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Mammoth Lakes

KATIE + TIM

"My favorite memory is our choreographed first dance. The faces of my best friends at the head table as we busted out our dance moves will forever be imprinted in my mind."

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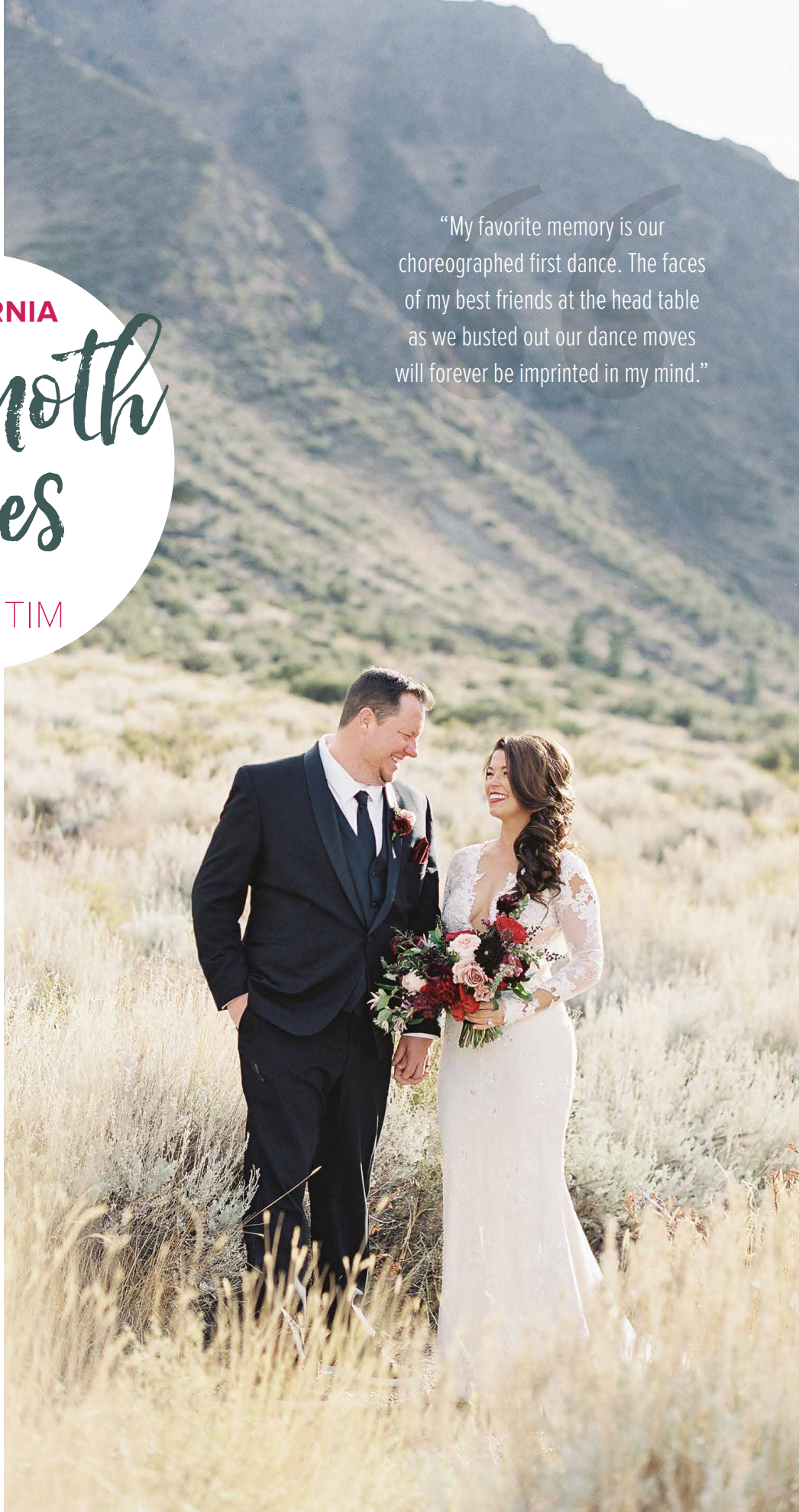
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Katie and Tim are kindred spirits who met while volunteering at a camp for children and adults with special needs.

