



LAKESIDE
SOIRÉE

**Drew Meade &
Andy Sofield**
*Adirondack League Club,
Old Forge, New York*
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TECHNICALLY, DREW AND ANDY married in a Massachusetts courthouse in May 2005. But the couple, for whom it was "love at second or third sight," kept the union a secret until their "real wedding" last fall, a weekend-long celebration attended by family and friends. "We wanted to host an elegant but rockin' good time," Drew says, "with our guests staying on the property and each event building into something bigger." This meant a Thursday-night barbecue hosted by Andy's parents, a Friday-evening rehearsal picnic and piano sing-along, and an intimate Saturday-night ceremony followed by a formal dinner. Revelries lasted well into the wee hours: "We had an after-party with buffalo wings and vodka-Red Bull," Drew says. "Everyone danced up a storm. Republicans took off their shirts. And by Sunday brunch, everyone was acting like old friends—old, happy, hung-over friends."

The couple's friend Cristlyn made their cake, but half of it melted in the fridge overnight. So she lopped off some layers, re-iced it, and pulled ribbon around the remaining tiers.

To signal that the ceremony was about to begin, a haggiper played traditional Irish and Scottish music. "The sounds floated out over the lake," Drew says, "adding an ethereal touch."



Although Andy and Drew spent more than a year planning their wedding—"We didn't skimp on anything important," Drew says—even the best-laid plans can go awry." "We splurged on a beautiful tent for dinner. But an hour before the ceremony, heavy rains hit and turned our tent into a sea of mud." Drew's advice? "Get weather insurance."





Andy has five siblings and fifteen gorgeous nieces and nephews. All of them were in the wedding party as best nieces and nephews, and our nephew was the ring bearer. Says Dave, "They looked like a walking Rockwell painting or Ralph Lauren photo shoot."

"Since it was a same-sex wedding, we got to make our own rules. We walked down the aisle together. There was no bride's or groom's side, though there were jokes about it. We used Catholic, Protestant, and Unitarian elements—whatever was most meaningful to us."

THE DETAILS

GROOMS' SUITS: Custom-made Brooks Brothers tuxedos
MUSIC: The Sharp Dressed Penguins
FLOWERS: Mountain Greenery
CATERER: Adirondack League Club
CAKE: Cristallin Roussau
INVITATIONS: William Ernest Brown
WEDDING RINGS: Tiffany & Company

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