



## elizabeth & kevin

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photography by Christian Oth

Elizabeth Sadler and Kevin Cryan are no strangers to a fast-paced lifestyle—they do, after all, live in New York. Elizabeth (a 30-year-old newspaper reporter) tends to keep long hours, and Kevin (a 30-year-old specialist trading assistant) works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. So when Kevin suggested a Fourth of July weekend getaway, Elizabeth didn't even notice that he'd packed a champagne picnic for the beach. "I had worked until two o'clock that morning, so I was exhausted and totally oblivious," she remembers. When they arrived at Flying Point Beach (the same beach where Kevin's parents got engaged), Kevin suggested a walk along the ocean. A few steps later, he got down on one knee and asked Elizabeth to be his wife.

For this cosmopolitan couple, a venue with chic city style fit the bill, so Elizabeth and Kevin selected Cipriani 42nd Street for their September wedding. With the help of Jung Lee and Josh Brooks of Fete, the pair created a lavish Italian feast using lots of deep pink, red, and orange floral arrangements and linens to make the cavernous space feel warm and intimate for their >>





**Planning tip:** Hire an event designer. Elizabeth and Kevin called upon Fete to help create a romantic and intimate ambience at their spacious reception venue.



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220 guests. The wedding's stationery featured classic off-white invitations and programs with matching gold leaf motifs to usher in the arrival of the fall season and set the tone.

The traditional Catholic ceremony took place at a beautiful church just three blocks from Elizabeth and Kevin's apartment. "It was nice to get married in the same neighborhood where we had lived for the past seven-plus years," says Elizabeth. The bride walked down the aisle wearing an elegant strapless mermaid-style gown with horizontal ribbon-like bands from top to bottom and tiny bows in the back by Vera Wang. Her veil coordinated perfectly, with ribbon-like satin edging. Antique pearl earrings and strappy gold Manolo Blahniks finished off the look, for which the fashion-forward bride has this advice: "Wear gold shoes instead of white. I have gotten subsequent use out of my wedding shoes—unlike friends who wore white satin shoes." With her she carried a bouquet of lily of the valley, a striking contrast to her all-white ensemble. The seven bridesmaids exuded stylish sophistication in champagne-colored Vera Wang dresses with mermaid-style bottoms and different bodices. "I thought having them wear different styles made it more interesting," explains Elizabeth. Compared to the reception décor, the bridesmaid bouquets were delicate and muted—a simple mix of pink and pastel roses with a few orchids peeking through.

Following the nuptials, Elizabeth and Kevin exited the church amid the sounds of bagpipers. "They attracted a crowd of locals and people watching from their apartment windows," says Elizabeth. "It was pretty cool." The newlyweds then hopped into a black antique Rolls-Royce, while the guests boarded two red double-decker buses for a scenic





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tour of the city on their way to the reception site. Guests were greeted at the doors of Cipriani with peach bellinis and then ushered into a cocktail room where they satisfied any hunger cravings with a raw bar, sushi, and other hors d'oeuvres. Inside the main hall, giant, deep red lampshades were suspended from lighting scaffolds surrounding the dance floor, and soft, oversized square ottomans were placed beneath to give the space a supper-club feel. Long, rectangular tables were covered down the middle in lush floral and fruit-filled centerpieces, complemented by tall, lush green topiaries.

Once everyone was seated, Elizabeth's maid of honor gave a memorable toast in which she compared the bride to a glass of red wine and Kevin to a glass of champagne. Dinner began with a cold lobster salad followed by a main course of filet mignon and risotto. But the culinary decadence truly peaked with dessert: In addition to the wedding cake—a five-tiered square confection alternating layers of carrot and white cakes covered in fall-toned flowers of mostly hydrangea petals (in burgundy, pinks, and gold, with pale green accents) and a sugar ribbon that matched the table linens—an enormous buffet was set up that offered molten chocolate cake and sorbets. A 13-piece band kicked off the swanky affair, providing the first dance music to Norah Jones' "Come Away With Me," while a DJ took over halfway through. As the evening drew to an end, Elizabeth and Kevin followed their sweet song's advice: "It was late, and only a handful of our closest friends were still there to see us off," remembers Elizabeth. When they were ready, the newlyweds casually left Cipriani and walked just two blocks to their hotel as their friends cheered them on from behind. —Christa Vagnozzi >>





**ELIZABETH & KEVIN'S INGREDIENTS**

**CEREMONY SITE** Church of St. Thomas

More (212) 876-7718 **RECEPTION SITE**

Cipriani 42nd Street (212) 499-0599

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Christian Oth Photography,

ChristianOthWeddings.com **VIDEOGRAPHY**

Wilson Fontaine Vignettes (646) 221-3063

**CONSULTANT** Fete (212) 725-7268 **OFFI-**

**CIANT** The groom's cousin, Rev. John J. Cryan

**GOWN AND VEIL** Vera Wang (212) 628-3400

**SHOES** Manolo Blahnik **HAIR** Aleksandra,

Paul Labrecque (212) 595-0099 **BRIDESMAID**

**DRESSES** Vera Wang Maids (212) 628-9898

**FORMALWEAR** Kevin wore a classic black

tuxedo by Paul Stuart, Paul Stuart (800) 678-

8278 **INVITATIONS** Sloane Madureira Design

(212) 539-0184 **FLOWERS** LMD Floral (212)

614-2734 **RENTAL EQUIPMENT** Party Rental

(212) 517-8750 **CATERING** Cipriani 42nd

Street **MUSIC** Ceremony: Empryal Strings

(888) 661-5105; reception: The Kevin Osborne

Band, booked through Hank Lane Music &

Productions (212) 767-0600 **DANCE LESSONS**

Fred Astaire Dance Studio (212) 209-2410

**CAKE** Sylvia Weinstock Cakes (212) 925-6698

**TRANSPORTATION** Double-decker buses from

Coach USA (800) 877-1888; Rolls-Royce from

Silver Star Limousine (914) 476-3311, Yonkers

**ACCOMMODATIONS** Dylan Hotel (212) 338-

0500 **HONEYMOON** Maui and Kauai, HI

