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SWETHA GONDI & JESSE NEWCOMB

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Swetha Gondi admits that she and Jesse Newcomb had a long engagement—but she can tell you why: “Indian weddings take a *century* to plan,” she laughs. All the work put in was worth it, though: The couple pulled out all the stops for a three-day celebration in Kansas City, near where they’d met while studying at the University of Kansas. Although three different events took place in the same space at the enormous Kansas City Marriott Downtown, their nearly 1,000 guests were treated to a completely unique experience each time, thanks to the incredible work of HMR Designs. There was an underwater-themed sangeet inspired by *The Little Mermaid*, a “red-rosed wonderland” with more than 20,000 blooms for the traditional South Indian ceremony, and an all-white reception complete with white rose-filled glass tables. A masterfully designed menu featured South Indian creations with American twists, and, in lieu of a cake, there were desserts from around the world, including 44 kinds of pastries, macarons and jalebis, a popular South Indian treat. “We would give anything to relive our wedding weekend,” Swetha says. “But since we can’t, we will cherish all the memories that were made from it.”



Clockwise from top: The sangeet had an under-the-sea theme; rose petals fell around the newlyweds; HMR Designs used 20,000 roses in the decor; tables were set with navy linens and white florals for the reception.

THE LIST

Wedding Planner Elizabeth Priya Kumar, premievents.com
Bride's Gowns Sari: purchased in Hyderabad, India; Reception: Berta, LFayBridal.com
Bride's Hair & Makeup Hair: Krish Jones, luxebeautygroup.co; Makeup: Affan Graber Malik, glowbyaffan.com
Groom's Tux Pinstripes, pinstripesclothing.com
Rings TIVOL, tivol.com
Florals HMR Designs, hmrdesigns.com
Catering Gaurav Anand, gaurav-anand.com
Invitations Raga Wedding Cards, facebook.com/ragacards
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Tablescapes, tablescapes.com
Linens Nüage Designs, nuagedesigns.com; Tailored Elements, tailoredelements.com
Lighting Frost, frostchicago.com
Escort Cards Niru & Baku, niruandbaku.com
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