



Jessica Harp and Jason Mowery

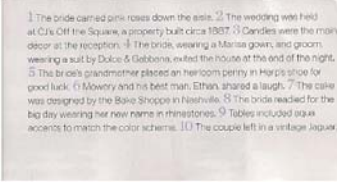
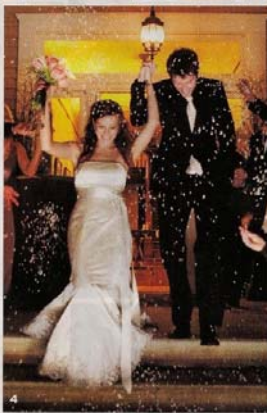
The country singer and her fiddle-playing groom hit all the right notes at their down-home nuptials in Tennessee

courtship When Jessica Harp, 26, needed a fiddle player for her country group with Michelle Branch, The Wrckers, someone fortuitously recommended Jason Mowery, 32, who was touring with Keith Urban at the time. Their connection was instant, and the two quickly became a romantic duo. "I think we knew from the very beginning that we were crazy about each other," says Harp. Mowery couldn't agree more, adding, "We both deeply feel that we were put together for a reason."

proposal Conspiring with Harp's manager, Mowery orchestrated a mock photo shoot to lure the singer to Nashville's historic Ryman Auditorium, where the couple met and played their first gig together. When Harp entered, Mowery was center stage, holding a brilliant round-cut diamond engagement ring. Behind him hung a blown-up picture of country legends Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash, who also met at the Ryman.

reception The couple chose to have an intimate sit-down dinner of citrus- and vodka-cured Alaskan salmon in a tented pavilion at CJ's Off the Square, a historic house and garden in the town of Franklin. The February 4, 2008, affair was kept small, with about 47 guests attending. "Our lives are spent on the road, never getting to see our friends and family," explains Harp. "So for our wedding, I really wanted to have quality time with each and every person." That is, when the couple weren't dancing the night away. —Nicole Mann Novick

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The couple contacted each guest before the wedding to solicit their favorite songs for the reception. "It was a cool idea that made the guests feel involved," says Mowery. The soundtrack also included couple favorites like AC/DC (the groom's choice) and REO Speedwagon, which Harp says had her and all the women in her family "on the dance floor, singing at the top of our lungs."

