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The WalkerSox Wedding



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Crystal Bowersox Vows Not to Be a Bridezilla

By Melody Chiu and Alison Schwartz

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Crystal Bowersox
Charles Sykes/AP



She had no problem when it came to the high notes during her *American Idol* tenure, but as runner-up Crystal Bowersox preps for her big day, she'll be the first to admit it: She knows nothing about life as a wife.

"I've never really in my life had a great representation of what a good marriage is," the singer, 25, tells PEOPLE. "My parents divorced, and a lot of people in my family are divorced, so I hope to give my son a great model of what a happy marriage is or relationship could be."

Bowersox announced her [plans to tie the knot](#) with musician Brian Walker last week, and it's the first marriage for the Ohio native, who memorably [split with her then-boyfriend](#) before the *Idol* finale.

And she's not the only Walker fan. Bowersox says her son, Tony, 1½, who is from a previous relationship, loves spending time with her fiancé.

"Brian's known me for a long time, and so he's been a part of my life for a long time," she said Tuesday at the Hard Rock's Pinktober Breast Cancer Awareness Program Launch. "He's known my boy. They laugh constantly. It's hilarious."

As for her wedding plans, Bowersox is no Bridezilla, and she's not focusing on any detail in particular.

"None of it has to be perfect – just the part of saying, 'I do.' That's the only thing that really matters, right?" she says. "If everything else goes wrong, it doesn't matter. We're married. We've got the rest of our lives to have fun."

[The Official Crystal Bowersox Site](#) [In Lieu of Wedding Gifts...](#)

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To celebrate their wedding, Crystal and Brian are asking her amazing fans for donations to the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund) instead of wedding gifts. If you would like to make a donation, please visit the [JDRF website](#) or send your donations to the address below with "Crystal Bowersox Research Fund" in the Memo field.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
26 Broadway/14th Floor
New York, NY 10004
212-479-7509

Crystal also sent this special message to all of her amazing fans:

"So many people have asked about sending a wedding gift for Brian and me. As much as we appreciate it, we are very lucky and have all that we could possibly need. If you feel that you would still like to send something, please consider making a donation to JDRF's "Crystal Bowersox Research Fund."

Love,
Crystal & Brian

Crystal Bowersox Gets Married!

By Marisa Laudadio

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They had a whirlwind courtship and an engagement lasting only weeks, but Crystal Bowersox and Brian Walker were hardly strangers in love.

Longtime friends before things turned romantic in recent months, the *American Idol* runner-up was married to musician Walker in Chicago on Sunday, her rep tells PEOPLE exclusively.

"Our lives have never made more sense than they do right now," Bowersox tells PEOPLE. "I can't believe how incredibly lucky we are to have found so much laughter, love, and light within each other. We're one happy WalkerSox family."

Bowersox, 25, wore an Earth-friendly hemp and cotton gown from Vermont designer Tara Lynn that features macramé, seashell and bead detailing and was created in the designer's solar-powered studio.

Their rings were designed by Walker and crafted by Chicago's Traci Coughlin and Steve Quick Jewelers. The ceremony was held at the Uncommon Ground Café, where they met during Open Mic Night six years ago.

Among the 60 friends and family in attendance were Bowersox's son Tony, 1 1/2, from a previous relationship, who served as ring bearer and wore a suit by LinenKids; Season 9 *Idol* contestant Didi Benami; and *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* actor Lance Barber. The ceremony was led by the right reverend Michael Teach from Chicago Acoustic Underground.

The couple, who announced their [engagement](#) in September, planned to celebrate with a reception featuring a laughing Buddha cake from Bleeding Heart Bakery, a local organic and sustainable business, and performances from the groom and several musician pals.

Bowersox next returns to the studio, where she's been recording her debut album.

Bleeding Heart Bakery Whips Up Wedding Cake for an "Idol"

Monday, October 11, 2010

By [Patty Wetli](#)



Bleeding Heart's laughing Buddha, designed for the wedding of Crystal Bowersox. Photo courtesy of Bleeding Heart.

It's only fitting that [Crystal Bowersox](#), the "American Idol" runner-up known for her unconventional style and independent spirit, would turn to [Bleeding Heart](#), Chicago's punk rock bakery, for her wedding cake.

