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Brides

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ELEGANCE

BIG-DAY DESIRES: LUXE GOWNS, HOT ROCKS,
SUBLIME SWEETS AND MORE!

Lanvin's New Bridal Line Lands on Oak Street

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and 66 of Chicago's Hautest Weddings!



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Trend

Growth Potential

For its annual open house, **LOLA Event Productions** paired up with Jesse Deckard from **Event Creative** for a display of all things wedding cool. We fell in love with these baby succulents. “Winter, spring, summer or fall,” says LOLA’s Lori Stephenson, “manipulating mini planters to display escort cards is always chic. They’re the ultimate ‘green’ take-home favor, too!” —EH

Petite potted succulents can do double duty as escort-card holders and take-home favors.

Sweets Beat



Gimme Sugar!

Two hot-on-the-scene sweets purveyors prove there’s much more to big-day indulgences than traditional wedding cake.

TRUFFLE TRUFFLE “We love the opportunity to personalize,” says Nicole Greene, owner and master pastry chef behind Truffle Truffle. The confectioner recently overhauled several of her classic flavors in order to roll out a line of DIY “sweetscapes,” favors and truffle cakes that complement the style of her clients’ weddings. In fact, a recent collaboration with A Perfect Event produced the **Couture Favor Collection** of bonbons. Each edible guest gift is served in an elegant, printed box with custom label (\$5.50 per gift box). truffletruffle.com

TIPSYCAKE Specializing in occasion cakes great and small, it’s TopsyCake Owner Naomi Levine’s custom, occasionally outrageous **groom’s cakes** that are currently catching our eye. We just have one question: How *does* one work a cake shaped like Wrigley Field into an elegant wedding? Levine suggests serving the groom’s cake at the rehearsal dinner where family and friends can appreciate the tradition, yet you don’t have to worry about it “clashing” your party. 1043 N. California Ave., 773.384.4418 and TopsyCake’s new retail bakery at 1944 N. Damen Ave. opening next month, tipsycakechicago.com —EK

Truffle Truffle’s cake bonbons come in flavor combos like lemon and hazelnut, chocolate and citrus, and vanilla bean and kumquat.



Designer Diane von Furstenberg

Fully Registered

Home Fronting

Wild for animal prints? Bonkers for big, bold florals? Now you can live fashion-forward by decorating your love nest with **Diane von Furstenberg’s** new **home collection** at **Bloomingdale’s** (\$25 to \$395). The designer’s luxe line of tabletop and bedding finery, inspired by her iconic wrap-dress prints, wows with three collections—Bright and Bold, Animal Instincts and The Garden Path—made up of mix-and-match patterns and solids. With dishes, silverware and bowls, sheets, duvets and pillows, the DVF collection assures your home will make a stylish statement (and your neighbors jealous). Our favorite piece? DVF’s one-of-a-kind throws made from vintage saris (\$300). At **Bloomingdale’s** at **Medinah Temple, Oakbrook Center and Old Orchard Center, bloomingdales.com** —Vicki Crain

A pretai-painted plate from Diane von Furstenberg’s Floral table collection



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...AISLE FILE CONTINUED N. Racine Ave. into a new boutique with a glass-encased kitchen where brides can watch the bakers whip up the cakes during tastings. Crocell & Co. has moved from its old Bucktown space to a new home in The 900 Shops. **FOOD FOR THOUGHT** In January, Jewell Events Catering announced its partnership with The Chicago History Museum. **Blue Plate** (left) is now one of the few preferred caterers for The Rookery. **VENUE REVIEW** Chicago Union Station boasts a new cooling system that, for the first time ever, allows the iconic venue **CONTINUED...**

**LESLIE BELL &
BRIAN DEMPSEY**

*February 5, 2011
Gallery 1028*

THE COUPLE Brian can still recall what Leslie was wearing the first time he laid eyes on her at a party: “printed shirt, blazer, ponytail,” says the groom. Now that’s what we call making an everlasting impression! **THE DETAILS** LOLA Event Productions worked old barn windows into the party’s décor. Callahan Catering incorporated the couple’s favorite dishes (think mac ‘n’ cheese and paella) into the night’s nibbles. **THE PARTY** Because Feb. 5 is also Leslie’s birthday, The Party Faithful sang “Happy Birthday” to the bride. All 145 guests parted with spiced sachets handmade by the happy couple. —*Elise Hofer*



Reclaimed windows were positioned throughout the rustic-chic affair. The couple used stencils to customize each glass pane here with their initials and wedding date.



Mr. and Mrs. Brian and Leslie Dempsey. The bride looked lovely—even in freezing temps!—in a Lazaro gown from Bella Bianca, Oakbrook Terrace.



Jelly jars tied with escort cards were later filled with warm, mulled-wine cocktails.



Mini morsels by MORE Cupcakes



Ivory and green centerpieces by Kehoe Designs



Candles in mercury glass and fresh ivy enhanced the lounge.