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EMILY SIEGEL & TAYLOR HALSTED

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The Field Museum
Photography by Averyhouse

THE COUPLE It only took a moment for Emily Siegel to know she had met The One. Taylor Halsted was seated next to Emily's then-boyfriend at a mutual friend's dinner party. "I took one look at Taylor and thought, 'That's

my husband,'" the bride says. "I even texted my friends that fact." Ready for a fresh start, Emily left her relationship, and, three months later, Taylor moved from Boston to New York to be with her.

THE DETAILS Chicago native Emily was there the day SUE the T. rex made its debut at the Field Museum in 2000—and felt such a strong connection she wanted the dino around for her big day. "We like that the Field Museum has its own purpose and history," the bride says of the venue. "We were a part of its life, not the other way around."

THE PARTY Guests dined on a custom gluten-free menu—finishing with Funfetti cake and an Oberweis sundae bar—before taking part in a scavenger hunt to find three golden retriever figurines honoring the couple's dog (and ring bearer), Gilmore. As an homage to the bride's favorite show, *Gilmore Girls*, Emily and Taylor danced to Luke and Lorelai's song, "Reflecting Light." —Tina Cerami



Clockwise from top: HMR Designs decked the reception space with a mix of covered round tables and large wooden farm tables with gold runners; the bride's custom gown had a removable feathered overskirt; the outdoor ceremony took place in front of the Field Museum.



From left: The couple's pup acted as ring bearer in a custom collar created by HMR; floral arrangements throughout the reception space featured a gorgeous array of greenery including ivy, eucalyptus and olive branch.

THE LIST

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