

MARRIAGE IS THE ATHENIC WEAVING
TOGETHER OF FAMILIES, OF TWO
SOULS WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL FATES
AND DESTINIES, OF TIME & ETERNITY—
EVERYDAY LIFE MARRIED TO THE
TIMELESS MYSTERIES OF THE SOUL.

~ Thomas Moore

The Graefe and Jacobson Families
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM GRAEFE
&
JEFFREY LEE JACOBSON

Saturday, the Sixteenth of April, Two Thousand Five

at Three-Thirty PM

at The Trois Estate in Austin, Texas

preceded by a luncheon

and followed by an evening dinner reception.

We invite everyone to share all or part of the day at The Trois Estate
before and after the ceremony from noon to 11:00 PM.



LOVE IS A FRIENDSHIP SET AFIRE.

~Jeremy Taylor

THE EVENT SCHEDULE

For all events, proper attire is whatever you feel most comfortable wearing—within reason, of course.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2005

We will be hosting a dinner at the award-winning Mexican restaurant, Las Minitas, in downtown Austin from 7 PM to 9 PM. Dinner is free to everyone, and will provide a great chance to meet people prior to the wedding day. Adventurous guests can explore downtown after dinner to experience the music and culture of Austin's famed 6th Street.

Daytime:	Guests arrive in Austin
7:00 PM	Dinner at Las Minitas
9:00 PM onward	Explore downtown Austin nightlife


SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH, 2005

Saturday's festivities will all be held at The Trois Estate, which is a 25-minute drive from downtown Austin. Free transportation will be available from the Radisson & Embassy Suites hotels for those who will not have cars or do not want to drive. The day will begin with an informal lunch from noon to 2:00 PM. Please come early to socialize, eat, play, and even swim in the center's outdoor pool (bring a suit!). Children of all ages are VERY welcome, and there will be on-site child care available throughout the day, including a "nap zone" for those children who need it!

11:30 AM	Shuttles from downtown to The Trois Estate begin
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch at The Trois Estate
1:30 PM	Last shuttle from downtown to The Trois Estate leaves
3:30 PM	Wedding ceremony
5:00 PM	Dinner and reception
7:00 PM	Shuttles from The Trois Estate to downtown begin
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Dancing and revelry
11:00 PM	Last shuttle from The Trois Estate to downtown leaves

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2005

There are no firm plans for Sunday, as most people will be heading home. We encourage people to stay as long as they'd like to experience more of the city and Texas. You may not want to leave!



A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE REQUIRES
FALLING IN LOVE MANY TIMES,
ALWAYS WITH THE SAME PERSON.

~ Mignon McLaughlin

ACCOMMODATIONS

We STRONGLY suggest no matter where you decide to stay that you make reservations AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! Austin is a popular destination, and area hotels are quickly booking up for the April 15th weekend.

The Radisson

800.333.3333 or 512.478.9611

<http://www.radisson.com/austintx>

\$99/night for single or double

Downtown hotel located right next to Austin's famous "bat bridge!" Free garage parking, large outdoor swimming pools, closest to Friday night's dinner event. Tell them you are with the Graefe-Jacobson Wedding Party and you want a room in their "block."

Embassy Suites

800.EMBASSY or 512.469.9000

<http://www.embassysuites.com/en/es/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=AUSLKES>

\$129/night for single : \$139/night for double

Each room is set up as a 2-room suite, with beds in one room and a kitchenette and pull-out sofa-bed in the other. All hotel guests receive a free breakfast. Perfect for groups and families. Tell them you are with the Jacobson-Graefe Wedding Party and you want a room in their "block." Please note that this block will be unavailable after March 15th.

