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Hotel Valencia Wedding Experience Finale to Air May 22nd

Hotel Valencia and WOAI TV partner to bring San Antonio its first televised wedding on "San Antonio Living"

May 8, 2009 – On the May 22nd episode of "San Antonio Living" on WOAI, The Hotel Valencia Wedding Experience's winning wedding couple, Bethany Ellison and Blake McKay, will have their wedding ceremony and reception aired on San Antonio's first ever televised wedding. This will allow viewers the unique opportunity to see the wedding couple and various details that they themselves voted on pulled together into one spectacular wedding event.

As the culmination of the Hotel Valencia Wedding Experience, which began in February, the entire hour long show will be dedicated to showing viewers behind the scene wedding day preparations, ceremony and reception highlights (including the first dance, champagne toast and cake cutting), as well as the romantic departure from the hotel. Viewers will get a taste of the best in San Antonio wedding services, trends and fashions when the winning vendors of each viewer-voted category, including themes, gowns, flowers and much more are presented as a part of Bethany and Blake's wedding.

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The winners from each category are:

- Wedding Theme/Consultant: "I Do" Wedding Consulting, Diana Boucher and Associates
- Gown/Designer: Vera Wang, provided by Julian Gold
- Photographer: David Sixt Designer Portrait and Wedding Photography
- Cake: One of a kind cake from Mad About Cake!
- Floral Arrangement: Goen South Weddings, Brooke Harris
- Wedding Menu presented by Hotel Valencia Executive Chef Jeffery Balfour: Appetizer- Crab Cake, Toasted Pumpkin Seed, Avocado Coulis, Mesclan Salad. Salad- Bibb Lettuce, Heart of Palm, Queso Fresco. Entrée- Grilled Ribeye and two Texas Gulf Shrimp, Sauce, Charon, Broccoli Raab.
- Wedding Song: "With This Ring" by T Carter, music to be provided by Chris Koval at Future Sounds Disc Jockey Service.

Additional vendors providing services for the wedding include: Joseph's, J. Green Jewelers, Versi Salon, Aztec Rentals, Nelda Etheredge Harpist, The Makeup Maven and Co. and You've Got Paper. For more information on the winning vendors, services and details, visit:

<http://www.woai.com/content/wedding/default.aspx>.

The televised coverage of the wedding will include footage of Bethany and Blake as they get ready for the ceremony from Hotel Valencia's luxurious Presidential Suite, and sophisticated and stylish Junior Suite.

Approximately 80 guests are expected to attend the event. The ceremony will take place inside Hotel Valencia's courtyard in front of a cascading waterfall. Afterwards, guests will sip drinks on the hotel's terrace over-looking the River Walk before the couple's reception, which will take place in the beautifully appointed Verona room. The total estimated value of the wedding is more than \$30,000.

"We are thrilled at the success of Hotel Valencia's first Wedding Experience," said Amy Trench, Hotel Valencia's Director of Sales and Marketing. "We pride ourselves in offering couples a wedding location unlike any other in San Antonio, and are confident that Bethany and Blake's wedding will be a beautiful and memorable event for all involved."

Tune in to "*San Antonio Living*" weekdays from 10-11 a.m. on 4 WOAI (NBC) and visit woai.com for the latest on the **Hotel Valencia Wedding Experience**. National Media Sponsors include JustLuxe.com and Destination I Do Magazine – keep an eye out for Hotel Valencia Wedding Experience coverage on their sites. For information on Hotel Valencia weddings visit hotelvalencia-riverwalk.com.

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