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NORTH SHORE WEDDING | Molly & Matt | MAY 2, 2015



After a chance meeting and a perfect proposal, expert planning helps a couple achieve the elegant and warm wedding of their dreams.

ON A CHICAGO summer evening in 2012, Molly Froidlich, a Highland Park native, and Matt Lindke struck up a conversation while having drinks on NoMI's romantic rooftop. Two wonderful souls later, Matt proposed on the eve of Molly's beloved pup, Izzy on the patio of their home. "I was really surprised," Molly says. "I love how he included the dog because she is such an important part of our lives. It was very cute."

The couple immediately called upon industry veteran Steve Niekah to help Molly and her grandmother plan the day. "I never could have done it without her," Molly gushes. "I thought the process was a bit of fun, and I had expected it to be stressful."

Molly and Matt wanted a small and intimate wedding, so they selected the Ivy Room for the ceremony and reception. "The

rooms provided a pretty background as the bride walked down the aisle in a Monique Lhuillier gown.

"Matt and I have a thing for residential outdoor spaces with romantic lighting," Molly explains. "The whole space was mismatched



but perfectly coordinated. Lanterns hung from the ceiling and under the chandelier by grandma suggested using bright flowers so they were a presence in the room and not something that just blended into the space."

Following the ceremony, Reverend Matt kicked off the reception and, thanks to Niekah's suggestion, the bride's front-and-center placement kept the dance floor full throughout the evening. A photo booth also was a big hit among guests.

After the wedding, the couple embarked on a SeaDream Yacht Club cruise from Venice to Rome with stops in Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, the Amalfi Coast, Sicily and Capri. Molly adds, "We chose it because it was the perfect balance of exploration, activities, delicious food and relaxing."

“What We Learned
“I was what you want and stick with it,” says Molly. “We wanted a smaller wedding, and I thought the terrace of the Ivy Room was beautiful. It was really the only place we considered. We just loved it.”

Chandelier from left. The colorful towering centerpiece with light fixtures and hanging greenery were inspired by the couple's love of romantic outdoor spaces. Amy Beck Cake Design created a towering floral tier cake featuring the couple's new wedding theme. Photo with her bridesmaids, bridesmaid Jenny Toy, brides and their bright blooms, the bride's beautiful ring, posed atop the couple's beautifully enhanced venue by House Paper. Best of Breweries of 10th Degree brought the outdoors in with hanging beehive lanterns and a floral-encrusted chuppah.

- The List**
- Venue: The Ivy Room, ivyroomchicago.com
 - Planner: Rose Niekah, revasuffan.com
 - Flowers & Decor: KHR Designs, khrdesigns.com
 - Officiant: Monique Dunbar, ultimabride.com
 - Bridesmaids: Jenny Toy, jennytoy.com
 - Bridesmaid: befallbridesmaids.com
 - Catering: Entertaining Company, entertainingcompany.com
 - Cake: Amy Beck Cake Design, amybeckcakedesign.com
 - Music: Reverend Matt, reverendmatt.com
 - Video/Photo: VDO Productions, vdoevents.com
 - Invitations: House Paper, housepaper.com
 - Liner: B&J Linen, bjlinen.com
 - Lighting: House, housechicago.com
 - Hair & Makeup: Hair: Kimberly Schmidt McKean, makemakeup.com; Stella Mikhail, stelmikhailchicago.com

