

PHILADELPHIA

France & Melvin

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LOVE IN THE AIR



With their original party plans on hold due to the pandemic, this local couple made the quick decision to host an intimate ceremony at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

DESPITE THE COUNTLESS hours they spend in the sky, neither France Anderson, a flight attendant, nor Melvin Jefferson, a pilot, expected to find love at 30,000 feet. All that changed in May 2018, when they serendipitously crossed paths on Delta Flight 1601.

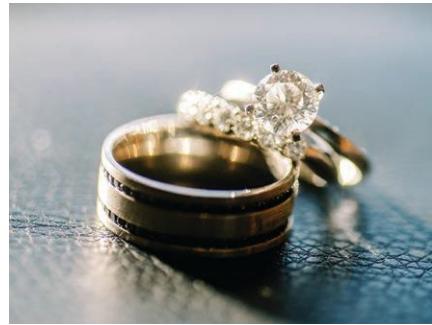
Melvin, a Philadelphia native, was traveling off-duty when he accidentally spilled a drink—leading to a chance encounter with the “kind, helpful” flight attendant on board. Before deplaning, he passed along a note asking her out for coffee. “I never entertained such offers,” France says, “but my intuition told me to give him a chance.” They were engaged 10 months later.

The pandemic put a pause on the couple’s plan for a 230-person celebration at Cairnwood Estate (they’ve rescheduled for this coming September)—but it didn’t stop them from officially getting hitched. With just 45 days’ notice, France and Melvin gathered their families and bridal party for a microwedding at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel. “Our day truly could not have been more special.” ■





Clockwise from top: The Philadelphia skyline view from Loews Philadelphia Hotel; the bride with her new groom; France opted to save her real wedding gown for their big celebration next year and wore a different gown to tie the knot; the bride's engagement ring from Milani Diamonds and wedding band from Govberg Jewelers with the groom's wedding band from Benari Jewelers. Opposite page: White-and-green florals by Green Soles Design.



The List

Ceremony & Reception Loews Philadelphia Hotel,
loewshotels.com

Bride's Gown Lulus, lulus.com

Bride's Jewelry Dareth Colburn, darethcolburn.com

Groom's Tux Jos. A. Bank, josbank.com

Groom's Shoes Wolf & Shepherd, wolfdanshepherd.com

Rings Hers: Govberg Jewelers, govbergjewelers.com;

His: Benari Jewelers, benarijewelers.com

Florals Carolyn Brady, Green Soles Design

Catering Loews Philadelphia Hotel, loewshotels.com

Cake SophistiCakes, sophisticakes-pa.squarespace.com

Rentals Something Borrowed Blooms,

somethingborrowedblossoms.com