

DREAMY DECOR WEDDING

Brandy Grenier & Todd Draper
March 30, 2019

Brandy Grenier and Todd Draper tied the knot in a magical, extravagant way, but their roots are much more down-to-earth. "We met at a very low-key sports bar in Wicker Park," Todd says. It was only Brandy's fourth day in the Windy City, and she was exploring her new neighborhood. "After a few minutes at the bar, Todd walked in with his future groomsman and the rest is history," she says. For their big day two years later, The Langham, Chicago was outfitted with swaths of taupe, blush and champagne, and accented with ostrich feathers, for a dreamy, cloud-like affair. The bride stunned in Israeli fashion designer Alon Livné's Anastasia ballgown and had a few tricks up her sleeve: "I was caught off guard by a *Star Wars* theme song entrance—complete with lightsaber—that Brandy surprised me with," Todd says. —Hailey Hinton

THE LIST

Venue & Catering The Langham, Chicago, langhamhotels.com/chicago
Wedding Planner Lori Stephenson, LOLA Event Productions, lolaeventproductions.com
Bride's Gown Alon Livné, Bella Bianca Bridal Couture, bellabianca.com
Bride's Hair & Makeup Hair: Korena Robinson, korenarobinson.com; Makeup: Andie Cumber, andiecumber.com
Groom's Tux Ike Behar, Emanuele Tuxedo, emanueleluxedo.com
Bridesmaids' Dresses Jenny Yoo, jennyyoo.com
Florals HMR Designs, hmrdesigns.com
Cake Flourish Cake Design, flourishcakedesign.com
Invitations Steracle Press, steracle.com
Entertainment Ceremony: Phillip-Michael Scales, phillip-michael.net; Reception: The Gold Coast All Stars, goldcoasteventschiago.com
Photography Kent Drake Photography, kentdrake.com



NAUTICAL WEDDING

Sarah Stadler & Bill Costello
August 17, 2019

A few years after being successfully set up with Sarah Stadler by mutual friends, Bill Costello proposed at the Columbia Yacht Club over a private dinner on the bridge of the ship. So when it came to planning the wedding, they knew exactly where it would be. "We didn't even tour any venues," Sarah says. "We knew we wanted to get married at the yacht club where we were engaged. It's such a special, unique and historical place in Chicago." After the ceremony, officiated by Bill's brother, Sarah swapped her nautical Gucci heels for white cowboy boots and got the party started. The evening ended spectacularly with a fireworks show over Navy Pier. —TD

THE LIST

Venue & Catering Columbia Yacht Club, columbiayachtclub.org
Wedding Planner Brianna Garritano, Marquette Avenue Events, marquetteavenueevents.com
Bride's Gown Jane Hamidi, White Wedding Bespoke, whiteweddingbespoke.com
Bride's Hair & Makeup Hair: Rachel Rayburn Beauty, instagram.com/rachrayburn; Makeup: Jane Pavlis, Saks Fifth Avenue, saksffthavenue.com
Groom's Tux Jos. A. Bank, josbank.com
Florals Flowers for Dreams, flowersfordreams.com
Cake Urban Icing, urbanicing.com
Invitations Coppia Creativa, coppiacreativagroup.com
Entertainment Okyne Medialab, okynemedialab.com
Accommodations Waldorf Astoria Chicago, waldorfastoriachicagohotel.com
Photography Stoffer Photography, stofferphotography.com