

{Whimsical Wonderland}

**Set Up
for the View**
Guests looked upon
the couple, grand
trees, and the
Ashley River.



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KRISTIN BARCAK & LEIF DORMSJO

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Wedding Design by Loluma / Images by McKay Photography & King Street Studios

Their wedding website opened with a photo of '80s icons Axl Rose and Stephanie Seymour, while its attire page suggested "clothed" for the farewell brunch. So consider it a given that Kristin and Leif's nuptials were as quirky as the D.C. residents. Kristin says the two chose the Holy City to exchange vows because it's where they fell for each other. "We love the city and wanted to share this beautiful, vibrant, magical place with our guests." Those adjectives suited their wedding, too. With birdbaths and birdcages as floral vessels, naked cakes, and a gnome figure popping up here and there at the reception, Loluma had a blast pulling things together. "Kristin was up for whatever off-the-wall ideas we sent," says planner Sha Sha Harnik. Sounds like another match made to be. —*Lisa Rohrer*

vendors

Florals, décor: Loluma

Rentals: Snyder Events (rentals, flooring, lounge);
Polished! (china, silverware, serving pieces)

Linens: Nüage Designs

Catering: Relish Distinctive Catering

Cakes: Whole Foods Market

Bride's gown: Claire Pettibone

Hair: Stuart Laurence (bride); Allure
Salon (bridesmaids)

Makeup: Andrew C. Petersen (bride); Allure
Salon (bridesmaids)

Bridesmaids' dresses: (above, from left) Erin
Fetherson, Halston Heritage, Aidan Mattox

Menswear: Christopher Schafer Clothier (suit);
Jack Erwin (shoes)



Ideas to Inspire

- *To thine own self be true.* The non-icing loving couple opted for naked cakes (each table scored their own) while Kristin surprised Leif with his favorite dessert: pie.
- *Reimagine furnishings.* A coffee table from the Loloma office turned into a chandelier with glass spheres after bride Kristin admired it.
- *Trade matching gowns for coordinating ones.* The maid of honor picked her gown then made sure the bridesmaids' frocks were streamlined to it.
- *Embrace tradition.* Leif's family is Swedish, so a stuffed gnome (considered good luck) popped up throughout the night. "Guests still talk about it," the bride says.
- *Read up.* Kristin penned a newsletter about the couple for guests to laugh over during their 30-minute ride to the reception.
- *Take a seat.* Bride and groom chair markers at each table allowed the couple to rotate with each course.

