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Tips

Take it from the Chavezes ...

- Hire a photographer who knows the ins and outs of your venue. Planner Haley recommended Sean Money and Elizabeth Fay based on to-die-for images from their previous Middleton weddings.
- Direct attention to your favorite features of your location. The pavilion's fireplace became a focal point thanks to strategically placed cozy lounge furniture.
- Call on family members with special skills. Manuel's uncle wove welcome bags, which were filled with a mix of Southern goodies and Mexican treats from the groom's hometown.
- Spring for a videographer. Katherine's one regret? Having no record of the little moments she may have missed along the way that a videographer would have caught.

{Touch of Grace}



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Playing off the couple's last names, the wedding hashtag was artfully designed and displayed.



MANUEL CHAVEZ & KATHERINE GRACE

April 11, 2015 / Middleton Place

Wedding Design by A Charleston Bride / Photographs by Sean Money + Elizabeth Fay

Need proof that Manuel Chavez has style? Try this: his proposal to Katherine Grace took place on the cobblestone streets of Florence, Italy. Nice! And the Chicago residents' taste for grand gestures in grand settings didn't stop there, thanks to their wedding at Middleton Place. "It's romantic and elegant," says Katherine of the venue, "and it reminded us of the gardens we've seen in Europe." While the lovebirds made plans from the Windy City, Haley Kelly of A Charleston Bride executed them here in the Holy City. "Katherine knew exactly what she wanted," says Haley, "verdant chandeliers, vintage plates, and gold flatware." Cut to a few months later, and hydrangeas, roses, and tulips hung over the dining area in Middleton's pavilion, handpicked china from Polished! tidily covered the tables, and a soft blushing palette colored the setting. In the end, Katherine might have become a Chavez that night, but grace dominated all. —Jacqui Calloway

vendors

- Florals, draping, décor:** A Charleston Bride
- Linens, tables, lounge furniture:** Snyder Event Rentals
- Flatware, glassware, china:** Polished! Linens; EBJ Linen
- Lighting:** Technical Event Company
- Catering:** Cru Catering
- Wine and bar service:** Middleton Place
- Stationery, signage:** Sarah Drake Design
- Calligraphy:** Sincerely Amy Designs
- Bride's attire:** Anne Barge, available in Charleston through White on Daniel Island (gown)
- Beauty:** Bellelina (makeup); Paper Dolls (hair)
- Groom's attire:** Burberry