Fast forward 18 years and the couple hosted a symbolic church ceremony in front of their campers before heading off to Mammoth Lakes, California, for a destination wedding. A hometown event in Orange County was never in the cards for the bride because of her profession. "As a wedding planner, I wanted to make sure I did something really different than what I help create for my brides on a day-to-day basis. I knew I wouldn't be able to turn off 'work mode' and enjoy our wedding at a local venue..."

Luckily, Mammoth Lakes was a convenient location for their 183 guests. "Once we told them all the fun things we had in store, such as a gondola ride to the welcome party, a ceremony by the lake and a weekend away from their kids, everyone was on board," says Katie. "We only had a 10 percent decline rate on our invite list, which is unheard of for a destination wedding!"



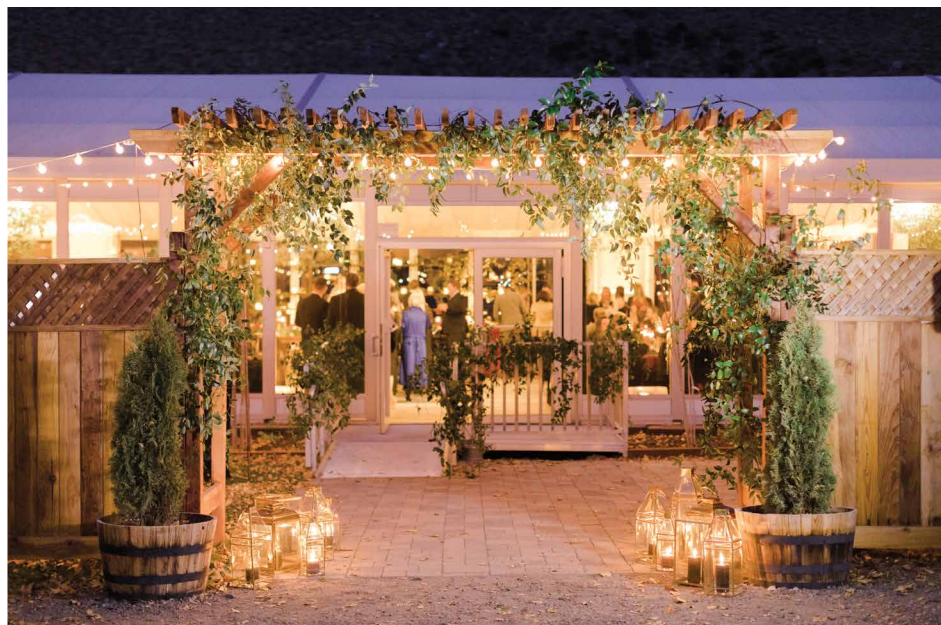




When it came to the planning, Katie and her team went to work. "I found that if I was willing to trust the vendors, it was easy! If I was someone who had to micromanage details, it would have been very difficult."

Speaking of details, the bride stresses the importance of not getting bogged down in the planning process. "Remember the reason you are getting married," advises the bride. "I'm a thousand percent all about the details – it's my job. But, I kept telling myself to live in the moment and remember whatever happened, all I really cared about was getting married to the love of my life. Having that peace of mind really allowed me to sit back, be present and enjoy every minute."

Beyond the sunny lakeside ceremony and dance-filled reception, the couple looks back most fondly on their day-after celebrations. "Our favorite day is 'Sunday Funday,' because I am usually working a wedding on Saturdays," says the bride. "We held a Sunday Funday at a local dive bar, where we were able to relax, eat fried food and recap all the fun we had the previous day."



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