"She came in herself about three weeks ago to place the order," says Michelle Garcia, co-owner of Bleeding Heart (at 1955 W. Belmont) with husband Vinny.

To celebrate the special occasion, Vinny, the bakery's lead decorator, designed a laughing Buddha for Bowersox and her groom, musician Brian Walker. For all you foodies out there: The all-organic vanilla bean cake and filling, with Italian buttercream icing, was covered in golden fondant and accented with handmade sugar flowers. The cake itself took three hours to complete, with the flowers adding another four.

Bowersox, who often played the Lakeview bar scene during the time she lived in Chicago, met Walker six years ago at an open mic night at [Uncommon Ground](#), which was the scene of their wedding on Sunday.

[People magazine reports](#) that the bride wore a hemp and cotton gown; in keeping with the eco-friendly theme, both Bleeding Heart and Uncommon Ground are members of the [Green Chicago Restaurant Co-op](#).



Crystal Bowersox Wedding Dress: Hemp With Seashell, Macramé, and Bead Train

by [Beth Cooney Fitzpatrick](#)

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Crystal Bowersox tied the knot in a hemp wedding dress by Tara Lynn. Singer [Crystal Bowersox](#) brought an alternative vibe to the "[American Idol](#)" stage last season and the same was true of her Oct. 10 Chicago wedding to fellow musician and longtime friend Brian Walker.

The husky-voiced performer walked down the aisle in a floor-length, eco-friendly dress custom made from imported hemp by Vermont fashion designer [Tara Lynn](#), who specializes in sustainable apparel made from natural fibers. The singer's dress featured a detachable train embellished with macramé, seashells, and beads that Lynn tells [StyleList](#) she has been collecting since childhood. The bodice was accented with a floral blossom detail and (of course!) some light crystal embellishments. "It was simple but beautiful, which was really perfect for Crystal," said Lynn, who calls Bowersox "a really easy-going, sweet girl."

Walker and Bowersox [announced their engagement several weeks ago](#). They were married in a small, intimate ceremony in the nightclub where they first met, [People reports](#). The singer's 18-month-old son, Tony, her child from a previous relationship, served as ring bearer in a linen suit, the magazine reports.

Lynn, who doesn't watch television, tells [StyleList](#) she did not know who her celebrity client was when Bowersox first contacted her about making the wedding gown. The singer flew to Lynn's solar-powered Sutton, Vt., studio Oct. 7 for a last-minute consultation and fitting. "My projects usually take a bit longer than this," says Lynn, "but she was working on a really tight schedule and we went for it."

The sustainable quality of Lynn's designs was what Bowersox had in mind for her bridal gown, the designer explains. "She told me she saw one of my dresses online, loved it, and called to talk about getting a dress," says Lynn. "When she got here I *did* recognize her because the only time I've ever seen 'American Idol,' she was on." During Bowersox's two-day visit, "She was totally my ideal customer," Lynn says. "She was just chill, relaxed, and very happy and excited to be getting married and having this dress for her day." The singer, who [finished second on season 9](#) of "Idol," brought her guitar and regaled Lynn and her team with a song from her upcoming CD over breakfast.

Lynn, who studied fashion design at FIT, has been designing apparel since 1999. While creating a dress for Bowersox was a coup, Lynn says the performer was "very typical" of her custom-bridal clients. "They seek me out because they are attracted to the designs and my philosophy," she explains. "I like to work in fabrics that are sustainable and natural like hemp and silk and organic cotton. I sometimes work in vintage fabrics and some people find that really appealing."

Lynn recently made a wedding dress from old white eyelet curtains taken from the bride's New York City apartment. "She was on a tight budget, but we made her something really beautiful," the designer says.

Bowersox could easily wear her wedding dress again. "It's not too much and without the train, it has a casual, pretty, very comfortable feel," Lynn says. "We designed it so it would be very easy for her to walk around and enjoy being with her family and friends."

Lynn, meanwhile, is anxious to see the crooner and her groom in their wedding photos. "Are there any out yet?" she asks. "I can't wait to see."

Meanwhile, Bowersox, who is a diabetic, tweeted a request for wedding donations from fans go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. She also made light of her marital status. "Officially mamasox," [she tweeted](#), later correcting her own tweet to say, "I meant walkersox. Ha, ha, ha!!! That's hilarious."

