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annie & matt

engaged: 10 months

photography by Yazy Jo
at Room 1520



THEIR STORY

BRIDE Annie Polack, 33, co-owner of Virtuoso Performing Arts **GROOM** Matt Conway, 33, music instructor at Virtuoso Performing Arts **HOW THEY MET** When Matt applied for a job at Annie's performing arts studio **WEDDING STYLE** Textured fabrics and a soft blush and ivory color scheme lent a whimsical vibe to Annie and Matt's elegant, urban affair. —Rachel Sylvester

Instead of a traditional ceremony setup, Annie and Matt wed under a fabric-draped gazebo while guests surrounded them in a circular arrangement of chiavari chairs. As for her beaded gown, Annie accessorized the design with a white, ballet-inspired wrap custom made by her mother. "It ended up being one of my favorite pieces of the whole look," she says.



Vintage buttons and a fresh mix of ranunculus, roses and silver brunia were used to create each ivory-and-blush-hued bouquet. For a personal touch, Annie's arrangement was wrapped with a lace bonnet that belonged to her grandmother. "It also featured Matt's grandma's gold pin," she says.



Mismatched china, textured throw pillows and shiny tabletops filled the reception space for a fanciful look. "We loved that Room 1520 felt so clean, urban and elegant," Annie says. "It was a blank slate in which we could really create any design or vibe."



**ANNIE & MATT'S
WEDDING INGREDIENTS**

- CEREMONY & RECEPTION SITE** Room 1520, Chicago **PHOTOGRAPHY** Yazy and John Raclawski/Yazy Jo Photography
- VIDEOGRAPHY** One Love Wedding Cinema
- CONSULTANT** Haley Lertola **FLOWERS** Event Creative **OFFICIANT** William O'Donnell **GOWN** Lazaro, Bella Bianca, Oakbrook Terrace **HAIR** Trisha Vallone
- MAKEUP** Heather Hughes **EARRINGS** BHLDN
- BRIDESMAID DRESSES** Various **MENSWEAR** Groom: DKNY, Macy's; groomsmen: Calvin Klein **STATIONERY** Invitations: Elizabeth Grace; programs, escort cards & menu cards: A Perfect Event **RENTALS** Event Creative **CATERING** Entertaining Company
- CAKE** Tippy Cake **MUSIC** Ceremony: Bree Gordon; ceremony & cocktail hour: Sean McCluskey; reception: Bumpus
- TRANSPORTATION** VIP Valet Services
- ACCOMMODATIONS** Hotel Palomar
- REGISTRIES** Crate & Barrel; Macy's; Target
- HONEYMOON** Positano, Florence and Rome, Italy **GUESTS** 200 **BUDGET** \$\$\$\$ (see key, p. 6)