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JAIME BRONSTEIN & BRYAN OLSON

May 17, 2014 Chicago, Illinois | Photographed by KingsSmith

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Jaime roamed the city, roller suitcase in tow, collecting long-stemmed roses and cards bearing beautiful written sentiments at various locations, ending at a luxury hotel. When she arrived, a maitre d' whisked her away to a terrace where the man of her dreams was casually sitting at a table, dressed up in a suit. As they hugged and kissed, Jaime noticed that one of her favorite songs was emanating from the loudspeakers. Turns out, Bryan had compiled a CD featuring her favorite tunes and arranged for it to play during the occasion. Then, he got down on one knee and with heartfelt words asked her to marry him.

The couple chose a glamorous, timeless private club for their wedding venue. A radiant assortment of glass vessels holding floating and pillar candles, sitting atop mirrored rectangles, illuminated the way to a heavenly chuppah composed of billowy chiffon adorned with rhinestone ties and a crystal chandelier. Two carved shelving units with mirrored backs reflected the soft glow of candles in yellow hurricanes.

The moment Jaime stepped through the doors and walked down the aisle was memorable for the bride and groom. She made her grand entrance wearing a beaded belt and a pair of dangling diamond earrings. She carried an abundant bouquet of ivory roses, peonies, and pearls.

Stella Mikhail (Makeup)

The groom was especially handsome in an arched tulle veil. A classic white tuxedo touched Jaime carried an abundance of love to the center.

"She was angelic," muses Bryan, who looked dashing in his black tuxedo. "I had so many emotions at the time, but I remember feeling such a warm and wonderful feeling." Jaime was similarly overcome at the sight of Bryan and the room full of family and friends. "I have never felt more insurmountable and overwhelming amounts of love than what I felt in that room the night of our wedding," she affirms.

Though it was a Jewish ceremony, the couple incorporated a unity candle to reflect Bryan's Catholic faith. "[It represented] the merging of our lives and our two families into one," explains the bride. When exchanging wedding bands, they also honored the ancient belief that an artery directly connects the right index finger to the heart. "We first placed the rings on these fingers before placing them on our left ring fingers, symbolically joining our hearts," says Jaime.

During the cocktail hour, guests sampled a variety of mouthwatering appetizers including sushi, lobster rolls, mini burgers, lobster mac and cheese, grilled cheese sandwiches with a mini cup of tomato soup, and ceviche. For the reception, Jaime wanted the décor to cast a romantic and ethereal aura, full of flowers and candles. So when attendees entered the ballroom, candlelight radiated from dinner tables, windowsills, and surrounded the band. An ivory floral palette, with a sprinkling of pale pink roses and mirror elements, provided a classic counterpoint to the sophisticated silver linens. Pilsner vases of varying heights, containing submerged orchid stems and floating candles, were lined along the center of each long table. The tall centerpieces adorning round tables were composed of a submerged orchid stem topped with a bevy of roses, hydrangeas, orchids, and camellia foliage. Both designs were accented by blooms in silver bud vases and cubed vessels.

A four-layer cake was embellished with a delicate lace design, beading around the base of each tier, and fresh roses. Its tantalizing flavors included dark chocolate with fudge filling, yellow cake with raspberry filling, and banana cake with milk chocolate filling. In addition, Jaime had another special treat planned for Bryan: she serenaded him with "Bless the Broken Road" by Rascal Flatts. "She sang

HIGHLIGHTS

COLORS



GENRE

Interfaith

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SEASON

Spring

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Ballroom

STYLE

Modern

CATEGORY

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Accessories

- Angela Nuran (Shoes)
- Donald J Pinner (Shoes)
- The Left Bank Jewelry & Bridal Finery (Hair)
- Ultimate Bride (Veil)

Beauty

- Due No for Salon Buzz (Hair)
- Stella Mikhail (Makeup)

Bridal Designer

- Monique Lhuillier

Bridal Salon

- Ultimate Bride

Cakes & Desserts

- Cake Sweet Food, Chicago

Catering

- The Standard Club

Cinematography & Videography

- Klein Video Services

Custom Décor & Details

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