



Lauren
LeBlanc
to
Ryan
Haydel
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HAPPILY
EVER HAYDEL

Sweet
Love

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Lauren wasn't looking for love when Ryan and his kids moved into her neighborhood. Being neighborly, Lauren invited Ryan and the kids over to hang out at her house so their kids could play. Unknown to her, Ryan was falling a bit more for Lauren each time they spent time together.

loves to do. The fates seemed to be on the couple's side when the card reader told them that they were soulmates that would last through the times. At this moment, Ryan got down on one knee and asked Lauren to be his forever. Of course she said yes.

"I never had any intention of dating him, but apparently he had his eye on me! He asked me out a few times before I decided to go out to dinner with him. He was nervous around me, so I didn't get to see the real Ryan until that first date," Lauren says. "He was hilarious and funny and totally not the quiet and reserved guy who would come over and hang out with us. I fell in love with Ryan when I got to know the real Ryan."

Embracing natural textures, plenty of candlelight and using local venues, Lauren and Ryan kept true to their roots with their classic New Orleans theme.

In early 2016, Lauren was working late at one of her Fleurdy Girl locations when Ryan picked her up to go on their weekly date night. After dinner, Ryan took Lauren to get her tarot cards read in Jackson Square which she

But their most important addition to their wedding was their love for each other.

"You can fill a room with food, tables, flowers and people, but it's the most special weddings that the love fills the room, too," Lauren says. "I have waited my whole life for a man as wonderful as him, and when the doors opened, there he was. It was magical and perfect and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with Ryan."

One surprise kept from the guests was having The Roots of Music appear for a second time just after the first kiss. The non-profit group provides instruments and music education for children in New Orleans.



Ryan surprised Lauren by having a Fleurty Girl inspired groom's cake made with "My Girl" in the place of her logo.



Lauren kept DJ Jubilee's guest appearance a surprise from everyone, so it was an exciting moment for all the locals who grew up listening to his music!



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