

MELODY McANALLY JOHN LAWRENCE

December 21, 2007

Waldorf-Astoria

Manhattan, New York



Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence

Melody McAnally and John Lawrence were married in a ceremony at the Waldorf-Astoria in Manhattan, N.Y., December 21. The bride is the daughter of Annette McAnally and the late Stanley McAnally of Tishomingo.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus McAnally and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Choate, all of Tishomingo. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence Jr. of Memphis. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence of Memphis, and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Bethea of Bartlett, Tenn.

The ceremony was at 10 a.m. in the Waldorf-Astoria's Silver Corridor. The bride wore a satin A-line gown with a strapless ruched bodice, a side draped skirt, and a detail of pearl buttons going its full length. She carried a bouquet of red roses hand-tied with her father's handkerchief.

In lieu of a rehearsal dinner, the couple saw a performance of 'Romeo et Juliette' at the Metropolitan Opera House in Lincoln Center featuring Anna Netrebko and conducted by Placido Domingo.

After the wedding ceremony, the couple traveled by private car to historic New York locations for photographs. Their first stop for photographs was inside Grand Central Terminal, where they were surprised to find Christmas lights swirling all along the walls of the historic building as part of an annual Christmas show. They then traveled, among other places, to Washington Square, the New York Public Library, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Central Park, and Times Square for more photographs. All along the way, New Yorkers and other tourists shouted words of encouragement, clapped for them, and snapped photographs of the couple.

During their wedding trip in Manhattan, they attended a matinee performance of "Wicked" on Broadway. Also, their friends treated the couple by sending them to dinner at the world-famous French restaurant Le Bernardin. The couple spent the last day of their honeymoon exploring Christmas decorations in the shops on Fifth Avenue, ice skating in Bryant Park, and watching it snow in front of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree.

The couple arrived at their new home in Memphis, on Christmas Eve. The bride is an attorney in the Memphis office of Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens and Cannada, PLLC and the bridegroom is executive director of the Memphis Airport Area Development Corporation.