Bowersox marries musician (Grandfather's Interview)

By Catharine Hadley • CentralOhio.com • October 12, 2010

CHICAGO — Elliston native and "American Idol" finalist Crystal Bowersox got married Sunday, with family and friends in attendance. Her grandfather, Keith Bowersox of Elliston, said his granddaughter's wedding to fellow musician Brian Walker was unusual. "Hard to describe. They held it at a coffee house, the bride and groom, where they first met," he said. "It was on the north side of Chicago, and they had a preacher of some type. It's on the up-and-up ... Otherwise it was a pretty contemporary service, guitar music, that type of thing. An informal ceremony, no pomp or anything like that, just down-to-earth."

The grandfather approves of the groom. "There seems to be a great affection between the two. It seems good," he said. "I have a high opinion of him. Crystal was in Elliston a few weeks ago and she brought him over here for grandfatherly approval. A great guy, as far as I can see. He has a good set of friends which is usually a way you can judge the character of somebody."

About 60 or 70 friends and family members attended the wedding, which featured an atypical wedding cake. "It was a beautiful statue of Buddha. Don't ask me why. It looked like a bronze Buddha, but in reality it was a cake," the grandfather said.

His wife, Alice Bowersox, said the wedding party was barefoot. "They sang a duet at the conclusion of the ceremony. What would you expect from two singers?" she asked. The gown was more typical than the cake. "Her gown and the groom's suit and Tony's suit, they were all natural fibers," she said. "Little Tony" is the singer's son from a previous relationship. "It's in an up-to-date style, what you see in a lot of the brides' magazines. There was a hand-embroidered design on the bodice," Alice Bowersox said.

According to the website for People magazine, the "Earth-friendly" gown was made of hemp and cotton, with macramé, seashells and beads.

The couple announced their engagement in September. They have reportedly known each other for about six years.

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Crystal Bowersox's Wedding Dress and Ring Details Revealed

Bob Berg



When Crystal Bowersox announced her [engagement](#) to fellow musician and longtime friend Brian Walker last month, she promised to be anything but the typical [bridezilla](#) — and from her unique earth-friendly dress to her diamond-free wedding ring, the season 9 *American Idol* runner-up seems to have stayed true to her word.

The bride wore an organic, hemp and cotton wedding gown from Vermont designer [Tara Lynn](#) to [exchange her vows](#) on Sunday at the Chicago café where she first met Walker six years ago, saying 'I do' with a 1.1-carat princess cut ruby ring designed by Walker and crafted by Chicago's Traci Coughlin and Steve Quick Jewelers.

"There are no diamonds to be found as we don't believe in the violence and injustice that occurs within the diamond trade industry," Bowersox tells PEOPLE. "Both rings feature the masonry symbol, an infinity 8, and the Sanskrit symbol for the sound 'om' and a personal design that for us represents three: Brian, Crystal, and Tony.

"As for her one of a kind wedding dress? "The gown is a simple princess line with an open back; a machine-knit hemp twine strap crisscrosses in back," says designer, Tara Lynn. And new bride Bowersox couldn't have been more pleased with the results. "I gave Tara Lynn the base ideas of what I wanted, and in three weeks, she created a beautiful gown made of hemp and cotton, with a handmade macramé and bead sunflower design on the front," Crystal tells PEOPLE. "The train of the dress is a handmade design of hemp twine, sea shells, and beads, some of which came from pieces of sentimental jewelry."

