

The June 6th wedding of teacher Gina Mavroudis to restaurateur/DJ Richard Mangels was a midsummer night's dream fiesta of ivories, whites and luscious buttercreams. Ivory tablecloths at Cipriani 23rd Street ballroom were crowned with towering five-foot glass vases spilling over with wild branches, white orchids, peonies, yellow roses and hanging tea lights. Soft amber lighting lent a dreamlike, magical quality, turning the ballroom into a moonlit summer fantasy. Guests feasted on a dazzling array of culinary offerings that included caviar, baby lamb chops, lobster, miso-glazed Chilean sea bass and rosemary-encrusted veal while celebrating in true downtown style to the funky rhythms of Five Star DJ. *How they met:* At a charity benefit for the 2005 tsunami, held at Via, the groom's Chelsea restaurant. *The proposal:* Very New York. Surprise proposal at Top of the Rock – the night before New Year's Eve. Engagement party followed at groom's restaurant. *Bridal fashion choice:* Fitted Monique Lhullier Acelon lace gown accented with ivory sash and custom vintage-style brooch. Headpiece was simple flower in hair by Homa. Bridesmaids donned Badgley Mishka buttercream chiffon. *Groom's preference:* Joseph Aboud. *Wedding cake:* A sumptuous five-tiered spring confection of raspberry, lemon and vanilla, created by Made in Heaven. *Fun facts:* The Cipriani-themed event spanned from engagement, (at Cipriani-owned Top of the Rock) to bellinis as the signature drink, to the parting gifts – Cipriani-style olive oil containers; In tribute to the groom's DJ prowess, groom's cake was fashioned in the shape of a turntable; Couple ran outside during reception to shoot edgy meatpacking district wedding photos with photographer Anthony Vasquez; Decidedly non-traditional reception playlist included rap and Led Zeppelin! *Honeymoon:* Fabulous. Two weeks unwinding and drinking vino on the beaches of Greece. *Photo Credit:* Anthony Vasquez.