While we believe staying in The Radisson or Embassy Suites will make things most convenient for you, we offer some additional suggestions:

Hyatt Regency

512.477.1234 - <http://austin.hyatt.com/>

Conveniently located with spectacular views of downtown Austin, across the street from the Embassy Suites

Brava House Bed and Breakfast

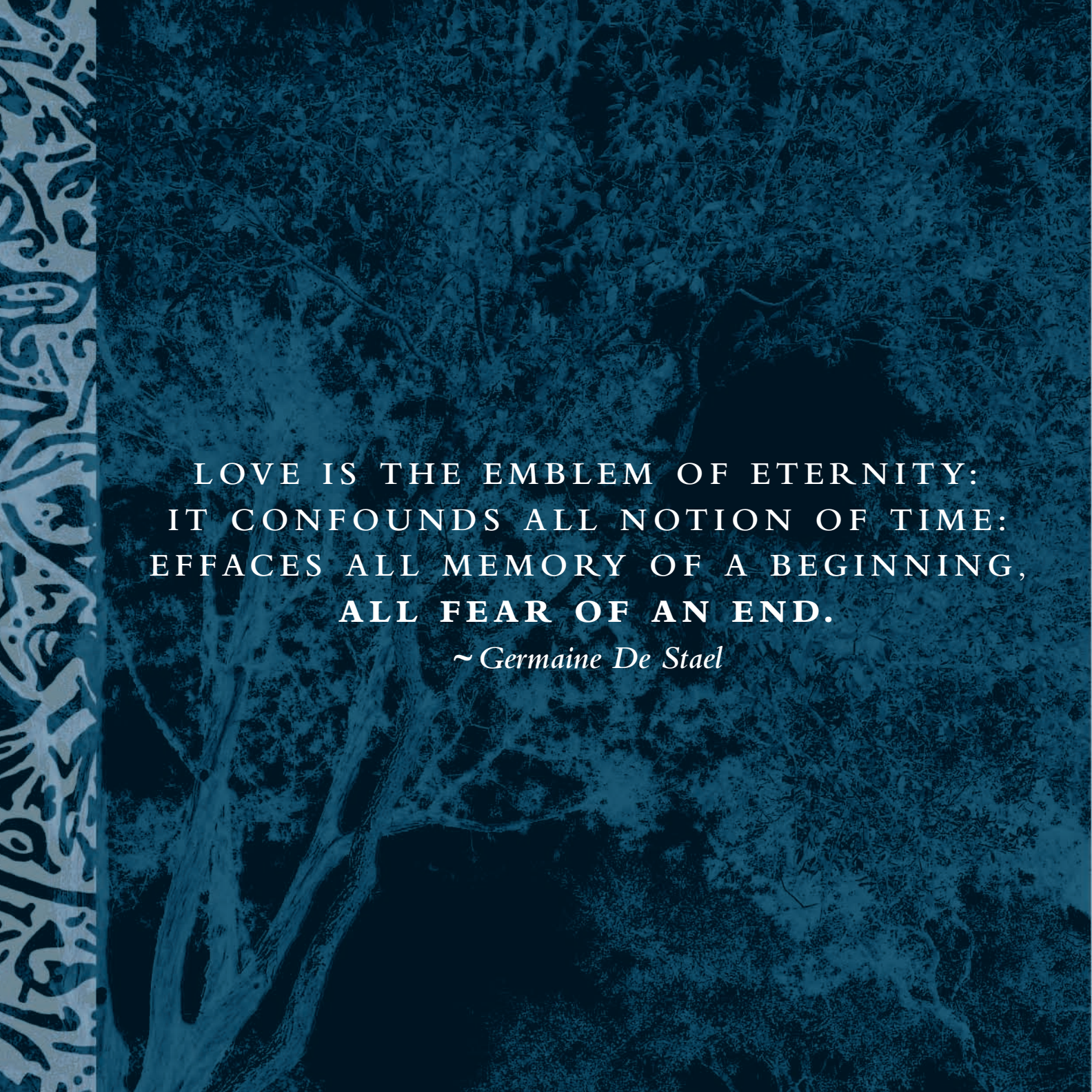
800.545.8200 - <http://www.bravahouse.com/>

Quiet, delightful bed and breakfast about a mile away from the center of downtown

Holiday Inn Town Lake

512.472.8211 - <http://hiaustin-townlake.felcor.com/>

A nice walk or short cab ride from the center of downtown with nice views of the lake and city

