

Penny & Adam

Food + Facebook = Forever Love



The bride and groom were high school sweethearts, but not in the traditional way. Penny Shack was not impressed with the “long-haired soccer dude,” while Adam Schneider simply remembered her as the “theatre chick who wore the neon-colored yellow dress.” Twelve years after graduating from Deerfield High School, they reconnected on Facebook over their mutual love of good food. After two years of dating, Adam found the perfect moment to propose to Penny in Paris, the City of Love.



It was important to Penny and Adam to plan an event for their guests that was anything but traditional. Inspired by Adam's love of Chicago history, the couple wed at the Woman's Board Grand Staircase of the Art Institute of Chicago with a ceremony in the round. "We were supposed to have it outside, but it rained... anyone can get married in a garden, not everyone can get married inside of the Art Institute."

Another unique aspect of the planning involved a lot of exercise. The bride explains, "We got healthy together. I lost 40 lbs. and Adam lost 85 lbs. We inspired each other to be the best we could be for our wedding day!" says the bride.

Elegant flowers in vibrant reds accented the event, while Adam's Oma's handmade lace tablecloth served as the top of the chuppah. And after Penny and Adam exchanged vows in a very personalized ceremony, the proud "foodies" delighted their guests with a gourmet menu featuring vegan and gluten-free options. Guests left the reception with a mason jar filled with cookie ingredients as a nod to Penny's skills as a pastry chef.

"Overall, the day was great! The best part [was] being in the moment and saying, 'I do!'" The couple enjoyed "three weeks of pure bliss" in Australia and New Zealand planned by Adam.

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The Art Institute Of Chicago

Vendors: _____

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