

Taylor Ninesling + Mallica Cary: Sunday, May 23, 2027

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UPDATE: They do not offer cheesecake in a larger size than the individual ones. The team does offer a tiramisu grande dessert, with an 8" round as the largest option. See attached for a photo example.

Inviting: 108 people (maybes

Pinterest:

https://www.pinterest.com/licamonster/wedding-florals/?invite_code=e1e48d1efd264da096728b44337c6db0&sender=481744628798729454

Decor:

- Likes the idea of game-like easter eggs in the menu at dinner

Notes:

- Guest Count: 100
- Budget of \$75K
- Ceremony 5-5:30PM
- Important: good food, ease of information/travel for all the international guests
- Wants to incorporate non-dancing activities like a card table at reception
- Friend Dave might officiate

Heirloom Discounts:

- \$1,500 River Roast rental fee

Venue: River Roast (\$26,029.50)

Lauren: LStofko@levyrestaurants.com

- **Estimated total event cost is \$26,029.50, including service charge, gratuity, and tax.**
 - Ceremony room rental is \$1,500.
 - Reception requires an \$18,000 food and beverage minimum. The extra charges are due to a 5% service charge, 18% automatic gratuity, and sales tax.

- A \$4,500 non-refundable deposit is due by June 25, 2026, to secure the date.
- Final guest count is due seven business days prior to the wedding.
- Final payment is due seven business days prior to the wedding.
- Menu selections must be finalized 30 days prior to the event.
- Rental time: 5-11:30PM
 - Ceremony is 5:00–5:30 PM
 - Cocktail Hour 5:30-7:00 PM in Bridgehouse Foyer
 - Reception from 7:00–11:30 PM in the Monarch Room
 - Guests will enter through the private events entrance and be seated for the ceremony in the Monarch Room.
 - Immediately following the ceremony, guests will transition to cocktail hour in the Bridgehouse Foyer and expanded outdoor patio space while the ceremony room is flipped for reception. The outdoor patio can now accommodate lounge furniture and highboy tables, providing additional cocktail hour space.
 - Following cocktail hour, guests will be invited back into the Monarch Room for dinner and dancing.
- River Roast will prepare for up to 5% above the guaranteed guest count after that any overage will be billed
- No outside food or beverage is permitted without written approval.
- All signage and displays must be approved by the venue.
- Additional event time will result in additional labor charges. Overtime fee: Overtime is only available with the Silver Package. An additional hour of service is \$750 in labor plus \$40 per guest. Please note that alcohol service cannot exceed 6 hours due to legal restrictions. Vendor access begins at 1:00 PM for setup; earlier access may be available upon request.
- The client is responsible for damages caused by guests. If venue damage occurs, River Roast will provide supporting documentation, which may include photographs, incident reports, repair estimates, invoices, and other records to prove the claim.
- Automatic gratuity is distributed to service staff; the 5% service charge is retained by the venue and is not a gratuity.
- Any disputes or complaints must be submitted in writing within seven days after the event.
- "Levy-Incurred Costs" may include purchased inventory, contracted labor, specialty rentals, or other event-specific expenses incurred before cancellation, and any deductions will be documented and itemized for review.
- River Roast requires a 90-minute cocktail hour to allow sufficient time for the ceremony-to-reception room flip.
- At this time, there is no downstairs wedding booked on May 23, 2027. If one gets booked the venue team will attempt to coordinate event timing with any future downstairs events to minimize noise and guest experience impacts.
- River Roast currently partners with Vanille Pâtisserie for wedding desserts. We can talk to them about cheesecake and tiramisu: <https://vanillepatisserie.com/>
- The venue has a preferred vendor list that includes boat vendors for potential bride and groom send-offs.

Photographer: Meagan McQueen Photo (\$5,600)

Meagan Lewandowski: meaganlewandowski7@gmail.com | (517) 262-4344

- \$5,000 + \$600 travel (2-night hotel @ \$300/night) = \$5,600 total
 - \$600 is all the travel cost, no additional cost. Travel is just charged for the wedding experience so I'm not driving the day of your wedding or going home that night.
- 8-hour package (approx. 1:30–9:30PM): continuous coverage, second shooter, film photos, complimentary engagement OR rehearsal coverage, photo timeline guidance, digital gallery
 - Complimentary engagement session will happen wherever the couple chooses. If in Chicago, I will send my travel dates to coordinate convenience if not, will do a separate trip if need be! No travel would be charged.
- \$2,000 non-refundable retainer due 8/21/26. Pays via Zelle, PayPal, Apple Cash, or Venmo
- \$1,800 due 4/25/27
- \$1,800 due 5/23/27 (day-of)
- Overtime: \$625/hr (Meagan) + \$75/hr (second shooter)
- Delivery: 10–16 weeks post-wedding. 5 free retouches, then \$15/photo. No RAWs (\$1,000 buyout but we must request within 4 weeks of wedding)
- Cancellation/reschedule requires 60 days written notice; retainer non-refundable
- 2 vendor meals required
- If an act of god happens where the client doesn't want my second shooter to step in and they don't agree with the available choices I sent, it is up to the couple to ultimately choose the replacement photographer as I did all the lining up to ensure coverage was found. I'm happy to add more into that clause if need be.

FLORAL/DESIGN:

- **Base palette flip:** Merlot moves from base color to a supporting accent. New base: brighter pink and purple tones (blush, magenta, orchid, plum), think garden-romantic rather than moody-deep.
- **Evergreen as an isolated accent:** Deep evergreen shows up only in contained moments (like the bar styling) kept separate from any red/merlot sightlines so it never reads as a red+green pairing in the same frame (addressing Taylor's Christmas concern).
- **Metals:** Drop gold throughout, this is flatware, foil paper details, charger plates, bar signage. Shift to the smoked-silver/pewter tones already present in the board (glassware, taper holders) as the unified metal.
- **Ceremony:** Replace the floral install/arch with a draped curtain backdrop. Ceremony flows directly into a sweetheart table setup rather than a head table.
- **Sweetheart table:** Two large floral arrangements flanking either side, rather than one central piece.
- **Guest tables:** One dramatic, sculptural centerpiece per table — no bud vases or scattered small florals.

- **Layout:** Explore serpentine tables for the reception if the Monarch Room footprint allows — needs a floor plan check against the room's dimensions/guest count.