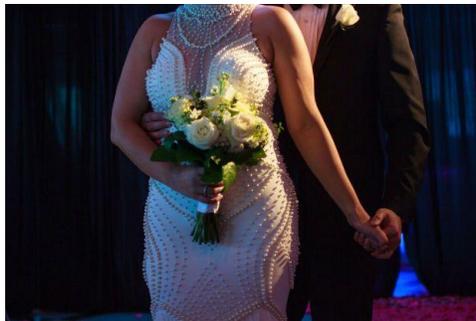


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PopBliss, The First Ever luxury Group Pop-up Wedding

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Last Thursday night on March 31st, six groundbreaking couples got married at PopBliss, the first ever luxury group pop-up wedding presented by R. Kristi Modern Hospitality and Hornblower Infinity in New York City.



Guests sipped champagne and wine by Barefoot Wine and Bubbles as they waited for the couples to arrive. Couples were provided with personal cameras from Wedding Mix Media to document their PopBliss journey. 240 family and friends gathered on the luxury yacht as the couples were surprised with the secret venue.



Before the big event, the bride and grooms each relaxed during their respective #BlissBrunch designed by Dream Plan It Events and R. Kristi Modern Hospitality, and were then escorted to the bride and groom suites where they each received the full glam treatment provided by Hot Towels and The Bridal Suite NY. The couples were reunited before the big day for first looks, which took place at Punto Lounge, before being whisked away on double decker buses to say their “I Do’s” at Hornblower Infinity.



Once aboard the Hornblower Infinity, the couples were officiated by interfaith officiant Reverend Mary-Rose of Engle Hart. The couples married while standing “in the middle of a love song” created by Eliza Gwendalyn and Ten 23 Designs. There was a group first dance, a group bouquet toss and a traditional Money Dance to raise a donation towards the Polished Girlz Charity. A family style meal was provided by Love Dynasty and a Big Apple Themed dessert lounge equipped with desserts only made of apples was provided by Celebrity dessert baker Desserts by Dana and Sweet Dream Mini Donuts. Each couple were provided with personal wedding cakes by There Should Always Be Cake.

The event was live streamed on the PopBliss website and hosted by Love Sujeiry, so family and friends who were separated by distance didn’t miss the big day and over 2,000 people tuned in to see this first of its kind experience.

The evening before the surprise wedding, couples and their guests enjoyed a celebrity welcome to New York City at Mr. Jones in the TRUMP Soho beautifully designed by Alexandria Lindo.



Couples were gifted with honeymoon vacations courtesy of PopBliss amongst other gifts. Couples also enjoyed a complementary stay at the Yotel, as well as being the official host for the family and friends of PopBliss. Live bands BoomScat and Acute Infections musically entertained all events. The couples were well taken care of thanks to wedding concierge Cheri Davis Events and Gratitude Rising Event.

I cannot be more ecstatic at how successful #PopBliss has been. The couples were all so different but all have bonded which was the goal all along, I heard they are even planning an anniversary trips together! The appreciation they all have shown, the fun that was had, and how everyone embraced the excitement and surprises that makeup PopBliss, ...it makes the 3 years of planning all worth it. We cannot wait for PopBliss Atlanta 2017!

Says Raquel Kristi, founder and creator of PopBliss.

Couples names are listed below:

- Mr. Jon and Valerie Yarger (Maiden name Nome)
- Mr. Dwayne and Tiffany Salandy (Maiden name Williams)
- Mr. Octavio and Valerie Diaz (Maiden name Vazquez)
- Mr. Aaron and Cheala Smith (Maiden name Hall)
- Mrs. Rebecca and Camille Taylor (Maiden name Smith)
- Mr. Sean and Nikki Barrett (Maiden name Osei)

The perfect weddings.