

## KERRY MONACO *marries* CHRIS BONNEAU

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The bride, a Chicago native, wanted her hometown front and center on her wedding day. The celebration began with portraits downtown, and ended in a ballroom with night views of the sparkling cityscape.

The bridesmaids' dresses from Jasmine's B2 ([jasminebridal.com](http://jasminebridal.com)) inspired the color scheme, pulled together by wedding consultant Ali Phillips of Engaging Events by Ali (773-777-2299, [engagingeventsbyali.com](http://engagingeventsbyali.com)).



The Peninsula Chicago's ballroom (312-337-2888, [chicago.peninsula.com](http://chicago.peninsula.com)) was transformed from a ceremony site to a dramatic reception setting while guests sipped cocktails on the terrace. Square and round tables were arranged with contrasting linen designs and chargers to match their shapes.

Kerry's gown by Henry Roth came from Kleinfeld, New York ([kleinfeldbridal.com](http://kleinfeldbridal.com)). The groom wore a tux from After Hours Formalwear ([afterhours.com](http://afterhours.com)) and a vest and tie by Nicole Miller. Orchids, the bride's favorite bloom, appeared in all the flower arrangements.



Candles and lamps entwined with glass beads reflected the glittering city outside. Flowers, table arrangements, and lighting by Pavel Juricek, Kehoe Designs (312-421-0030, [kehoedesigns.com](http://kehoedesigns.com)).

A lowercase monogram of the couple's initials appeared throughout—from invitations to menu cards. Jenna Plonka of Flourish Invitations (773-501-9830) designed all the printed materials.



The couple's first dance, a waltz, was the only quiet moment on the dance floor. "The band played everything from Outkast to Frank Sinatra," says Kerry, "and we had dancing between courses." Music by Peter Hennes Productions, Chicago (847-947-1835, [peterhennes.com](http://peterhennes.com)).

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