



Bridal party along with winners Victoria and Brandon Brady

## Wedding competition creates treasured memories

Your Wedding Canvas/Destination Weddings Barbados conceptualised a wedding website and in 2008, formulated the Treasured Memories Wedding Competition in conjunction with WSee TV/CBS Network with the innovative idea of giving one lucky couple from the Caribbean and Latin America as well as one couple from the USA the opportunity of a life time. The chance to win an eight-day all expenses paid wedding and honeymoon in Barbados, inclusive of airline transportation, the wedding ceremony and reception, wedding dress, suit, rings and visits to various points of interest.

Couples were invited to enter the competition through WSee TV and [www.yourweddingcanvas.com](http://www.yourweddingcanvas.com) and after completing both phases, the two winning couples

were rewarded with their prizes.

The first competition, which ran in 2008, was won by a couple from Trinidad & Tobago and one from Pennsylvania in the USA.

This year, the competition ran from February 15 to June 30 and along with the assistance of the BHTA Romance Product Club, the main sponsors were Bagatelle Great House, Paulo's Churassoco do Brazil, Chatters Tea Room, Accra Beach Hotel & Spa and Waves Hotel. Ms. Victoria Reifenhaiser and Mr. Brandon Brady emerged winners of the USA Zone and they came to Barbados from New York.

Victoria and Brandon arrived on October 26 and were met by the efficient staff of Platinum Services Ltd. who ensured that their first impression of the island was an extremely pleas-

ant one as they were given VIP treatment through Immigration and Customs and escorted to the waiting limousine which took the couple to Accra Beach Hotel & Spa as they continued on their dream journey. The video cameras of G's Photography & Video Productions made sure that everything was recorded.

Over 30 family members and friends - all first time visitors to Barbados - came to celebrate with the couple and enjoy both the island and the hospitality of the people.

The camera crew of the WSee TV/CBS Network also flew in to assist in the coverage of their stay and were able to film them as, along with some of their guests, Victoria & Brandon enjoyed the local entertainment and fine food on the Harbour Master dinner cruise. The tranquil side of the

island was showcased with a leisurely tour of the gardens of Orchid World. Courtesy Car Rentals and McEneaney Quality Inc. provided luxury transportation to all of their appointments with various sponsors. The blissful couple made the time to relax with a couples' massage compliments of the Chakra Spa.

Exclusive Cottons of the Caribbean Inc. and internationally renowned local designer Pat Brathwaite of Paju Designs made sure that the couple were outfitted to perfection. Victoria wore an elegant wedding dress which was made of sea-island cotton, hand-beaded with Swarovski crystals. With her professionally styled hair and perfectly applied makeup, she made a statement when she entered the room on the arm of her father as the strains of violin music filled the air.

Brandon was also handsomely outfitted in a Pat Brathwaite white sea-island cotton designer suit, consisting of a tuxedo pants, shirt, waistcoat and cravat as they exchanged their vows before Rev. Peter Haynes with wedding bands provided by the Royal Shop.

Tropical Storm Tomas caused a change of plans as the wedding had to be delayed until the following day, but they were rewarded with the most spectacular sunset and this ensured the wedding pictures captured by Leslie St. John Photography were really 'Treasured Memories'.

Accra Beach Hotel and Spa, the venue for the ceremony and reception was elegantly decorated with orchids & local flowers which reflected the choice of the couple's wedding colours and no effort was spared to

transform the location into a tropical paradise with creatively carved fruits and a beautiful air-brushed sea-shell wedding cake to complete the Eco Beach Theme on that perfect evening.

Their spectacular day ended in the honeymoon suite at the Accra Beach Hotel & Spa.

Mr. & Mrs. Brady left Barbados left with many happy memories and a pledge that they would soon return to the island.

Your Wedding Canvas would like to thank all of the viewers who entered our unique Dream Wedding Competition and a special thank you to all of the sponsors and individuals who made this dream a successful reality. As with previous winners, the tradition continues and the complete experience will be aired in a half-hour special on WSee TV/CBS Network.

# Treasured Memories



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