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# Big Day!

Vergara and Manganiello tie the knot in a lavish 400-guest affair

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The preparations began at the stroke of midnight. Sofia Vergara (wearing a hand-beaded Mark Zunino creation that took four seamstresses three weeks to complete) and husband-to-be Joe Manganiello were still partying at their rehearsal dinner bash when a team of decorators descended on the Breakers Palm Beach. Their mission: Transform the five-star oceanfront Florida resort into a floral-covered paradise for the couple's November 22 nuptials.



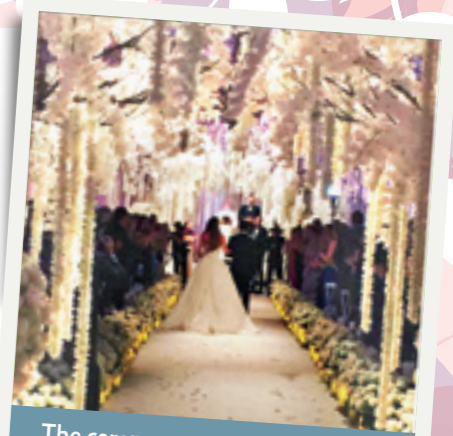
Instead of gifts, the duo asked guests to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



The couple (May 5) stayed in a \$5,000-a-night suite.

Over the next 18 hours, workers strung white roses from the ceiling of the circular room where guests would enjoy pre-ceremony cocktails, and constructed the space's focal point: a giant wall of flowers. Steps away in the Mediterranean Ballroom, staffers created an aisle lined with roses and candles and set up trees dripping with hundreds of white orchids. And in the adjacent 9,600-square-foot Venetian Ballroom, they topped long tables with 4-foot-high candelabras and towering arrangements of red roses. The room's six chandeliers were draped with yet more roses. Every touch of the wedding, which cost \$3 million, per a source, had to be just so for the perfectionist bride. "I am very detail-oriented," she joked on *Good Morning America* in September, "so I am kind of like a nightmare."

Her finely tuned attention made her dream wedding come true. Shortly after 7:30 p.m.,



The ceremony was held in one of three ballrooms for the affair.

the *Modern Family* star — in a custom hand-embroidered silk tulle Zuhair Murad ball gown and \$7 million 55-carat Lorraine Schwartz diamond drop earrings — strode down a petal-strewn aisle with her son, Manolo, 23. The man who flew to New Orleans for their first date in 2014 awaited under a canopy of orchids. As 400 attendees, including her castmates Julie Bowen and Sarah Hyland and his *Magic Mike* costar Channing Tatum, looked on, the Colombian-born beauty, 43, and the chiseled Pennsylvania native, 38, shared



A pal says Manolo walking his mom down the aisle was "sweet."



Dessert lover Vergara chose a five-tier yellow cake with edible roses.

CLOCKWISE FROM MAIN IMAGE: CREGG DEWITT/EVERETT COLLECTION; COURTESY VERGARA/INSTAGRAM (5); COURTESY MANGANIELLO/INSTAGRAM

self-penned vows. Just as he had during his Hawaii proposal last December, the John Varvatos-clad actor recited some words in Spanish, then went on to gush about his gal in English. Recalls a guest, "He said, 'I was reaching 40 and fearing I wouldn't find the right woman. Then I met you and I knew you were the right one because I knew my dreams would never again come close to the reality.'" Upon hearing his words, Vergara joked that hers "aren't so good" before promising to make Manganiello happy for the rest of her life. Says a Vergara insider, "Everyone's eyes were welling up. It was really incredible."

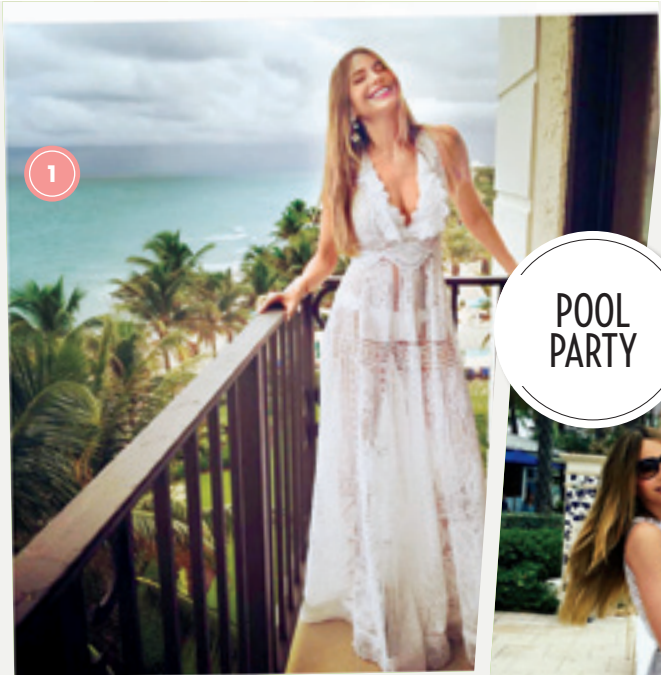
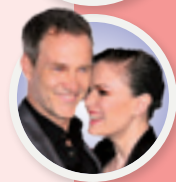
**FLORALS AND FOOD**

The rest of the evening followed suit. As partygoers filtered into the reception room, they were met with an overwhelming floral scent, says a source: "The ballroom looked like an overgrown jungle of roses — something out of a fairy tale." And



