

Mia Nolan + Eric Agamaite : Saturday, September 4, 2027

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All vendors except photographer and florist must come from the Arboretum's exclusive vendor list

Meson Sabika: 40-50

Bathrooms MUST be cleaned post public shut-down

Notes:

- Guest count: 200 (aiming for 175-190) | inviting 208 - with 214 maybes
- Color palette: Cream, gold, merlot, and black.
- Attire: Formal Attire
- Wants: pre-ceremony champagne, dinner champagne, head table (bridal party only, no dates), upgraded gold flatware,
- NO: room flip,
- Request tasting reservation for both sets of parents, if possible.
- Might do a Sunday Brunch
- Emails to: Mia, Gabrielle, Eric, Shante
- Wants string quartet then DJ
- Personal Decor: polaroid cameras for guest book (cut the photo out and paste in the book), Age table signs, 75 ballet slippers needed

Venue: Morton Arboretum (\$43,168.08)

4100 IL Route 53 Lisle, Illinois 60532

Denise Martinez (630) 725-2045 dmartinez@mortonarb.org

- Grand Garden ceremony fee (\$1,800) + Ginkgo Room \$9,000) for a total venue fee is \$10,800
- F&B Minimum is \$22,000 (excludes a 23% service charge + 7% sales tax)
 - Admin fee is **not** gratuity and not distributed in anyway to employees
- **45 days before the event the remaining 50% of the estimated balance is due**
- ~~A \$3,000 non-refundable deposit paid~~
- **Final payment is due 10 business days prior to the wedding.**
 - **Any late payments accrue 1.5% per month after 30 days, plus the couple is liable for any collection costs**
- September 4, 2027 is Labor Day weekend
- 5PM-Midnight for 250 guests
- **Ceremony chair rentals are \$5 per chair**

- Ceremony rehearsals are NOT available so Haylie will run one the day of the wedding at the hotel
- Room rental covers custodial services, admission to Morton Arboretum on the date of the event, and parking at the facility in lots designated by caterer or owner
- All vendors except photographer and florist must come from the Arboretum's exclusive vendor list (DJ, band, officiant, transportation, etc). A \$250 fee applies for any outside vendor used in those categories.
- The Arboretum can book a park-wide event on your wedding date after you've already signed your contract, and if that forces your wedding to be cancelled and they can't find you another date, they'll refund what you've paid — but that's all they owe you. They're not responsible for any other costs you've incurred (deposits paid to other vendors, travel, etc.).
 - Denise on 7/8 said: Once contracted, the Arboretum will NOT cancel for their own programming. Labor Day weekend they typically do not host other events; the month's special event is at the end of September
- Estimated attendance guarantee is 15 days before the wedding
- The guaranteed attendance is 187 guests for a 250 person wedding and cannot decrease any more than this.
 - Denise said on 7/8 that this can be updated after the tasting and again at the 45-day mark (when 50% payment is due)
 - Caterer is prepared to serve 5% above the guaranteed number but will not exceed 50 meals. If the caterer serves more than 10% then the couple must pay a surcharge of 10% of the per person charge for each person served at the event in excess of the total guaranteed attendance
- No outside food and beverages allowed. I asked if we can bring outside cake, Chicago deep dish pizza, etc. Denise said it is generally not permitted, but exceptions can be discussed with a potential **\$350 fee**
- **Restrictions: nothing can be taped or attached to walls, ceilings, or floors. All decor must be free-standing. Everything must be removed immediately after the event or it will be disposed of at the caterers discretion**
- The caterer reserves the right to approve or change floor plans and table layouts
- Cancellation beyond the deposit:
 - Cancel 60-30 days out: 25% of estimated catering charge
 - Cancel under 30 days but before guaranteed attendance is due 50%
 - Cancel after guaranteed attendance is submitted 100%
- The florist cannot provide draping. Draping is a new category that must come from their preferred vendor. Recommendations are Satin Chair (on-site almost every weekend; handles draping, decor, and Chiavari chairs) or AEG Productions.
- Venue access begins at **3:00 PM**. Florist typically sets Grand Garden first, then moves to Ginkgo Room. Linens down by **3:30–3:45 PM**. Dinner starts at 7:00 PM, giving approximately **3 hours for setup**.
 - Ceremony chairs is rows of 5 on each side
 - Maybe ribbons on ceremony chairs
- Catering:
 - Bread and butter at each place individually
 - Coffee and sweets table inside (late night bites in the corner)

New Notes 9/2

- Hanging baskets cannot be removed. She claims bee activity increases late Aug/early Sept depending on weather and will be fine for the wedding.
- Patio capacity: 12 tables + hightops = 48 seated; with 4 hightops = up to 70 guests
- Trash cans can be removed

