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**TAYLOR MCGUIRE &
MATHIEU SHRONTZ**

*July 18, 2009
Chicago Botanic Garden*

THE VENUE: For the romantic summer fête, Parties Etc. transformed the Chicago Botanic Garden into a colorful French marketplace. THE DETAILS: During cocktail hour, guests were serenaded by MaryMonica Music's French chanteuse and accordionist while they sipped on such specialty libations as "Coming Up Roses" (Bacardi Razz and Prosecco with elderflower liqueur) and absinthe Martinis. THE PARTY: Friends and family indulged in a choice of beef short ribs or spicy sea bass thanks to Calihan Catering, and late-night slices from Chicago's Pizza. —M.M.



Bouquet by Blumen Floral & Event Design.

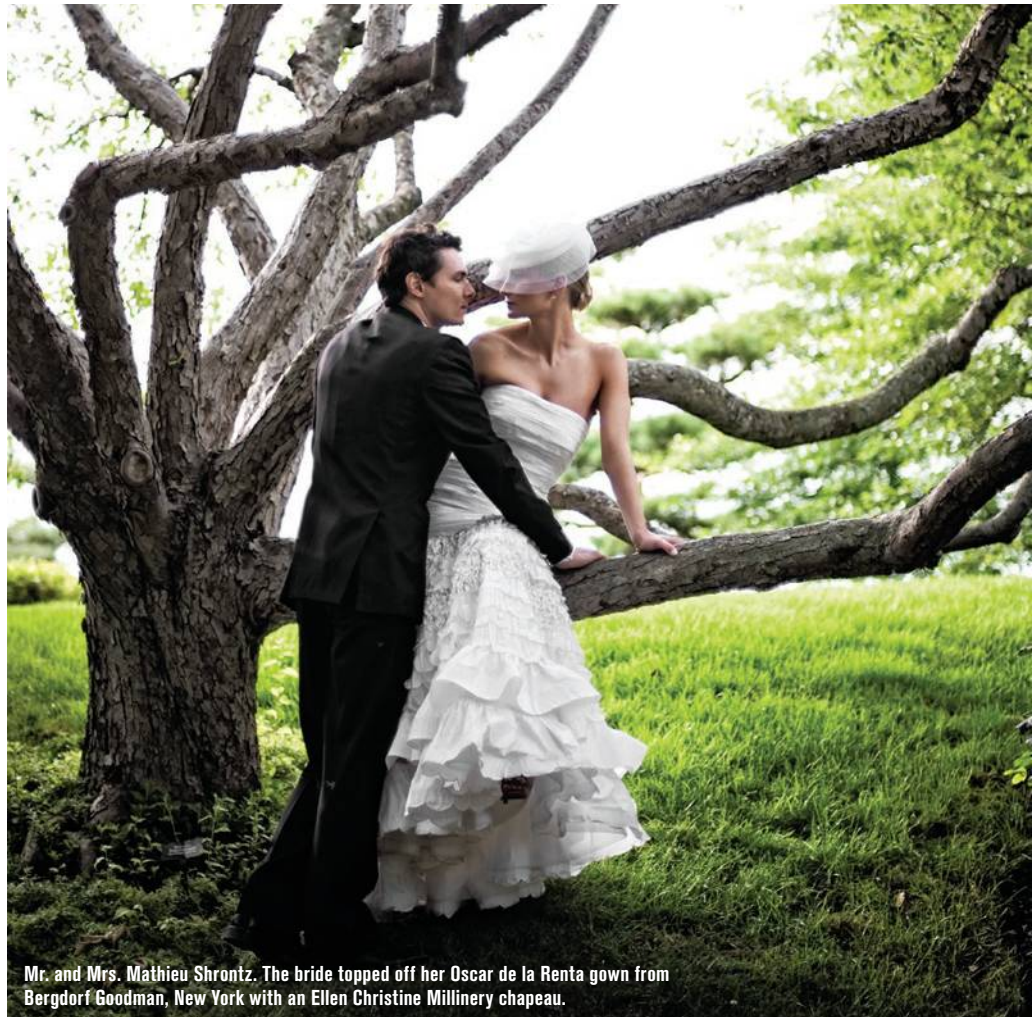


Chic invitations by Clementine Ink + Paper.

Parties Etc. made sure even the French market-themed place card table was *magnifique*.



Guests got a sugar boost from the Amy Beck Cake Design masterpiece, which boasted coconut, Key lime, vanilla and cream cheese flavors.



Mr. and Mrs. Mathieu Shrontz. The bride topped off her Oscar de la Renta gown from Bergdorf Goodman, New York with an Ellen Christine Millinery chapeau.



Bold rose, hydrangea and ranunculus arrangements made the delicate color palette pop (linens by BBJ Linen).