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Rebecca & Gary

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A dazzling affair unfolds at an art museum, where splashes of vibrant green enhance the cosmopolitan celebration.

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1 "Gary and I are both city people, and we wanted a venue with a modern, urban aesthetic," says Rebecca. "I grew up visiting the Museum of Contemporary Art, and I was so excited when I found out they hosted weddings." The 6:30 p.m. ceremony was held on the museum's terrace (mccchicago.org). 2 Rebecca wore a silk chiffon gown by Reem Acra (reemacra.com). "I loved that it was classic and contemporary at the same time," she says. 3 Gary, a graphic

designer, created the letterpress-printed wedding invitations. Photographs the couple took of each other were used to create the silhouettes. 4 During cocktail hour, guests were offered vegetarian spring rolls and gazpacho shooters, along with mojitos, the couple's signature cocktail. 5 Rebecca carried a bouquet of calla lilies, while her two bridesmaids carried nosegays of green cymbidium orchids. All floral design by Botanicals (botanicalschicago.com).

6 Some of the reception tables were accented with arrangements of green Kermit mums and orchids, while others featured tall vases containing submerged arrangements of calla lilies, the bride's favorite flower. 7 For their first dance, the couple chose "Perfect Day," by Lou Reed; the music was provided by Indigo, an 11-piece band (artenmusic.com). 8 During the reception, the band played the hora. "Gary is not Jewish, so he had no idea what he was in for," remembers Rebecca. "The men picked him up in his chair and lifted him really high—the photos are hilarious."



9 The bride's parents and the couple's siblings offered heartfelt toasts. "Their speeches were meaningful and funny—we were so touched," says Rebecca. 10 The coffee-mousse-and-cherry-filled cake was covered in fondant and topped with fresh orchids; design by Cakegirls (thecakegirls.com). 11 The couple's

wedding planner, Lisa Gia Bascomb, of Parties Etc. (giaevents.com), designed the reception table décor, which featured vibrant splashes of apple green. For dinner, guests dined on grilled salmon paired with a Medjool date salad. All catering by Wolfgang Puck Catering (wolfgangpuckcatering.com).

