THE DETAILS

BRIDE'S GOWN: Pronovias (ceremony) and Monique L'Hullier (reception)

BRIDESMAIDS DRESSES: Allure Bridal

BRIDAL JEWELRY: Tacori

WEDDING PLANNER: Jamie O'Donnell Event Planning & Design

FLORAL & DECOR: Edge Design Group

HAIR & MAKEUP: Barb Valentyn & Rachel Herrera

INVITATIONS, PAPER GOODS & LOGOS: Dragonfly Custom Design

VIDEOGRAPHY: Indy Productions

TENT: Tents Unlimited

ENTERTAINMENT: Keith Gehle (ceremony) and Party Nation (reception)

CAKES: Cakes by Darcy

An Incredible Journey

Jenn Brown & Wes Chatham

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ESPN reporter Jenn Brown has always been a big fan of classic rock band Journey, so she found it endearing when actor Wes Chatham surprised her by flying her to Chicago, where he was on location filming, for a concert. As the group began to perform "Faithfully," the band took on a whole new significance as Chatham knelt down on one knee and asked Brown to marry him. When it came time to plan their big day, it was only natural that the pair incorporated their proposal into the wedding. Guests were given custom-designed "concert tickets" as place cards and sat at tables denoted by vinyl record labels, each named after a Journey song. The atmosphere, though, was far from that of a concert hall. The walls of the historic ruins were illuminated by LED lighting in soft purple tones, while varying shades of blooming violets potted in small, vintage golden urns spilled over the cafe and highboy tables. Under the tent, two all-white lounge areas flanked either side of the dance floor, while a mix of estate and round tables, anchored by a large centerpiece in shades of lavender and purple, included a beautiful layering of custom linens, vintage mercury glasses and gold Chiavari chairs. The evening was not complete, though, until Party Nation closed out the night with a rendition of "Faithfully," with the newlyweds dancing to "their" song for the first time as husband and wife. ❦