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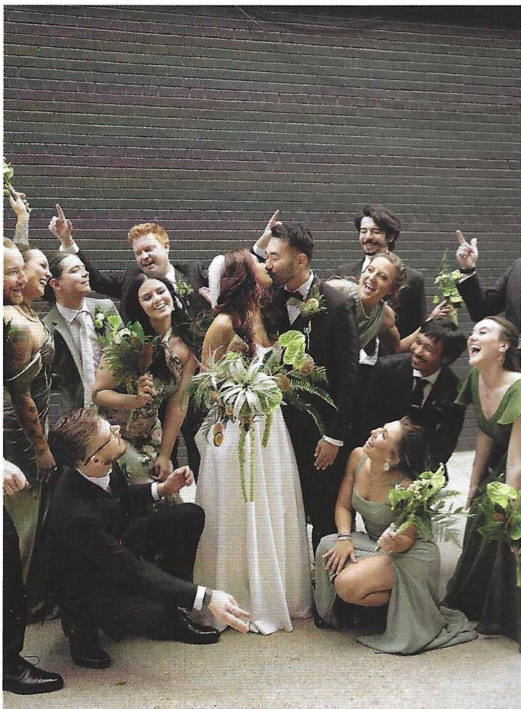
Married & Celebrated: THE GAGE, MILWAUKEE

Date: SEPTEMBER 13, 2024



In a meet-cute rivaling rom-coms everywhere, visual artists Sophia Tarantino and Nick Schilz first crossed paths when their artwork was displayed across from each other at an art gallery exhibition. Their love flourished as they worked on creative projects together, and as their shared love of music had become a hallmark of their relationship, Nick proposed to Sophia at their annual outing to the Electric Forest music festival under a canopy of trees. Intending for their wedding day to mirror their love story and mutual interests, Nick and Sophia's nuptials were woven with artful and nature-inspired details. Opting for a private first look, Sophia, in a timeless satin dress and Nick, in his tuxedo, took to the location of their first date, the Mitchell Park Domes, where they shared an intimate vow exchange hidden within lush tropical foliage. Friends and family gathered for a ceremony at The Gage, which had been transformed with exquisite use of verdant vegetation—moss, air plants, vibrant ferns and whimsical mushrooms—to create an enchanted forest feel in the modern venue. Sophia and Nick participated in the Celtic tradition of handfasting before guests moved to a vibrant cocktail hour of games, Aperol spritzes and tasty appetizers. The happy couple, in a nod to their shared artistry, invited their loved ones to paint on a blank canvas to create an everlasting memory of their special day that now hangs in their home. In the warm glow of flickering candlelight and the love of their community, Sophia and Nick rang in married life with memories they would treasure forever. —*Ryley S. Hoff*





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