

This Magic Moment

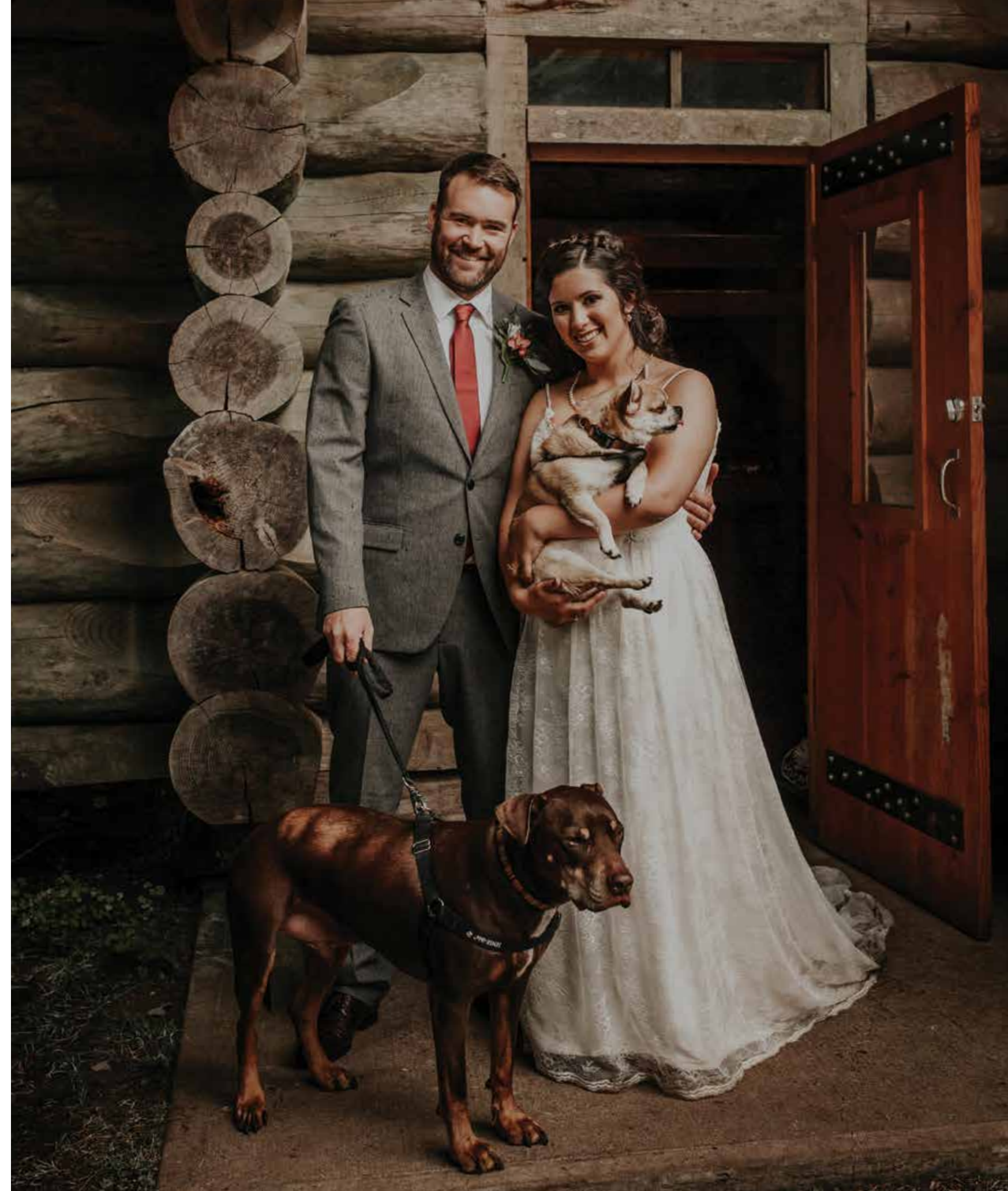
A SHERWOOD FOREST WEDDING

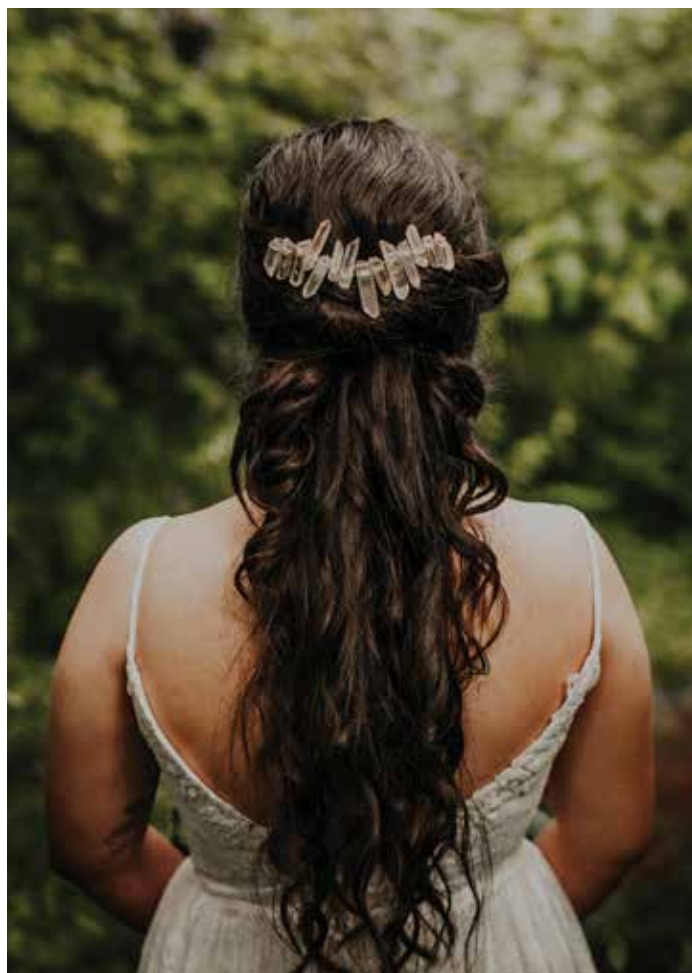
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When Emma and Evan Wiley met on April Fool's Day, they had no idea their lives would be forever changed. Playing cupid, a friend called Emma into his Hood River, Oregon bar after work for a beer, where his buddy Evan happened to be watching a hockey game. "Sit closer, Em," her bartender buddy teased. "He won't bite!" Emma and Evan connected instantly over their shared love of dogs, American literature, and the great outdoors. Six months later, they were engaged.

