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Autumn in New York

ONE COUPLE'S LOVE FOR A CITY,
A SEASON AND GREAT LITERATURE INSPIRE AN
ELEGANT, PERSONAL AFFAIR IN THE BIG APPLE

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the celebration

The couple's friends and family were subsequently transported to the University Club on double-decker Big Apple tour buses, and were greeted by a cappella singers from Columbia University upon arrival. After the seated dinner, Alanna and Byrd had their first dance—a well-rehearsed tango—and their guests joined them on the floor as the New York-based Kevin Osborne Band played. Between dances, guests hopped into a photo booth and divvied up the resulting snapshots, to take some home with them and leave some for Alanna and Byrd. "It was fun for us to see who got to know each other that night," she says. "People from opposite ends of our lives ended up in pictures together." And the photos weren't the only souvenirs; guests also took home copies of the couple's favorite books.

the after-party

The revelry continued in the cocktail-hour space, which Walker had transformed into a lounge. A DJ played as guests nibbled mini grilled cheese sandwiches and hamburgers, and scooped up sweets from a chocolate-truffle bar. "More than half of our guests came to the after-party—even people we didn't expect to stay," the bride says. The highlight of her day, though, had come earlier: "Byrd and I were walking along Fifth Avenue on the way to the reception, and people were cheering and high-fiving us," Alanna says. "It was a moment." —Brenna McLoughlin



**decadent
dessert**
The wedding
cake, by Corletti
Cakes of NYC,
is rich chocolate
(inside and out),
adorned with
sugar apples.

**enlightened
evening**
Guests at amid
the University
Club's warm
glow, created
by NYC lighting
expert Bentley
Meiser, high-
lighting the
flowers and the
venue's architec-
tural details.

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