

Hundreds of votive candles plus strings of lights added warmth to the grand industrial venue. Inset: The couple took a private lesson to perfect their first dance.



BIG CITY BRIGHT



One couple threw a Chicago-centric bash to celebrate their love—and their favorite city

LIGHTS



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"I WANTED A ROMANTIC WEDDING WITH A CANDLELIT GLOW," SAYS THE BRIDE.



Guests' names were calligraphed on a silk ribbon at each place setting.



The couple wanted guests to interact, so they served passed sides and burgers at long feasting tables.



For photos, Laura braved the cold in a mink bolero, a gift from her new mother-in-law.

Venue Morgan Manufacturing; 401morganmfg.com. **Wedding planner** Bliss Weddings & Events; blissweddingsandevents.com. **Dress** Oscar de la Renta; oscarde la renta.com. **Floral design** HMR Designs; hmrdesigns.com. **Stationery** Magnificent Milestones; magnificentmilestones.com. **Photography** Olivia Leigh Photographie; olivialeighweddings.com. For more information, see Shopping Guide.



"I had to have cherry blossoms—even in the middle of winter," says Laura.



Low arrangements of parrot tulips, garden roses, and greenery dressed up the tabletops.

Laura Cavoto, 32, and Robert Peck, 30, both grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, but they always knew their wedding would be in the heart of the Windy City. "We wanted to show everyone—even fellow locals—the Chicago we love," she says. "Everything about the day, from the food to the neighborhood and the venue, was chosen to reflect that." Which is why, on February 21, 2015, 210 guests joined Laura and Robby at Morgan Manufacturing, a historic industrial space just five blocks from the couple's home in the trendy Fulton Market neighborhood. A friend and rabbi co-officiated a ceremony that incorporated both her Catholic and his Jewish faiths. Afterward, the reception continued the all-things-Chicago lovefest, as everyone enjoyed oysters and lamb chops inspired by dishes at nearby restaurants while taking in iconic city sights from the mezzanine. Meanwhile, the ceremony room was transformed into a glittering wonderland full of hundreds of candles and sequined table-tops. At 8:15 p.m., the bride and groom opened a 20-minute dance set with Ray LaMontagne's "You Are the Best Thing," before the group sat down at feasting tables for a casual twist on the otherwise black-tie wedding: burgers and fries. After dinner, the crowd moved back to the dance floor, where Robby showed off his drumming skills with an admittedly nonlocal choice, Led Zeppelin's "Fool in the Rain." At midnight, the Doughnut Vault food truck, one of Chicago's dessert mainstays, rolled straight into the space to kick off the after-party on a sweet note, serving lemon-poppysseed and salted-caramel doughnuts as a DJ played hits nonstop until 2 a.m. "It was February, so we couldn't take our guests outside to show them the city," says Laura, "but we tried to give them the feel of Chicago anyway—and I think we pulled it off!" **B**