



EVER AFTER: ANDREA DRES & GEORGE KOURAFAS

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For **Andrea Dres**, producer at ABC-7's "Windy City LIVE," family is more than just blood relatives. So when it came to working the "family" into her Oct. 16 wedding, that included standing beside two former Harpo Studios co-workers as her bridesmaids, and hitting the dance floor with "LIVE" hosts **Val Warner** and **Ji Suk Yi**.

But it was the person standing in front of her at the altar who mattered most that day. She met **George Kourafas**, who works in commercial real estate, four years ago at a mutual friend's birthday party. "Of course we hit it off!" Dres says. "My friends thought we would be a good match, in particular because of our personalities — we're both pretty vibrant and outgoing." He proposed last Christmas Eve in his Streeterville condo.

Their wedding day at The Drake Hotel's (140 E. Walton) Gold Coast Room exuded elegance and romance, with tall calla lily centerpieces, amber-colored uplighting on the gold columns and, at one point in the evening, the Drake's iconic Champagne Parade, when servers in uniform paraded out with bubbly.



Photos by Nakai Photography

It's in the details

Bride's gown: Naeem Khan, Belle Vie Bridal Couture, 214 W. Erie; Belleviebridalcouture.com

Bride's hair & makeup: Vivian Arpino, BloOuts Blow Dry Bar, Bloouts.com; Stella Mikhail, Bestmakeupartistchicago.com

Groom's & groomsmen's attire: Ike Behar, Formally Modern Tuxedo, 2112 N. Clybourn; Formallymodern.com

Bridesmaids' dresses: Saks Fifth Avenue, 700 N. Michigan; Saksfifthavenue.com

Rings: Razny Jewelers, 37 S. Washington, Hinsdale; Razny.com

Florist: Phillip's Flowers; Phillips-flowers.com

Cake: Cake, 1635 W. Walnut; Cakechicago.com

Sweets: mini éclairs and fruit tarts, cheesecake bites and Belgian chocolate mousse

Entertainment: The Chris Sarlas Orchestra, 3100 Centennial, Highland Park; Sarlasmusic.com

Invitations: Vera Wang, Ashley's, 30 E. 1st, Hinsdale; Ashleyscustomstationery.com

Videographer: James Gustin, Fig Media; Figmediainc.com

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