

MAURA DURKIN & SHANE O'MARA

May 18, 2019

Ceremony: St. Alphonsus Church

Reception: Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, Chicago

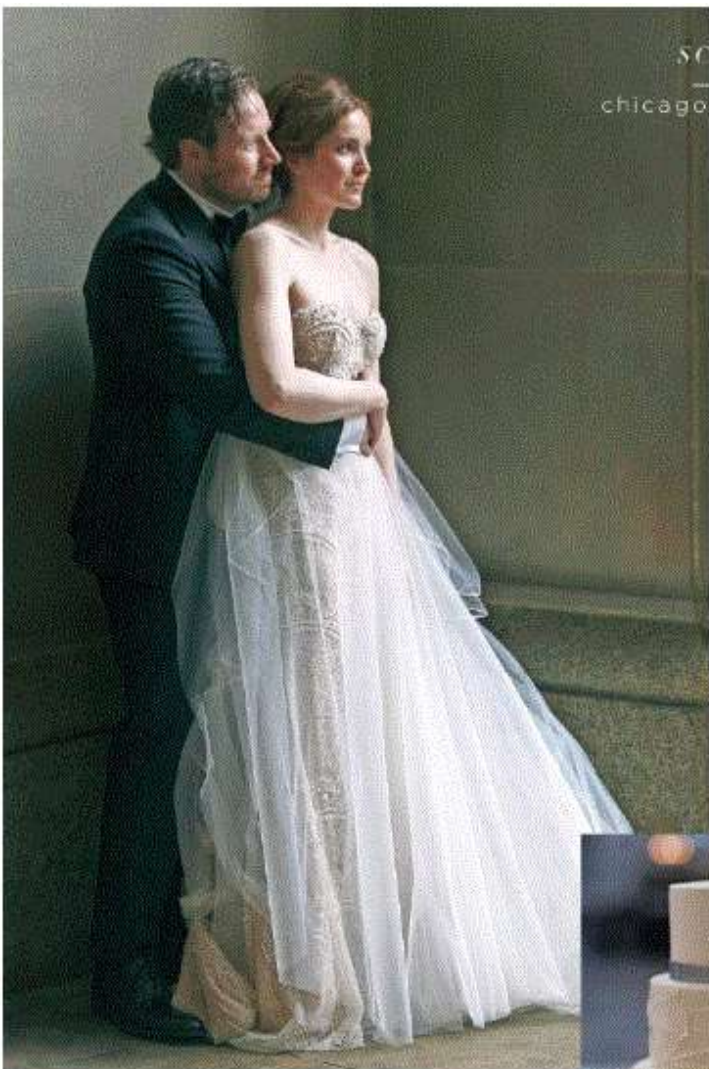
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THE COUPLE The first person Maura Durkin met on the first day of her new job was the dashing Shane O'Mara. Fast-forward a few friendly emails, friendlier texts and actual dates—plus a meeting with HR—and 2 ½ years later, Shane surprised Maura by proposing at their favorite spot in Lincoln Park with mementos from their most meaningful dates and travels.

THE DETAILS The ceremony was a mix of traditional elements—Shane's first glimpse of Maura was when she walked down the aisle on her dad's arm—and a few surprises, like playing "Love Me Like You Do" by Ellie Goulding (the couple's song) for that walk down the aisle. In a nod to their heritage, the couple left the church escorted by four bagpipers and two drummers.

THE PARTY The Radisson Blu Aqua's ballroom, filled with 375 guests, was transformed by Mae Rodowich of Yanni Design Studio, and featured a stunning backdrop of blossom-filled cherry trees for the custom-built 23-person head table.

Other personal touches included a flower cart where guests could make their own arrangements to take home, and a signature cocktail, The O'Married—how cute is that? —*Laura Hill*



From far left: Maura's Ersa Atelier gown featured a detachable tulle overskirt, which she wore for the ceremony and photos and removed for the reception; each of the cake's tiers was a different flavor—the couple cut into the base, which was white buttercream with vanilla mousseline and fresh berries; menu cards featured a wax stamp of the couple's monogram, which also appeared on the dance floor and custom bar.

THE LIST

Wedding Planner: Hope Weis, hopewebconsulting.com

Bride's Gown: Ersa Atelier, Dimitra's Bridal Couture, dimitrasbridal.com

Bride's Shoes: Jimmy Choo, jimmychoo.com

Bride's Hair & Makeup: Hair: Kristi Somerville, Shine Salon, facebook.com/kristi.somerville; Makeup: Stella Avakian-Mikhail, stellaabeauty.com

Groom's Tux: Romualdo Sartoria, romualdo.com

Groom's Shoes: Ted Baker, tedbaker.com

Rings: Fontana Jeweler, fontanadiamonds.com

Bridesmaids' Dresses: Bridesmaid, bridesmaid.com

Groomsmen's Ties: The Black

Tux, theblacktux.com

Floral: Yanni Design Studio, yannidesignstudio.com

Cake: Vanille Patisserie, vanillepatisserie.com

Invitations: Double Trip Press, doubletrippress.com

Entertainment: Ceremony: Shannon Revers Irish Pipe Band, shannonrevers.com

Reception: Don Cagan Orchestra, caganmusic.com

Videographer: Shutter and Sound Films, shutterandsound.net

Photo Booth: Hipster, bookhipster.com

Transportation: Classic Wedding Car, classicweddingcar.com

Metropolitan Limousine, metropolitanlimo.com; Chicago Trolley & Double Decker Co., chicago-trolley.com

From left: The black-tie affair had a color scheme of silver, pewter, champagne and navy, and featured crystal candelabra centerpieces and tons of candlelight; Maura's favorite part of the reception was when she surprised her husband by joining the band on drums during "Uptown Funk." "It was my first time playing in front of a live audience, but I crushed it," she laughs.

