridesmaid," helped the actress into her Vera Wang gown before the ceremony. **2** Gartin created "bright and colorful tables" by filling jewel-tone vintage vases from La Brea Antique Collection with chrysanthemums, peonies, hydrangeas, roses and lisianthus in orange, hot pink and purple hues. **3** The bride's father, Joseph, escorted Philipps down a grass aisle blanketed with marigolds and rose petals. **4** L.A. cake-maker Fantasy Frostings whipped up a four-tier confection with alternating chocolate-fudge and red-velvet layers, which Gartin adorned with fresh dahlias. **5** The planner designed the outdoor ceremony site to double as a cocktail lounge by forgoing standard folding chairs in favor of comfy ottomans and cushioned banquettes. **6** Dinner was served at long wooden tables inside Marvimon House. **7** Since Philipps is, as she puts it, "obsessed with marigolds," Gartin attached them to colorful ribbons and strung them like a canopy across the courtyard. **8** Guests Ali Larter, Jason Packham and Nicole Sullivan cozied up to the bride.



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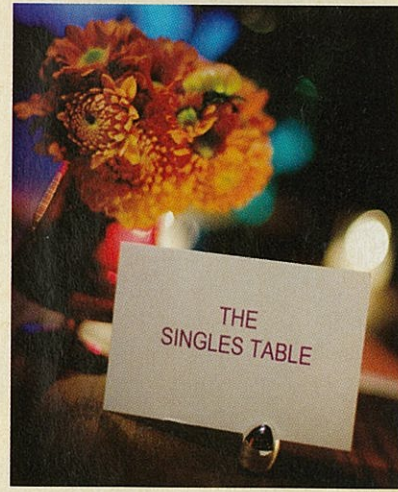


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Seating guests based on their similarities, like age or marital status, is a common enough practice, but Philipps and Silverstein tweaked this tradition by calling out these groups with playful signs rather than table numbers. "Our siblings were at the Kids Table," says the groom. "And our parents and agents were at the Grown-Ups Table."