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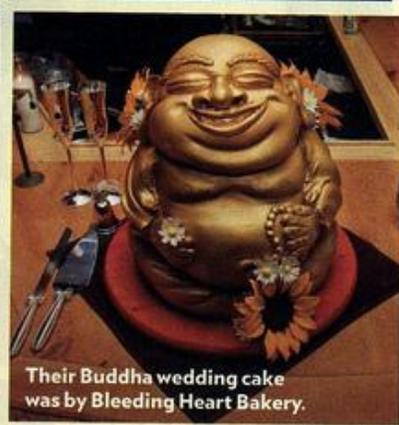
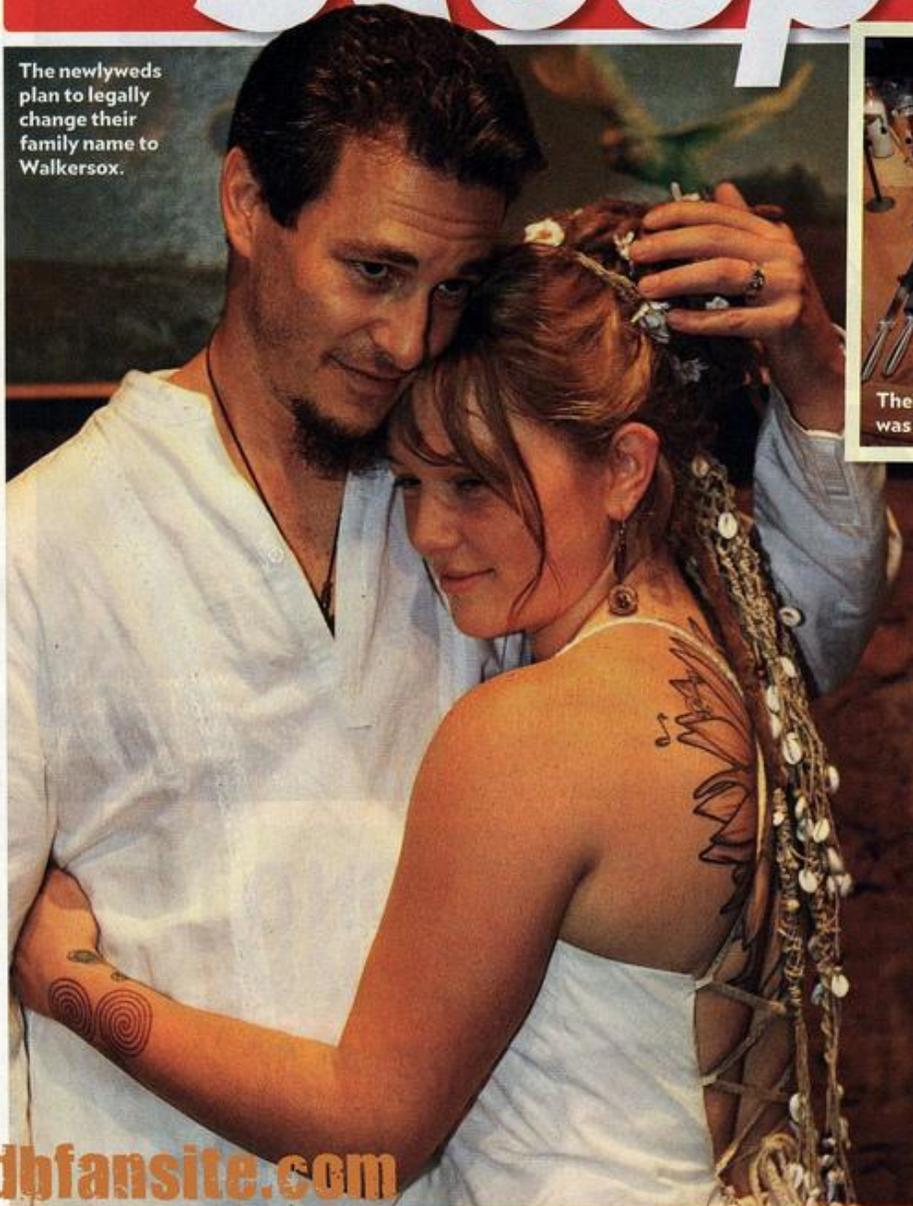
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The newlyweds plan to legally change their family name to Walkersox.



Their Buddha wedding cake was by Bleeding Heart Bakery.

Crystal Bowersox and singer-songwriter **Brian Walker** are making sweet music together: This year's *Idol* runner-up married Walker on 10/10/10 in front of 60 guests, including her son Tony, 1 (from an earlier relationship), at Chicago's Uncommon Ground cafe, where the couple met six years ago at an open-mic night. "Our lives have never made more sense than they do right now," Bowersox, 25, told Scoop. The singer, who is recording her debut album, wore a hemp-and-cotton gown with seashell detailing by Vermont designer Tara Lynn and performed a duet with her husband for family and pals at the reception. Says the bride: "Let the jam-fest begin!"

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CRYSTAL BOWERSOX AN AMERICAN IDOL WEDS

FROM LEFT: BOB BERGZ