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Brides

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LOVELY DAY: COUTURE CAKES, ON-TREND GEMS,
BOLD BOUQUETS AND MORE!

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and 72 of Chicago's Cutest Couples!

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The ceremony and reception were both held in the Empire Room at The Palmer House. Gold bengaline silk napkins from BBJ Linen complemented the room's traditional design.

**KARYN RUDNICK &
JOSEPH BRIAN O'REGAN**

*June 18, 2011
The Palmer House Hilton*

THE COUPLE Their romance began when Chicagoan Karyn met San Francisco native Brian through work. The duo got engaged in California wine country and began planning their dream traditional wedding.

THE DETAILS The couple, Karyn's parents and Beth Bernstein of SQN Events made up the planning team. The weekend kicked off with a rehearsal dinner at Ditka's, and Da Coach himself stopped by to say hello.

THE PARTY A cake topper from Brian's parents' wedding was a special token. In lieu of a guest book, the matron of honor provided quilted squares on which guests wrote messages—the fabrics were later sewn into a quilt for the couple. —CG



Mr. Brian and Mrs. Karyn O'Regan. The bride looked radiant in a Paloma Blanca gown from A Joyful Occasion in Naperville.



Rings from Fuenfer Jewelers in Wilmette



Guests wrote messages on fabric squares for a future quilt.



Fleur Couture in Downers Grove did the florals.



Take the Cake's white dessert with buttercream frosting

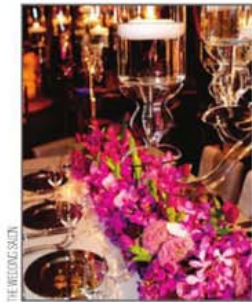


A topper used by the groom's parents 40 years ago

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The Wedding Salon invited Chicago couples to a million dollar wedding event held at The W City Center to showcase celebrity-style photography by Misty Winter Photography, invitations by Jamie Lynn Designs, tastings by Maggiano's Little Italy and fabulous gift bags. Brides delighted in a couture fashion show by Jenny Yoo, a beauty lounge featuring Saks Fifth Avenue, cakes by Wildflower Bakery & Café, honeymoon giveaways by the Saint Lucia Tourist Board and Fantasy Décor by Avant Gardenia and Emplume.



BLOOMINGDALE'S COUPLES' NIGHT OUT

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The Registry at Bloomingdale's welcomed couples for an evening of partying with a purpose. Couples scanned their registries and got tips for creating the dream registry while sipping cocktails and sampling savory hors d'oeuvres. Upon their departure, guests were presented with fabulous gift bags, topping off an already memorable evening. Vendors included ALamour Bridal Boutique, Prairie Flower Press, Nadau's Ice Sculpture, Fig Media, Anthony Gowder, Laura Mercier and Clarins provided by Bloomingdale's.



LUXURY BRIDAL EXPO

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Brides flocked to Bridal Expo Chicago Luxury Events this season at the area's best venues including The Sheraton Chicago, the Renaissance Hotel in Northbrook, Belvedere Events & Banquets in Elk Grove and more. Guests met with leading Chicago wedding professionals who collectively proved their talents once again. Brides delighted in viewing several fashion shows featuring Chicago's top bridal salons and designers including Rivini, Ines Di Santo, Lazaro, Junko Yoshioka, Stephen Yearick and more.



SIP, SEE AND SAVOR EVENT

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Chicago's brides joined Debi Lilly, Chief Eventeur at A Perfect Event to sip, savor, and see all the season's latest and greatest color palettes, floral trends, décor designs, and invites. Truffle Truffle was there with sweet treats a plenty, showcasing their new couture candies, mini wedding cakes and "Marshmallow Bar", satisfying both the sweet-tooth and passion-for-fashion of the brides in attendance.



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The University Club of Chicago was dazzled by the couture style of hot Chicago-based bridal fashion designers Atha Sharod Bridal, Bryan K. Osburn, Horacio Nieto, and Kristi O'Sullivan. Hosted by Allen/Williams Events, guests enjoyed gourmet hors d'oeuvres and champagne, classic Chicago blues music, and mingled with phenomenal Chicago-based vendors. Guests had their pictures taken on the red carpet by Rick Aguilar Studios and enjoyed a couture bridal runway show with supermodels from Agency Galatea.



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SON Events hosted the first wedding planning event geared toward grooms this season at John Allan's. Grooms were offered complimentary clean-ups, manicures, and shoe shines while representatives from Haberdash and Nicholas Joseph provided tips on men's fashion. Cage & Aquarium spun tunes while guests enjoyed food from Smoque BBQ and groom-inspired treats from truffle truffle and TopsyCake.



SILVER MOON'S LIZ MEYER COLLECTION

Former rock stylist Liz Meyer ditched leather for lace to design the new vintage-inspired Silhouettes Bridal Collection at Silver Moon. This savvy bridal boutique showed off the collection and services to Chicago brides-to-be, which included vintage gowns as well as complete wedding day styling and even make-up services.



POSTURE PERFECT

Village Paperie and Helios Center for Movement welcomed future brides for a fun evening of Pilates and paper. Jenna Zaffino, owner and director of Helios Center for Movement, guided brides through easy tips for standing tall at the ceremony, dancing the night away at the reception and achieving a long, lean body for big day photos.