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ROARIN' 20s

Surprise

Holly Haddad and Doug Herman
School of the Art Institute Ballroom, Chicago

Holly Haddad and Doug Herman planned to wed privately while on a three-week trip in Turkey and France. It would be a collaborative wedding and honeymoon trip. However, it was still important to celebrate their upcoming nuptials with their family and friends, so the two planned a roaring 20s themed party, held at the School of the Art Institute Ballroom. Guests dressed for the occasion and enjoyed 1920s styled décor, food, music and drinks. Doug welcomed everyone to the party with a champagne toast and presented a special gift to his fiancée. Holly opened the box and pulled out her May Day themed bouquet, filled with yellow roses, tulips, lilacs, rosemary and irises. She then asked her dad to walk her across the dance floor to Doug and everyone realized they weren't at a pre-nuptials celebration; they were at a surprise wedding. The rest of the evening was celebrated with hand rolled cigars, dancing to the sounds of a 13-piece swing band, gambling on the roulette tables and posing for pictures in a vintage photo booth.

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PRE-CEREMONY We invited our guests to join us for a private swing dance lesson at **Big City Swing**, Chicago. | INVITATIONS Holly made the announcement and all the H&H logo printed items for the reception. | WEDDING CONSULTANT Lori at **LOLA Event Productions**, Chicago helped the couple organize the secret wedding and keep it under wraps. | CEREMONY AND RECEPTION SITE **School of the Art Institute Ballroom**, Chicago. | OFFICIANT Jeffrey Sumner, **Celebrate Love Chicago**. | MENU/CATERING **Phil Stefani Signature Events**, Chicago. "Jennifer Monti was incredible, she did amazing research and menu development to capture the theme," said Holly. MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT Alan Fresik Swing Shift Orchestra/**Stitley Entertainment**, Evanston. A 13-piece band with piano, trumpet, tuba, banjo, drums, clarinet, trombone, singers and saxophone. The couple's first dance was to "Always" by Irving Berlin, which was a song he wrote for his wife in the 1920s. | FLOWERS/DÉCOR Jesse Deckard at **Botanicals**, Chicago. "Jesse did an amazing job with my bouquet, incorporating all the flowers and herbs I requested for the May Day themed basket," said Holly. | LIGHTING **Botanicals**, Chicago. | WEDDING CAKE A 1920s candy shop table display was featured in lieu of a cake. | FAVORS Guests were provided fedora hats, long pearl necklaces and feather boas to wear and take home. "We also had fun with our H&H theme and had special cigar wrappers made for the cigar roller to give away to guests; H&H labels on the candy bags; I made a "May Day" solid perfume with lilac and magnolia for the ladies and lastly, we had H&H flasks for all our guests," said Holly. | BRIDE'S GOWN Handmade using vintage beadwork from a 1920s dress, **Silver Moon**, Chicago. | SHOES **Target** | VEIL Handmade feather clip, **Silver Moon**, Chicago. | JEWELRY Vintage earrings from **Silver Moon**, Chicago, Holly's grandmother's vintage bracelet, wedding rings were handmade by a family friend. | HAIR & MAKEUP **Salty Styles**, Chicago. | MENSWEAR Handmade vintage inspired suit by Nicholas Joseph of **Custom Suits You**, Chicago. | PHOTOGRAPHY Jeremy Bustos from **Studio ThisIs**, Valparaiso, IN. | ICE SCULPTURES **Phil Stefani Signature Events**, Chicago used the H&H logo. | GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS **Blackstone Hotel**, Chicago. | WEDDING NIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS **Blackstone Hotel**, Chicago. MORNING AFTER A block of tables were reserved at the **House of Blues** for their Gospel Brunch. Doug was invited on stage to sing, perfectly capping off the weekend of celebrating. | HONEYMOON Three weeks in Turkey and France, short jaunts to Belgium and London. The trip included hot air balloon rides over Burgundy and Champagne, private wine tastings and castles in France.

An *Enchanting* Affair

Jennifer Leutner & Stephen Dybsky
Café Brauer at the Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago

Jennifer Leutner and Stephen Dybsky met and became close friends in Washington, D.C. while working for DC Magazine. Their friendly relationship quickly blossomed into a romantic one and even with Jennifer's upcoming graduate school program in London, the two stood firm. Life and love led the couple back to Chicago and after three years of dating, Stephen knew Jennifer was the one for him. Stephen reserved a theatre at Piper's Alley and secretly sat friends and family in the audience for the proposal. While toasting to their engagement over champagne, Stephen assured Jennifer that she wouldn't have to go to work the next day because he was whisking her off to Paris to celebrate their engagement.

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INVITATIONS **Anjénu Boutique**, Chicago. | WEDDING CONSULTANT Lauren Carter for **LOLA Event Productions**, Chicago. CEREMONY SITE **St. Michael's Church**, Chicago. | OFFICIANT Steve's college roommate, **Brother Craig McMahon** alongside his mentor **Reverend Louis Vera** conducted the ceremony for the couple. | RECEPTION SITE **Café Brauer at the Lincoln Park Zoo**, Chicago. Votive candles were hung from the high ceiling and smilax was draped over the doorways and hand rails to create an enchanted atmosphere. | FLOWERS/DECOR Lauren Carter for **LOLA Event Productions** created a bouquet for Jennifer in keeping with the whimsical, enchanted garden theme composed of blush pink and ivory roses, hydrangea, peonies and ivy. Atop creme tablecloths were either topiaries surrounded by votive mercury glass candle holders or vintage garden pots overflowing with growing moss. | MENU/CATERING **Blueplate Catering**, Chicago. A menu board added to the Parisian cafe feeling and boasted a variety of passed hors d'oeuvres including truffled potato crisp and parmesan risotto. The first course was an arugula salad with shaved melon, celery, basil, pecorino and blackberry vinaigrette, guests then had a choice of truffled potato gnocchi or petite shoulder tender gramolata and thyme roasted chicken. A late night snack offering of mini milkshakes, mini cheeseburgers and mini heart shaped grilled cheese sandwiches were passed. | MUSIC/ENTERTAINMENT **Mary Monica Music**, Chicago. | WEDDING CAKE **The Twisted Baker**, Chicago created a yellow cake with chocolate mousse filling with American butter cream frosting for the occasion. | LIGHTING **LOLA Event Productions**, Chicago. | BRIDE'S GOWN AND VEIL **Vera Wang**, Chicago | JEWELRY **Steve Quick Jewelers** in Chicago worked with Jennifer to create a custom ring, using the center diamond that belonged to her grandmother. | SHOES **Cole Haan** and **Nike Air** | HAIR Pamela Moore for **Brilli Salon**, Chicago. | MAKEUP Kyrsten Bryant for **Ford Artists**, Chicago. | BRIDESMAID'S DRESSES **David's Bridal** | MENSWEAR A custom Hickey Freeman tuxedo from **Syd Jerome** was made for the groom, paired with **Ferragamo** shoes. | PHOTOGRAPHY **Allure Photo**, Chicago. | VIDEOGRAPHY **Poetic Productions**, Chicago. | TRANSPORTATION **Windy City Trolley**, Chicago provided transportation between the ceremony and reception. **Noble Horse Theater**, Chicago provided the carriage ride back to the hotel room post reception. "Our favorite moment was the horse and carriage ride back to our hotel; we were able to just relax, soak it all in and reminisce about the evening," said Jennifer. | GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS **Ambassador East Hotel**, Chicago. | WEDDING NIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS **Ambassador East Hotel**, Chicago. | HONEYMOON The newlyweds honeymooned in Tuscany and Nice.