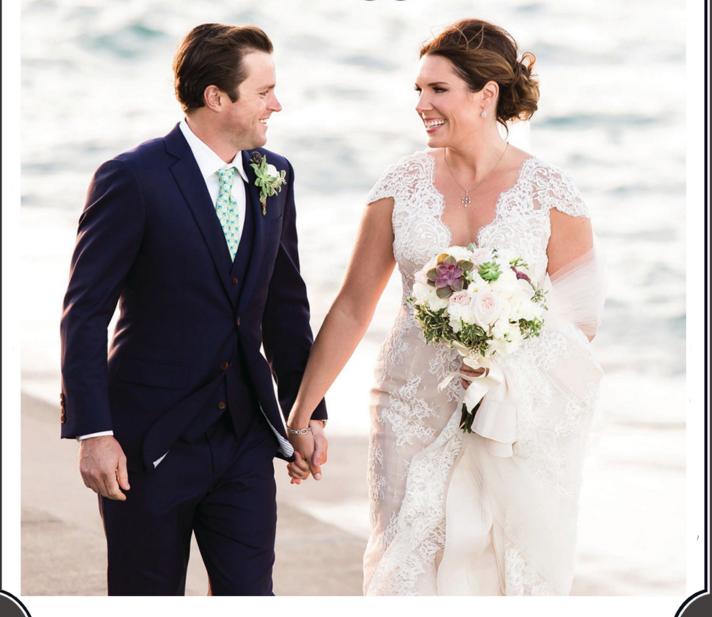
CHICAGO WEDDING

Dana & Dan

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Diving Head FIRST



This couple brought their love of the ocean to the forefront of their wedding with unique, playful decor and a showstopping setting.

DAN FLOBERG HAS a sentimental side, especially when it comes to Dana Waud. After bringing her to the tree he had purchased at Chicago Botanic Garden in memory of her grandparents, he proposed to her with her maternal grandmother's wedding ring—an antique cushion-cut solitaire stunner. Five and a half whirlwind months later, the couple walked down the aisle at Shedd Aquarium.

Dana's family has been involved with Shedd Aquarium for years—Dana herself is on the Auxiliary Board—making it the perfect location for the wedding. A longtime family friend of the

Flobergs performed the ceremony, and Dan's uncle brought tears to guests' eyes with a reading from Dr. Seuss' Oh, the Places You'll Go! The young flower girls charmed in mermaid costumes, but Dana was the true standout in an Ines Di Santo gown from Ultimate Bride, Tiffany & Co. earrings and a gorgeous blue clutch handbeaded by her mother.

The pair's love of the Wes Anderson movie The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou kept the reception's theme playful, with coral and navy accents, and glimpses of fish and deep-sea divers. The vanilla-bean cake with salted-caramel filling from Elysia Root Cakes was a big hit, best enjoyed around the large-reef fish tank. Guests also went home with a little something sweet to end the sweet night: homemade honey from the mother of the bride's beehives. Even the couple's honeymoon fit the theme: They jetted off to the Maldives for 10 days of scuba diving, exploring and celebrating their brand-new life together.



The List

Venue Shedd Aquarium, sheddaquarium.org Wedding Planner Hope Weis,

Hope Weis Consulting, hopeweisconsulting.com Bride's Gown Ines Di Santo, Ultimate Bride,

ultimatebride.com Bride's Shoes limmy Choo. No.

Bride's Shoes Jimmy Choo, Nordstrom,

Bride's Veil Ultimate Bride, ultimatebride.com Bride's Hair & Makeup Hair: Renee Feldman,

Renee Feldman Salon,

reneefeldmansalon.com; makeup: Stella

Mikhail, Stellair Beauty, stellairbeauty.com Groom's Tux Nicholas Joseph,

customsuitsyou.com

Rings Hers: Lise Bennett, Unicorn Designs,

unicorndesignslf.com; His: Benchmark,

C.D.Peacock, cdpeacock.com

Florals Decor: John Hensel, HMR Designs, hmrdesigns.com; bouquets: Dana Strothman.

Designs by Jody, designsbyjodyinc.com

Invitations RedBliss Design, redbliss.com

Rentals HMR Designs, hmrdesigns.com

Linens BBJ Linen, bbjlinen.com

Aquarium were perfect for Dan and Dana's day.

Entertainment Cagen Music, cagenmusic.com