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Britney's

Wedding Album

The couple tell
all about their
secret ceremony,
tearful vows and
her hope to have
a baby next year

**BRITNEY SPEARS
& KEVIN FEDERLINE**
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The Setting

Aiming for secrecy, the couple opted to marry at a private home in Studio City (near right). A female minister conducted the nondenominational ceremony (above), which was "very light and spiritual," says bridesmaid Culotta. Florist Mark Held used "thousands of roses" in red and hot pink—the bride's color choices—and more than 500 candles for the ceremony and the reception held in a tent in the backyard. The white-chocolate butter cake, by Sam Godfrey of Perfect Endings, was decorated with edible pearls, and the buffet (far right) featured chicken fingers, Louisiana crab cakes and mashed potatoes: "Country food," says Spears.



In Their Own Words

How did you and Britney spend the night before the wedding, following her bridal shower?

Kevin: We had a two-story bungalow at the Fairmont. And I am upstairs sitting there waiting around for an hour while her girlfriends are getting her all ready downstairs. I just broke down, started crying, when I saw her in her little [lingerie] outfit. She had a CD we like—Phil Collins's greatest hits—and candles lit all over the room.

Britney: The wicked Britney came out.

K: It was just amazing.

B: You already had my heart before; you really got my heart [then].

K: On that night we just had a very, very strong connection. I knew that I loved her and that I'd stay with her forever, but I just didn't expect the tone of that night.

Describe the wedding, starting when you walked down the aisle.

B: It's a moment you can't really describe. It takes your breath away.

K: I hadn't seen her until then. I was overwhelmed.

B: It was like my fairy-tale dream.

K: I lost it a couple of times when her dad gave her away to me. I was just kind of holding back and then I remember looking over at her mom, and we

both started to cry. I just remember looking at [Britney] while the minister was talking and we just kept telling each other, "I love you, I love you."

What came after the vows?

K: There was kind of a reception but not a lot of dancing. We danced maybe just one dance. I think it was some Journey song ["Lights"].

B [singing]: "When the lights go down in the city..."

[Kevin begins to cry and Britney follows suit. He apologizes. She holds him. They kiss and wipe their tears.]

Care to dish about your wedding night at the Hotel Bel-Air?

K: I just told the wedding planner that I wanted [the suite] to be more than amazing. There must have been 50 to 100 candles.

B: The bed was the most amazing thing. There were rose petals two feet up in the air, formed into a heart. I wanted to run and jump into it.

K: It was great—all night.

B [laughing]: Oh my God.

What time did you wake up the next morning?

K: I don't think we've woken up. It's like a dream.

B: Oh, baby. I love you.

K: I love you too.



THEY DO "This is the happiest I have seen him," Federline's dad, Mike, says of the groom (in a tux by #1 Fox at Scott Hill). Adds best man Jimmy Federico: "He's gone through so many ups and downs the past year. It was great to see my best friend is with someone who truly cares about him."

