



The relationship between **Dr. Brian Coan** and **Tica Lema** got off to an inauspicious start. When Brian, the founder of **CARE Plastic Surgery**, asked Tica for her phone number at a party four years ago, she said no. Two years later, they met again at a **Bulls** game, and Brian tried a playful pick-up line. He told Tica that she'd taken his breath away, and he needed to get it back. "It made me laugh so hard," says Tica, formerly of **NBC-17** and now CARE's practice manager. "How could I say no?"

Nine months later, while hiking along the **Eno River**, Brian proposed. "I just knew I wanted those hikes to never end," Brian says.

With planning help from **Amanda Scott** of **A Swanky Affair**, the rehearsal dinner was held at the **R. David Thomas Executive Conference Center**, the ceremony at the **Washington Duke Inn** and the reception at **Duke's Great Hall**.

Durhamites in the wedding party included **Dr. Maria Mora** and **Diana Carag**. "Durham is a truly special place for us," Tica says. "It might sound cheesy, but we tell everyone that Durham is where all of our dreams came true." **DM**

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