- 90" rounds available and will go floor length, no need to order separately
- Linens: Windy City classic included; but BBJ is an upgrade (we only pay the difference).
 - If doing BBJ we need to order early as the popular colors sell out
 - Windy City rep will be at group tasting; linen samples available upon request

Ginkgo Room:

- 3–4 low tables will remain inside during cocktail hour (covered with linens) for guests who prefer inside + vendor meals
- **Draping clarification needed**
- Individual bread & butter per place setting will now be noted on BEO
- ONE bar only — right side by windows or brick wall. Denise has tried two bars; left side never gets used
- Tables: 66" rounds seat up to 10; four 72" rounds seat up to 11–12

Staff:

- Staff: all black — black pants, black long-sleeve shirts, bow ties
- Volunteers: business casual with name tags (not formal)

Water Station:

- Black cart, no linen, no sweating issue
- Cucumber mint water available and popular
- No strawberries — get mushy, turn ugly, clog dispenser

Questions:

- **Someone has a severe bee allergy in the family**
- **Dance floor dimensions and surface type (for Satin Chair vinyl wrap)**
- **Confirm Morton permits vinyl wrap installation**
- **Width + height of foyer draping area**
- **Setup timing clarification (Arboretum open to public until 6PM)**
- **Outdoor bar placement for cocktail hour**
- **We want two bars**

Photographer: Oh So Lovely Photography (\$4,500)

Esther Stirbu | ohsolovelyphotography@gmail.com | 847.275.0209

- Full-day coverage with two photographers
- Retainer: \$1,000 non-refundable due upon signing
- Delivery: within 120 days (4 months) after the wedding
- Online gallery open for 90 days from delivery — Mia & Eric must download everything before it closes; RAW files may be destroyed after (haylie will keep a copy for 1 year)
- Additional hours available at \$350/hour
- Vendor meal required: one hot meal served at the same time as the couple
- Shot list recommended 2 weeks prior
- Client must tag/credit Oh So Lovely in any social media posts
- Second shooter is guaranteed in contract (not just at discretion)
- Complaint window 30 days after gallery delivery

String Quartet: Capriccioso (\$1,900)

Ana Bivol, violinist & founder | abivol87@gmail.com

- Performance time is adjustable but as of now I said 4:45PM–6:45PM (2 hours)
- **Deposit:** 30% (\$570) due upon signing; deposit is non-refundable if purchaser cancels
- Attire: formal black
- Directions/map must be provided at least 2 weeks prior
- Music selection must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior
- Must have shelter from rain and direct sunlight; minimum 60°F (*outdoor cocktail hour, need to confirm plan*)
- 5-minute break per every hour played
- Four straight-back chairs WITHOUT arms must be provided (*confirm with Arboretum*)
- Parking must be provided at performance location
- Overtime billed at \$100 per half-hour
- Payment currently requires full amount in cash or separate checks immediately after performance

Pending (awaiting Ana's response):

- 4 musicians will be explicitly stated in revised contract
- Cancellation clause added: quartet will not cancel; may substitute a musician with another qualified performer if needed
- Revised payment terms (advance) to be reflected in updated contract
- Awaiting: amplification confirmation + chair responsibility
- Weather/location (waiting on her response): Quartet will perform in the shaded section of the gardens — no tenting preferred. In the event of rain, the entire wedding moves indoors. Awaiting confirmation on amplification.

Decor — Satin Chair (inquiry sent)

- Drape all walls except exposed brick and wall of windows; service entrance cannot be draped
- Drape hallway into Ginkgo to conceal lobby; draping to stop right at the bathrooms
- Entrance swoops
- Dance floor with couple's initials in black
- Gold Chiavari chairs
- 2 custom bars in reception on each side (extra long to prevent any bar lines), 1 custom bar outside for cocktail hour
- Gold glass bookshelves behind the custom bar for elevated look
- Two love seat couches flanked off the side, lamps at couches and bar only — no lamps on dining tables
- Chargers
- Custom bar napkins, 500 count
- Gold cigar ashtrays on the patio

- Candles throughout; lights dimmed in room

DJ — Toast & Jam (<https://toastandjamdjs.com/packages>)

- Photo booth in the lobby
- No fluorescent DJ lights in front of booth; no light sticks or glow sticks
 - DJ only — starts at \$2,795 for up to 6 hours, includes separate systems for ceremony and cocktail hour
 - 6 hours of coverage
 - DJ + Photo Booth — \$3,995 includes up to 3 hours of photo booth use with a dedicated host, custom frame, digital gallery, backdrop of choice, and unlimited on-site printing.

Content Creator — The Candid Bee / Sabeen (inquiry sent)

Florist

- Possibly bathroom florals under the sink
- Possibly florals in front of the DJ

Art of Imagination - guest escort wall
Custom magazine display for escort table