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LAUREN KAISER & ERIK MURRAY

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Ceremony: Saint Clement Church

Reception: The Dalcy

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THE COUPLE Lauren Kaiser and Erik Murray met through mutual friends at Indiana University, and Erik popped the question during a romantic trip to Venice for their 10th anniversary. The moment was all their own: "Erik knows I do not like public displays of affection," says Lauren, "so he proposed in our hotel room on the second night of vacation."

THE DETAILS Following in Erik's parents' footsteps, the couple wed at Saint Clement Church in Lincoln Park. Father Hickey's homily was a highlight: "He knew Erik from grade school, and we got to know him as we prepared to be married in the church," the bride says. "He was able to add a personal touch."

THE PARTY Inspired by the Mediterranean vibe of The Dalcy and adjacent restaurant Aba—which reminded them of their first international trip together to Greece—the couple planned a vibrant reception. "The decor in Aba was already perfect for cocktail hour," Lauren says. "The Dalcy was more of a blank space." HMR Designs helped the couple make it their own with tons of greenery and twinkling lights. Lauren's favorite part of the reception was the speeches given by her sisters and father—and as for the groomsmen's speeches, "Erik definitely got roasted," she laughs.

—Karina Wensjöe

From top: Lauren stunned in Atelier Pronovias while Erik looked handsome in a Hickey Freeman tuxedo; Lauren and her bridesmaids stayed warm in faux fur jackets from Nordstrom; HMR Designs bedecked The Dalcy with ethereal greenery and soft candlelight.

From top: CAKE finished the red velvet and white cake (a nod to Indiana University colors) with a topper of the couple's chocolate lab, Harlow; Lauren and Erik shared a moment under the wooden pavilion at Lincoln Park Zoo, which is in their neighborhood.

THE LIST

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