

City Classic



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STRUGGLING THROUGH A MATH course at Yale, Alice's roommate needed a tutor and invited Matthew over to help her study. Though Matthew insisted they had met multiple times before, Alice recalls these study sessions as their first encounters. The sessions quickly turned into dates and dates turned into a move to another country after graduation. Alice had an opportunity to work on a public health project in Chile while Matthew began working for a non-profit. "We also ate great food, drank lots of Chilean wine and traveled. Matt says it was on a hike in Chile that he decided to propose," recalls Alice.

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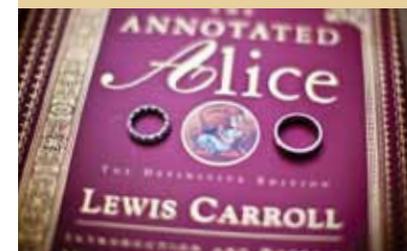


Upon returning from Chile, the couple began living together in Boston. Over breakfast, Matthew proposed to Alice (as she had always pictured a simple proposal). He then surprised her with two tickets to Paris leaving that afternoon (he had always pictured a big and memorable proposal). A Boston wedding was then planned.

“Boston is where our life together started and we wanted to share the city with our guests,” says Alice. Guests came from all over the world and were treated to all Boston had to offer – from a South End rehearsal dinner to a spa day on Newbury Street and a picnic brunch after the wedding, complete with picnic blankets and pastries in the Boston Public Gardens. The Boston Public Library, located in the heart of the city, was the only venue the couple considered for their wedding. “Something unique



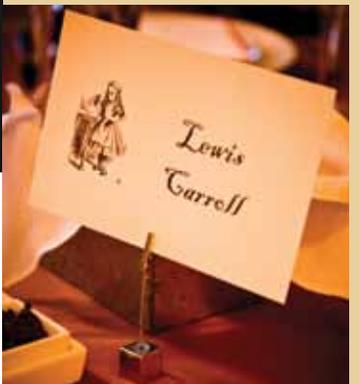
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and something urban but personal” is how Alice described the library. “It had spectacular architecture as a backdrop for the wedding, but at the same time the courtyard provided an intimate space for our vows,” she says.



By incorporating their favorite memories from their time in Chile, along with personal accents, the couple created a truly distinctive event. Their first dance was to a song from a CD given to Alice by Matthew on their first date. Chilean wine was served from vineyards they had visited. Books made of their experiences and photos together graced the tables during cocktail hour. An “Alice in Wonderland” theme was used for table names like “A Very Important Date” and “Drink Me.” Vintage, orange umbrellas were purchased but the favorable weather allowed the couple to suspend the umbrellas over the bar, reminiscent of Parisian décor. “These accents served to make the majestic, but potentially imposing, library ‘ours’ for the night,” says Alice.



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“In spite of all the careful planning, Matt’s favorite moment was one that was unplanned,” shares Alice. During the last song, the crowd spontaneously cleared a circle around the couple and watched as they reveled in one last moment alone.