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“I believe we are singing to ‘Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)’ by Beyoncé here. D.J. Pierce Jackson had our exact sensibility in music: a mix of great pop songs and indie rock. Our friends love a good dance party. They ate it up!”



## THE DETAILS

DRESS:  
*Oscar de la Renta*

TUX:  
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MUSIC:  
*D.J. Pierce Jackson*

CAKE:  
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PLANNER:  
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## SWANK BROOKLYN DANCE PARTY

## Bea Cardenas & John McMonagle

*Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral  
and Smack Mellon*

JUNE 5, 2010

“John really wanted a chocolate ice-cream cake. That wasn't going to happen, but I did get him a special Il Laboratorio del Gelato cake for the after-party as a surprise.”

“I knew I wanted to do a photo shoot that incorporated elements from *The Royal Tenenbaums*, our favorite movie. I thought it would be funny to have the photos around as icebreakers.”



WHEN BEA CARDENAS, 34, and John McMonagle, 31, met at the Maritime Hotel for their first date, Bea, a publicist for Bumble and bumble, wrote John off as too clean-cut. (He works in finance and showed up in a crisp white button-down.) But then “we started talking, and everything clicked,” she says. “We liked all the same music, and we’re both obsessed with Wes Anderson.” Two years later, John surprised Bea with a sidewalk proposal. In homage to their favorite director, the couple arranged a *Royal Tenenbaums*-themed photo shoot for the wedding party. The ceremony took place at St. Patrick’s Old Cathedral several months later, complete with a children’s choir, and was followed by a reception at Dumbo’s Smack Mellon, where the *Tenenbaums* photos resurfaced as a decorative motif. “I wanted the wedding to have an eclectic feel,” says Bea. “I don’t like anything too neat or too done.”

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