



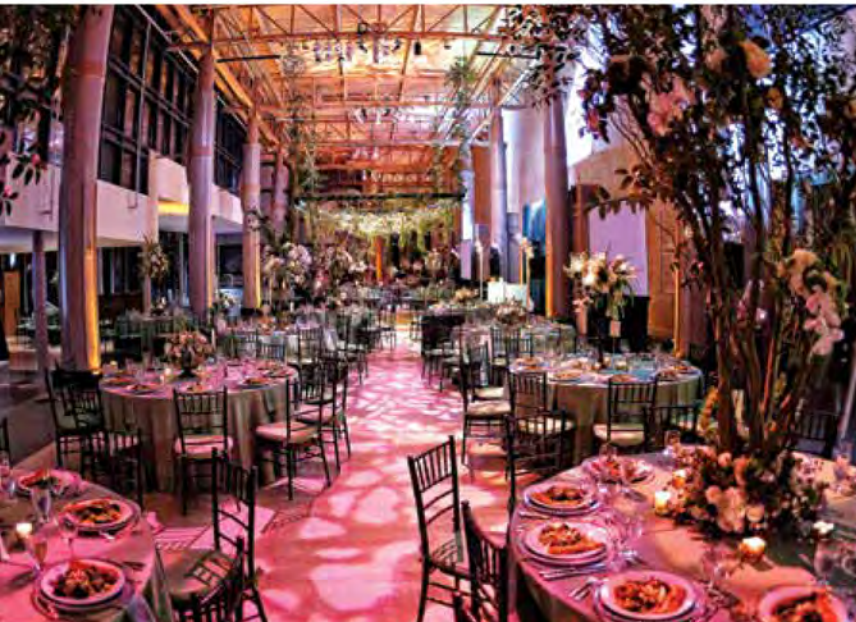
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Laura & Ravi

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11.15.14 Despite their hectic work schedules, Laura and Ravi managed to pull off a spectacular three-day wedding celebration—thanks, largely, to the expert assistance of consultant Jo Ann Schwartz Woodward. Kicking off the festivities on Friday night with a lively sangeet, featuring an Indian dance performance, the groom arrived to the next day's baraat in an autorickshaw, welcomed by the crowd with exuberant applause. The traditional wedding ceremony featured a carved wood mandap, with a red backdrop and red, peach and white roses. The couple's museum reception took its cues from the surrounding exhibits, and included a green cake topped with toy dinosaurs wearing Hindu wedding beaddresses, which the bride had made by hand. While dancing, dining and revelry abounded, "The highlight of the evening was when around 20 of Ravi's cousins and friends all came out wearing masks of Ravi making a really awkward face, and danced to the Beastie Boys 'Intergalactic,'" the bride recounts. "Ravi absolutely loved it and was very moved by the gesture."

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COUPLE **LAURA HUTCHINSON & RAVI PATEL** ♦ NUMBER OF GUESTS **300** ♦ CEREMONY **HILTON HOUSTON POST OAK** ♦ WEDDING COLORS **RED, PEACH, PEARL & WHITE** ♦ CONSULTANT **SCHWARTZ & WOODWARD** ♦ RECEPTION FLOWERS & FAVORS **PLANTS N' PETALS** ♦ RECEPTION RENTALS **EB INC EVENT RENTALS & DESIGN** ♦ LIGHTING **BRIGHT STAR PRODUCTIONS** ♦ CAKE **WHO MADE THE CAKE!** ♦ HONEYMOON **MARATHON, TEXAS**