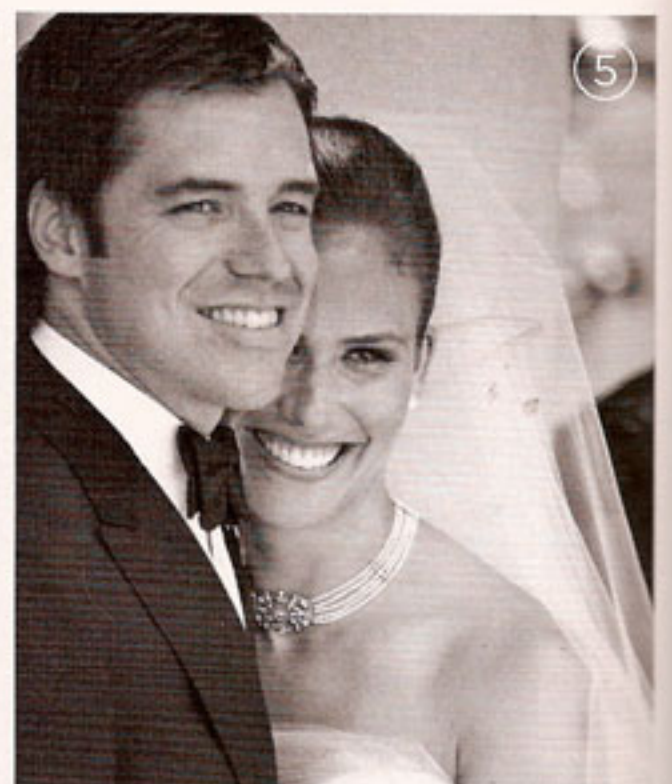




Wedding Flowers, Favors, & Food

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Photography: Garbo Productions

Venue, Food: The Four Seasons Hotel, Chicago

Menus, Invitations: Red Bliss

Cake: Take the Cake

Floral Design: The Flower Firm

Event Design: Marina Birch of Birch Design Studios

1» **Rosary for Rose** • Wearing a Carolina Herrera dress in floral tulle, the bride opted out of carrying a bouquet and draped a rosary of white roses across her arm in honor of her grandmother, Rose.

2» **Mirror, Mirror** • Each table of 10 had a mirrored top and a white-rose toptiary in a tall glass vase with a cuff of tiny garden roses at the neck. The centerpieces rested on mossy bases with thick bands of garden roses.

3» **Tiers of Joy** • Marina Birch designed the five-tier wedding cake, inspired by the filigree on the bride's engagement ring. The cake had layers of white cake and carrot cake, with an emblem of the couple's initials on fondant icing.

4» **Calla-Wee** • Small calla lily arrangements in moss-covered vases and leaf-wrapped votive candles were placed on cocktail tables with custom-made, olive-green ruffled linen.

5» **Necklace Behavior** • The bride wore a vintage seed-pearl and diamond choker, which she borrowed from her mother.

6» **Just Desserts** • After dinner and cake, miniature tiramisu desserts topped with coffee beans were passed around.

7» **Taking Shape** • The mother-of-the-bride's white-rose posy rested next to the menus, which were created from custom-made die cuts in a shape also found on the invitation, wedding cake, and bar façade.

8» **Cookie Monster** • A milk-and-cookies table was set up at the midnight after-party.

9» **Sat in the Corner** • Lounge areas with custom-made bars flanked the ballroom. On the silk dupion sofa was a place card that read, "Reserved for Father of the Bride" because of a running joke that he likes to retire to the corner.

10» **Fourth Meal** • Late-night snacks served during the after-party included miniature sliders and sliced pizza.

