



LEAH & ROSS









*a little about*

## LEAH

I grew up on a ranch in southeastern Oklahoma where I spent my days as an "explorer" finding secret paths and treasures, and true-life secret blackberry gardens my grandmother planted all over. Those days established and shaped an appreciation for nature that I still have today and am excited to share with our future child.

After attending college, I moved to DC to work in politics, and later started my own photography business that I still run today. I am deeply attached to my family, my friends, traveling to (and photographing) new places, and all things creative. I enjoy reading, writing, listening to music, cooking, and helping others with their creative endeavors.





ABOVE: Leah and nephew Cole at our home in Nashville..



ABOVE: Leah and niece Cora.



ABOVE: Leah and oldest nephew Gunner and dog Ruby playing in our house.



## *a little about* **ROSS**

As one of four children, I am most at home in a house full of laughter, good conversations, and delicious smells coming from the kitchen. Most of my family is still in Ohio and we visit often to be surrounded by dozens of cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. I deeply enjoy gardening, cooking for others, traveling, hiking, and trying out new hobbies.

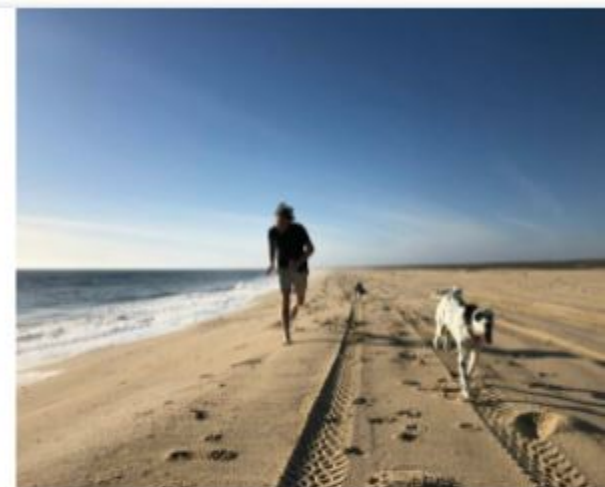
As Leah will tell you, I am both very silly and also very committed to providing for my family. During the day I work as a healthcare lawyer. My time outside of work is spent running around with our two goofy dogs Ruby and Prine, helping my friends and neighbors when they are in need, cooking elaborate meals, and trying (sometimes unsuccessfully) to make Leah laugh.







BELOW: Ross and nephew Daniel reading a book in Oklahoma.



ABOVE: Ross running with our puppy Prine on a beach.



ABOVE: Nephew Cole,, Ross, and dog Prine at a local park.





## HOW ROSS THINKS OF LEAH

Leah has a unique ability to care and love for others - and I am so excited for her to share that love and emotion and beauty with our child. She is introspective, kind, passionate, and inquisitive. During our time together she has changed jobs, started and thrived in her new business, run a farm, trained two amazing dogs, and so much more. She embraces my inner silliness and loves me for who I truly am. We build each other up, support each other, and make each other better people. She is the reason I get up each morning and my comfort each night when I go to bed.





## HOW LEAH THINKS OF ROSS

Ross is the perfect complement to me. When I have fear, he has hope. When I am too serious, he creates laughter. When I forget to pack a toothbrush, he always has an extra just for me. I honestly never imagined that I could find a partner as caring, encouraging, selfless, and loving as him. He is wildly intelligent, incredibly generous, a master problem solver, unstoppable at anything he puts his mind to, and his heart is full of unbounded love. He is a natural caretaker receiving so much joy by taking care of others. He is strongly committed to his family, whether it is carrying as many nieces and nephews as he can hold on a hike or driving hours so we can attend birthday parties and family celebrations. He is the laughter of my mornings, noons, and nights and an endless dance partner.



OUR *home* AND NEIGHBORHOOD





# FRIENDS



Our best friends Aaron +  
Teeny officiated our wedding.



Julien, Leah, Ross, and  
Aaron.



Leah with friends Rachelle  
and Anna.



With friends Patrick and  
Linda at "Mule Days."



Floating a nearby river with  
Marco and Zoe.



Ross with Phil and Ronak,  
and his son Arujna.



This is our

# Family



Leah walking down the aisle with Mom, Rhonda, and sister, Missy



Leah and Ross with Ross' parents, Mary and Greg.



Ross' siblings, Molly, Jared, and Abby.



In California, with Ross' sister Abby and her husband Charles.



Ross cooking with his parents.



Leah in New Orleans with her mom and sister.





# Adventures

Since our very first date, we have been committed to seeing, adventuring, tasting, and participating in as many places and cultures as possible. We have been so fortunate and blessed to travel to far away places together, making friends, creating experiences, and sharing in cultural traditions. We could not be more excited about sharing this big, beautiful, and fascinating world with our future child.



