



# (LOVE OF THE GAME)

KAYLEE & RYAN \* JULY 19, 2013 \* PHOTOGRAPHY BY CANARY GREY PHOTOGRAPHY

FOR MANY MINNESOTANS, HOCKEY IS PART OF THEIR LIFEblood. FOR KAYLEE AND RYAN, IT'S ALSO PART OF THEIR STORY. THE TWO MET IN HIGH SCHOOL AT CRETIN-DERHAM HALL, WHERE BOTH WERE TALENTED HOCKEY PLAYERS.

"We'd always see each other around the rink," says Kaylee. "We ended up hanging out and skating with each other outside of the rink, too." Both the sport and their relationship proved to be much more than a high school hobby.

The two dated long-distance while playing Division I hockey in college

(Ryan at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Kaylee at Bemidji State University before transferring to University of St. Thomas). That distance widened in 2010 when Ryan signed to play with the New York Rangers. Kaylee joined him in New York in 2012, but the couple always knew they wanted a home-

town wedding. So after Ryan proposed in December, they started planning a laid-back but beautiful celebration in the Twin Cities.

On a Friday evening in July, the couple's high school priest married them at St. Kate's, where Kaylee's parents had married decades earlier. Not surprisingly, the wedding party was populated with hockey players, including one of Ryan's Rangers teammates. Afterward, the 265 guests crossed the river for dinner at Aria. "It's such a neat venue," says Kaylee. "In that space you don't have to do a whole lot—it speaks for itself." A simple color palette of neutrals, silver, and gold played out on the romantic reception tables covered with candles and tall bouquets of baby's breath.

There were a few clear priorities for the night: getting married after seven years of dating. Good food and drinks. And a lot of fun. "We wanted to create an atmosphere that was very energetic and lively," says Ryan. "We had an up-down wedding where there was dancing in between courses of the meal. This kept the place rocking from start to finish." Guests enjoyed an Irish whiskey bar, live band and DJ, and late-night snacks from Davanni's, a favorite high school hangout. "It was so much fun," says Kaylee. "It was better than I ever could have imagined." ❄️

ABOVE: High school sweethearts Kaylee and Ryan tied the knot in a laid-back but beautiful wedding that culminated in a lively party at Aria.



**THE DETAILS**  
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- 1. The newlyweds greet their guests.
- 2. The bride's Jimmy Choo's.
- 3. An Irish bagpiper played as the couple exited the church.
- 4. Guests signed a bench made by the father of the bride in lieu of a guest book.
- 5. Gold foil menu cards helped contribute to the "rustic elegant" feel.
- 6. Martha's Gardens designed dramatic centerpieces to create a romantic atmosphere.
- 7. Aria proved to be the perfect backdrop for many picturesque moments throughout the night.
- 8. The couple exchanged rings in the same church where the bride's parents had married.
- 9. The bride's bouquet.

**CEREMONY:** Our Lady of Victory Chapel at St. Catherine University • **RECEPTION:** Aria • **DRESS:** Marchesa dress from l'atelier couture • **BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES:** Bella Bridesmaid • **GROOM'S/GROOMSMEN'S ATTIRE:** Men's Wearhouse • **CATERING:** Create Catering • **DESSERT BAR:** Cocoa & Fig • **LATE-NIGHT SNACKS:** Davanni's • **FLOWERS:** Martha's Gardens • **INVITATIONS:** Gateaux • **CEREMONY MUSIC:** Sharon Planer, Pianist for Parties • **RECEPTION BAND:** Synergy • **DJ:** Level 11 • **LINENS/RENTALS:** Linen Effects • **VIDEOGRAPHER:** Sunset Blue Productions • **WEDDING PLANNER:** Style-Architects • **HAIR/MAKEUP:** Emily J Hair + Makeup • **TRANSPORTATION:** Eclipse Transportation and Shamrocks bus • **HONEYMOON:** Napa and Hawaii

