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## Jennifer & Brett

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A New York City-based couple returns to the bride's hometown to host a sophisticated downtown Detroit wedding.

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Jennifer and Brett ❶ live in New York City but wanted to host their nuptials in the bride's hometown. "We wanted to show our guests a side of Detroit that you rarely read or hear about," says Jennifer. To achieve this, the couple set about planning an event that was "elegant and romantic." Jennifer wore a lace-and-tulle Pronovias gown ❸ with a Kate Spade necklace ❷ (a wedding gift from Brett) and Louis Vuitton heels ❹. "When I bought the shoes in London seven years ago, I knew

I'd wear them on my wedding day," says the bride, whose bouquet combined calla lilies, cymbidium orchids, tulips, and hydrangeas. Brett chose a Calvin Klein suit, while bridesmaids ❺ wore pale pink Jenny Yoo dresses. Jennifer's nephew Carter ❸, dressed in J.Crew attire, served as ring bearer. The 2 p.m. ceremony ❻ was held at the historic St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church near downtown Detroit. "I love the Gothic architecture and stained-glass windows," Jennifer says.

Following the ceremony, the couple provided transportation (booked through [metrocars.com](#)) to The Westin Book Cadillac Detroit ([bookcadillacwestin.com](#)) for the reception. Jennifer and Brett worked with Kathy Byrum of Dream Wedding and Event Planners ([dreamweddingplanners.com](#)). The Paris Project ([scherzoproductions.com](#)), a string trio, performed during cocktail hour. Tables ⑧ were decorated with champagne-colored linens, glowing candles, as well as white hydrangeas and ivory roses arranged on gold pedestals. All flowers were by Bellisario Florist ([bellisarioflorist.com](#)).



Dinner began with a salad featuring Michigan cherries, followed by filet mignon and spinach-and-Boursin-stuffed chicken roulades. All catering was by the hotel. The wedding cake ⑪ by Elite Sweets ([getelitesweets.com](#)) was covered with sugar flowers and edible pearls. Guests also enjoyed cupcakes, chocolate-covered strawberries, and cannoli.

For their first dance ⑩, the newlyweds chose Beyoncé's "Ave Maria," spun by DJs from Music Box Productions, Inc. ([mbproductionsinc.com](#)). The rest of the night included toasts ⑨, a surprise Florida State-themed groom's cake—a nod to Brett's family's alma mater—and Kobe beef sliders served to late-night revelers on the jam-packed dance floor ⑬.