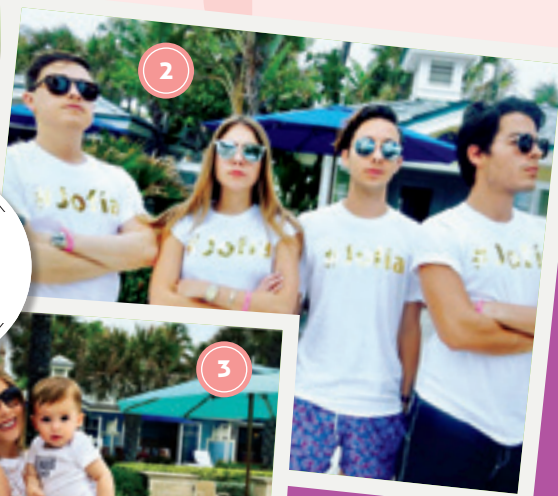
*VIP Guests*

- Julie Bowen
- Ty Burrell
- Sarah Hyland
- Stephen Moyer and Anna Paquin
- Ed O'Neill
- Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan Tatum
- Reese Witherspoon



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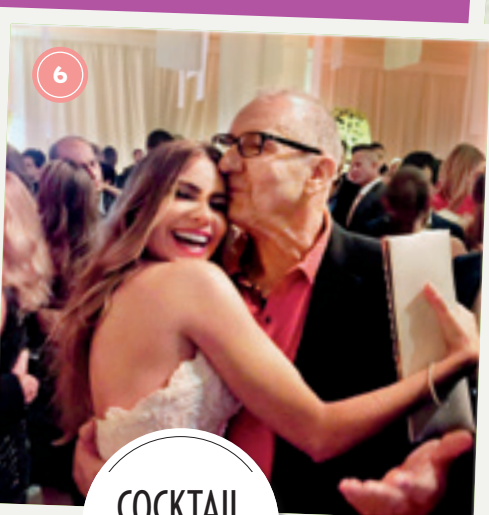
REHEARSAL DINNER



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*A Weekend of Celebrations!*

1. Vergara (in a Martha Medeiros cover-up) lounged with pals poolside and snacked on fruit at the Breakers Resort Nov. 21, says an onlooker.
2. Her son, Manolo (right), and pals wore #JOFIA shirts.
3. The bride posed with her nephew. Says a source, "Sofia was swinging around her nieces and nephews."
4. Later that night, guests dined on wood-roasted chicken and beef strip loin at the rehearsal dinner at Cafe Boulud in Palm Beach, FL.
5. Manolo posted a snap from the feast.
6. After dinner, attendees including Ed O'Neill partied at the Breakers.
7. "giving her away," Justin Mikita (right, with Jesse Tyler Ferguson) posted of the Mark Zunino-clad bride.
8. Manganiello (not pictured) serenaded Vergara with Guns N' Roses' "Sweet Child O' Mine." Says a source, "Sofia threw her arms up!"
9. Manolo joined the newlyweds for postwedding waffles Nov. 23. He posted, "#CoupleOfThe Century."

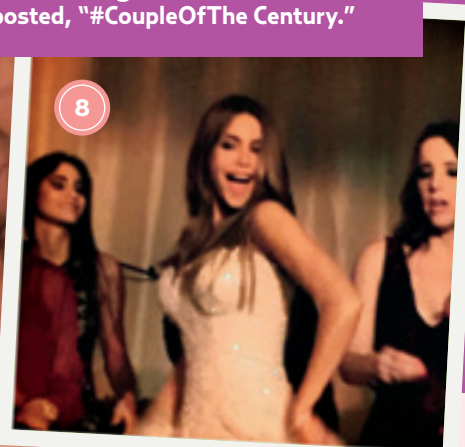


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COCKTAIL BASH



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FAMILY BRUNCH

Manganiello and Vergara were the celebrated prince and princess. The crowd cheered as the newlyweds were introduced in Spanish and segued into their first dance, to Frank Sinatra's "The Way You Look Tonight."

And, as Vergara vowed to *Extra* in September, her guests ate like kings. Each attendee got a personal raw bar and choice of sea bass or lamb. A five-tier yellow fondant cake by Sylvia Wienstock along with a sundae bar ("The ice cream was served in a giant martini glass," says a source) provided a sweet finish. Says the Vergara insider, "The whole weekend was about eating."

**LATE-NIGHT FIESTA**

Well, that and partying. Unlike most celebrity affairs, the couple and their famous friends documented every "wow" moment on social media. One highlight: a 1 A.M. surprise show from Pitbull "that brought the house down," says the insider. But it was Manganiello who gave the performance of the night when he and Tatum did an impromptu dance to the Backstreet Boys' "I Want It That Way," a standout number from *Magic Mike XXL*. Says the source, "Sofia was sitting on a chair in the middle of the dance floor." She remained at the



A source says the groom hired a band from New Orleans, where the duo fell in love.



"Sofia's #squad," Ferguson (with Ty Burrell, left, Eric Stonestreet and Mikita) posted.

center of the action. The newlyweds "danced and kissed all night," says the source, as DJ Z-Trip spun hits such as Daft Punk's "Get Lucky." Reese Witherspoon and Hyland, who told *Us* November 14 she predicted "a lot of drinks and dancing and a very awful morning," were also dance floor fixtures at the bash that wound down at 5 A.M. Hours later, medical personnel offered hungover revelers rehydrating IVs at brunch. The new Mr. and Mrs., meanwhile, refreshed with a six-day honeymoon to Turks and Caicos. They returned to L.A. November 29, but an insider says every day is paradise for Vergara: "She couldn't imagine sharing her life with any other man." **US**