



SAJEDUR RAHMAN AND TAHMINA ALI



We met a few times during college through mutual friends but never developed a friendship. We knew of one another and abruptly lost touch for a period of two years, only to be reunited in our professional careers at the same accounting firm. One morning he recognized me in the cafeteria but couldn't muster up the courage to approach me. Then one evening a few months later he approached me as I was leaving work and reintroduced himself. After many breakfasts, coffee breaks and walks after work we began to develop a friendship which quickly developed into a formal relationship. From the moment we met, we knew that this would be an everlasting relationship. After one year of dating, we fell in love and he proposed. We were ready to spend the rest of our lives together. We were engaged for a year and on April 19, 2009 we were married.

The wedding: Planning for the wedding was no easy task. Invitations were the first step and they were provided by weddingpaperdivas.com. The wedding was a 3 day traditional Bangladeshi/Islamic wedding. Day 1, April 17 began with the bride's gaye holud. Yellow turmeric paste was applied on the bride's face on this day and every guest took turns feeding me sweets. Day 2 April 18 was the same event for the groom. Paste was applied to the groom by family and friends and sweets were fed. The groom does not attend the bride's gaye holud and the bride does not attend the groom's. On the day of his gaye holud, I spent my time the night before my wedding wrapping up all of the wedding favors which were Brownie Pops provided by a local bakery in Brooklyn.

Day 3 was the actual wedding day. On the morning of, I got dressed/made up at the Garden City Hotel in Garden City, NY. The hotel was about 10 minutes from the wedding venue, Floral Terrace in Floral Park, NY. My fam-

ily arrived there after getting ready and waited for the groom and his family and friends to arrive. Guests arrived and signed a guestbook which I ordered from A.I.FRIEDMAN and took small polaroids for the book as they walked in.

As I walked into the main ballroom, I was happy to see that all of the time I spent planning were well worth it. Centerpieces and Stage Decor were done by Stylish Events and they did a great job. The floral terrace used their house baker for the cake, ButterCooky Bakery down the street and it exceeded expectations. We had our akth ceremony by the imam and everyone had dinner afterwards which was provided by Sagar Restaurant. The night simply flew by. We had friends and family dance and sing which made the experience more personal and enjoyable. Our photographer and videographer were there to capture it all. The vid-



eographer was Fandango Pictures and his passion for his work were evident as he spent hours all three days taping our events with his assistant. His cinematic style was what made me choose him to be my videographer. The photography was provided by Sahid of Limon Photography. He was also there all three days and an extra fourth day for "day after" photos with us. A mutual family friend actually recommended me to him and after browsing through his website I knew he was the one! I felt like I got lucky when I found him. Its easy to see through his work that he has an eye for things. I didn't want that ordinary wedding photographer. His photos are more like art and thats why i chose him. I've already seen a sample of the pictures and I'm entirely confident that the rest of the pictures will not fall short of amazing. I'm glad he was there through it all creating memories for us to last a lifetime.

CREDITS

Photo: Limon Photography - <http://www.limonphotography.com>

Video: Fandango Pictures/Ram Hernandez/www.fandangovideosolutions.com <<http://www.fandangovideosolutions.com/>>

Food: Sagar Restaurant www.sagarfood.com <<http://www.sagarfood.com/>>

Wedding Venue/Cake: Floral Terrace/Buttercooky Bakery

Hotel:Garden City Hotel/ www.gardencityhotel.com <<http://www.gardencityhotel.com/>>

Invitations: WeddingPaperDivas Guestbook: A.I.FRIEDMAN

Centerpieces/Stage: StylishEvents/ www.stylisheventsny.com <<http://www.stylisheventsny.com/>>

Wedding Favors: BROWNIE POPS/Mona Lisa Bakery/ www.monalisabakery.com <<http://www.monalisabakery.com/>>

Bride's Outfit: Pashmina/ Jackson Heights/NY