The couple wanted Oregon to be the centerpiece of their wedding day. "We both have a grand love of the outdoors and wanted to capture that in an experience that would allow guests to see first hand why we love living and exploring the Pacific Northwest," says Emma. The Magness Tree Farm — a Sherwood, Oregon forest located 20 miles southwest of Portland — was picture perfect.





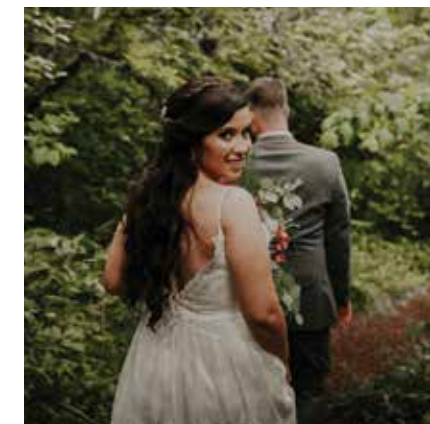
"You're in the middle of the forest and out of nowhere the trail opens up into a beautiful field surrounded by the most adorable cabins you've ever seen," Emma gushes. "I love how it's such a naturally beautiful space. You don't need much to accent it."

Portland boutique Charlotte's Weddings led Emma to the perfect dress, a whimsical boho-chic design by Lillian West. In addition to a strand of "something old" pearls from her great-grandmother, Emma's bridal jewelry, including a gorgeous raw-crystal hairpiece, was sourced from Etsy.



Flanked by their precious pooches, Evan and Emma exchanged vows in a ceremony officiated by their fathers. Afterwards, guests gathered at picnic tables to dig into juicy steaks and wood-plank salmon by Rip City Grill, nosh on cake and country-style pies from Portland bakery Just a Dash, and sip beers from handmade stainless-steel "Wileypalooza" cups. From the lush elegance of flowers by Sara Benner to fire pits ablaze with freshly chopped logs, the Wiley wedding was quintessential Oregon.

A bomb photographer was a high priority for the Wiley's. Quality photos not only ensure memories for years to come but also



capture small details couples might miss in the frenzy of their big day. "When we found Sarah at Hazelwood Photo, it was love at first sight," says Emma. "I was in complete awe of the way she captured weddings that told a full story without any words."

"I knew right away that Emma and Evan's wedding was going to be special," muses Sarah. "From our initial meeting, it was evident they had spent a lot of time thinking about how to celebrate their big day."

Pulling off a wedding with such seamless elegance and sense of presence is no small feat. Vendors who have collaborated success-



fully in the past make a huge difference. Portland vintage rental company Something Borrowed previously worked with photographer Sarah on a styled shoot at Magness and was a perfect fit for the Wiley wedding. “It was really helpful to have a team of vendors who knew the space,” adds Emma.

The couple hired Erinn at Union Event Company as a month-of coordinator, a great option for folks who want to plan their own wedding but need support in its execution. “I was so thankful to hand everything over to Erinn so I could enjoy extra time with visiting family members. Her added design perspective helped us make the outdoor environment as inviting as possible to our guests, who had to endure periods of rain before our ceremony began,” Emma notes. The dew of unexpected raindrops only added to the enchantment of the day. A little shower, after all, is the ultimate Oregon wedding blessing. -WV



The Wedding Vendors:

Venue: Magness Memorial Tree Farm, Sherwood, Oregon | **Planner & Stylist:** Union Event Company, @unioneventco, unioneventco.com
Photographer: Hazelwood Photo, @hazelwood_photo, hazelwoodphoto.com
Rentals: Something Borrowed, @something_borrowed_pdx, somethingborrowedpdx.com | **Cake & Dessert:** Just A Dash Cakes, @justadashcakes, justadashcakes.com | **Dress Shop:** Charlotte's Weddings, @charlottesweddings, Brand: Lillian West, charlottesweddings.com | **Makeup:** Erika Holmes, **Hair:** Callyn Stewart, @hairbycallyn, salonvisio.com | **Bride's Rings:** LaMore Design (Etsy) | **Groom's Ring:** Staghead Design, stagheaddesigns.com | **Bride's Hairpiece:** Blossom Road NZ (Etsy) | **Bride's Earrings:** Catalina's treasures (Etsy) | **Catering:** Rip City Grill, ripcitygrill.com | **Transportation:** The Vintage Tour Bus Co., vintagetourbus.com | **DJ:** DJ Zinker, soundcloud.com/dj-zinker