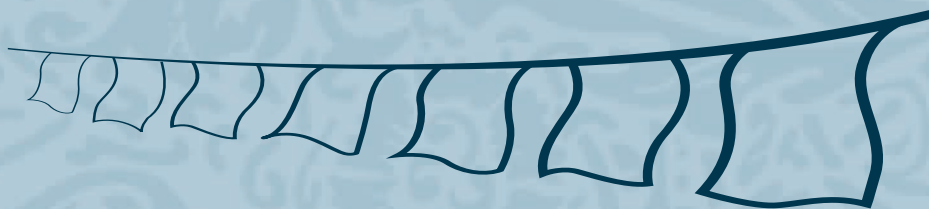


LOVE IS THE EMBLEM OF ETERNITY:
IT CONFOUNDS ALL NOTION OF TIME:
EFFACES ALL MEMORY OF A BEGINNING,
ALL FEAR OF AN END.

~ Germaine De Stael

THE WEDDING FLAG ASSIGNMENT

Prayer flags are inscribed with auspicious symbols, invocations, prayers, and mantras. Tibetan Buddhists for centuries have planted prayer flags outside their homes and places of spiritual practice for the wind to carry the beneficent vibrations across the countryside. Prayer flags are said to bring happiness, long life and prosperity to the flag planter and those in the vicinity.



Borrowing from this tradition, we'd love for ALL GUESTS invited to this event to create their own flags which will be flown at the wedding. When all displayed together, the flags will represent the combined blessings of our entire community of family and friends, those present as well as those unable to join us that day in Texas.

Enclosed in this invitation are flags for you and your guests to inscribe and/or decorate with wishes, blessings, prayers, poems, artwork, or just general thoughts that you'd like to share. We've included some extras in case you want to make more than one (children are welcomed and encouraged to make their own flags too!), or if you don't get your first one quite right. Please sign your flag so that people viewing it at the wedding will know who it's from.

Do not feel limited to just pens and pencils: paint, glue, glitter, stickers, collage, and other media are completely welcome and encouraged. This is not a contest, so don't feel left out if you do not have confidence in your artistic abilities. Simple writing will be just as special to us as a colorful painting.

Please return the completed flags with your Reply Card, and contact us if you need to request more flags for any reason.



YOU COME TO LOVE NOT BY FINDING
THE PERFECT PERSON
BUT BY SEEING AN IMPERFECT PERSON
PERFECTLY.

~ Sam Keen

TRANSPORTATION

ARRIVAL BY PLANE

We recommend the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport for people flying in and out of town. It's a 30-minute drive or shuttle ride to the downtown hotels where we are suggesting people stay. The Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport is a three-hour drive from Austin, but usually offers more flight options. If you plan to rent a car anyway, you may want to consider this option.

RENTING A CAR?

Guests will not need to rent a car if they are planning on staying at either the Radisson, Embassy Suites, or other hotels nearby in downtown Austin. There are shuttle and taxi services to all hotels downtown from the Austin airport. We will provide free transportation throughout Saturday to and from the wedding site and the Radisson and Embassy Suites hotels. Shuttles will leave these hotels at 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM, and leave The Trois Estate at 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM, and 11:00 PM. Friday night we will be hosting a free dinner for all guests 1 block from the Radisson and 4 blocks from the Embassy Suites.

GETTING TO THE TROIS ESTATE FROM DOWNTOWN

From Loop 360, go west on RR 2222 to City Park Road. Go left on City Park Road 2.8 miles to a "Y" in the road. Turn left on Pearce Road and proceed 1.6 miles to the entrance of Trois Estate. The address is 3612 Pearce Road in Austin, Texas.

THE PRESENTS OF PRESENCE

We realize that many of you will be making a significant investment of time and money just to come to Texas for the wedding. Your presence at the ceremony will be the greatest gift we could ask for our wedding. If you cannot make it to the ceremony, the next greatest gift would be to return the Reply Card with your Wedding Flag Assignment completed so that a part of you can be there in spirit (which is not to say that you won't be anyway, but we'd love the gesture!). If you must, gifts are welcome. We also welcome donations to the following organizations (or your favorite charity) in our names:

Pittsburgh Gay & Lesbian Community Center - <http://www.glccpgh.org/>

Shalshélet: The Foundation for New Jewish Liturgical Music - <http://www.shalshélet.org/>

If you'd like to donate to either of the above, please make the check out to the organization directly, but send it to us so that we may present it formally.

