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MARIE & JUSTIN

An elegant Center City setting was the summertime backdrop for this couple's Big Day.

THE KIMMEL CENTER, CENTER CITY

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It was on an April evening in 2010 that Marie Berrodin and Justin Hall crossed paths at a New York City bar. She was a Philly-area girl—he's from outside D.C.—and after college, both had moved to the big city, where, on that night, Justin approached Marie on the dance floor. The connection, Marie says, was instant, and the duo began dating soon after, bonding over their love of the beach, traveling, and Bar Harbor, Maine, a vacation spot they both frequented growing up. ¶ Three and a half years later, when it came time for Justin to pop the question, he chose the one location that was closest to their hearts: On Labor Day weekend in 2013, the duo got engaged atop Cadillac Mountain, with their beloved Bar Harbor in the background. ¶ Deciding exactly where to host their Big Day was the first step for Marie and Justin. With family scattered along the East Coast and many of their friends living in New York, they considered a Hamptons wedding but instead opted for a convenient Philly affair. ¶ With wedding planner Chrissy Lehman of Philly's Truly You Events as their eyes and ears here in the city, the couple drew up their wedding from across state lines: While Marie devoted her time and energy to hunting down her gown (a lace Vera Wang sheath she found after three straight months of “trying on every dress in New York City”), Lehman served as a liaison between the duo and their local vendors. ¶ On a beautiful day in August, after an emotional first look in the City Hall courtyard, Marie and Justin tied the knot in a light-filled, “very personal” ceremony at the Kimmel Center's Hamilton Garden. A delicate iron arch draped in white hydrangea and orchids (the bride also chose the latter for her bouquet, because she wanted something “summery and different”) framed the couple as they exchanged vows, hinting at the garden-inspired reception to come. Following a cocktail hour on the Kimmel's airy balcony, a gourmet feast from the Garces Catering team, and “some pretty hilarious and heartfelt speeches,” the party really got started, with guests celebrating the newlyweds exactly where their relationship began—on the dance floor.



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Opposite page, clockwise from top: The couple aimed to create a lush garden-like atmosphere by filling the tables with large, soft-colored blossoms and votive candles. Marie and Justin decided on simple complementary wedding bands. Lehman discovered the pale pink goblets for guests' place settings that matched the roses in the centerpieces. Marie's "something borrowed" was a pair of jade earrings that a good friend wore for her own wedding, while a handkerchief that belonged to Marie's grandmother (handmade by her great-great grandmother) served as her "something old" and was wrapped around the stems of her bouquet.



The Details

THE VENUE: The Kimmel Center, Center City

WEDDING PLANNER: Chrissy Lehman of Truly You Events, Rittenhouse

CATERING & CAKE: Garces Group, Philadelphia

DECOR: Petals Lane, Roxborough

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BRIDE'S LOOK: Dress by Vera Wang, New York. Hair by Amanda D'Andrea Hair, Philadelphia. Makeup by Béke Beau, Bryn Mawr.

GROOM'S FORMALWEAR: Custom suit from Michael Andrews Bespoke, New York

STATIONERY: Shine Wedding Invitations, New York

MUSIC: EBE Events & Entertainment, Northern Liberties

TRANSPORTATION: Philadelphia Trolley Works, Grays Ferry

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Marie wanted her bridesmaids to wear a mixture of dress styles and textures, so she had each one choose a neutral-hued gown that suited her personality. The bride's manicure matched the blush-toned ombré fondant that coated the three-tiered marble cake layered with coffee buttercream. The cake's pale pop of color, she says, was "subtle and not too overwhelming" when paired with cascading orchids. Guests sipped on a signature cocktail that doubled as an escort card—the Main Squeeze was a mix of lemon citron vodka and rosemary-infused simple syrup.



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