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WEDDING MENU
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## KAREN ๕GGINA STUEANI



KAREN STEFANI leads the team at Inspired Catering \& Events with the day to day operations. She is most proud of the company's WBE Certification which is a valued distinction. As a Women Business Enterprise, Chicago's certification ensures the quality and success of a business which is majority owned by women or minorities.

Karen primarily focuses on corporate and fundraising events. Karen's passion is evident through The Stefani's Children's Charities with initiatives which are close to her heart. Her commitment to the needs of children in our community is evident through event sponsorship with organizations including: Special Olympics, Make-A-Wish \& After School Matters. Karen takes an active role in seeing the charity's efforts come to fruition through yearly successful fundraising events. As the winner of the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award for NACE/ILEA (National Assoc of Catering Executive's \& IL Live Events Assoc) Karen also had a life-long wish fulfilled as a contestant in 2018's 'Dancing with the Giordano Stars' fundraiser.
As for Karen's career goals, in her words, "The most important thing to me is the personalized attention from start to finish and the quality of food and service through the duration of the event. I will never be the largest catering company but I want to be the best when it comes to our clients. They are the key and we want to make their dreams come true."


GINASTEFANI found the love for the hospitality industry at a young age, while assisting her father at his restaurant(s) during Summer and Winter breaks from school. In 2016 Gina opened her first restaurant, MAD Social. As her passion for the industry started post-graduation from DePaul University, she secured an event internship at Jasculca Terman \& Associates, a public affairs firm in Chicago. Gina's internship provided her with invaluable experiences and opportunities, which led her to begin a career in event freelancing. One of her first events was with advance support for then Senator and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Gina continued her event freelancing with JT, working closely with NATO Chicago Host Committee and the NATO joint spouse Chicago program.

Gina has also assisted in Chicago advance airport logistics for President Obama, and the First Lady. Other accomplishments include executing events for the non-profit organization CURE, Citizen's United for Research in Epilepsy, founded by Susan Axelrod.

## ASSORTMENT OF GOURMET BREADS \& CHOICE OF FLAVORED BUTTER

## CHOICE OF ENTRÉES

## SERVICE

PLATING OF WEDDING CAKE along with your choice of raspberry coulis or dark chocolate sauce (there is no additional cake cutting fee)
TABLE-SIDECOFFEESERVICE gourmet lavazza, french roast regular and decaf, and mighty leaf tea service
STAFFING service staff includes: banquet captain, bartenders (1 per 75 guests), servers (1 per 15 guests), chef, assistant chefs, porter and driver
\{ additional charges for extra bartenders and extra staff members \}

## TABLETOP BASIC LINEN traditional poly linen with over 50 colors to choose from

TABLETOP china, flatware and glassware


## PASSED APPETHERRS

BEEF CHURRASCO SKEWER pickled red pearl onion, chimichurri (gf)
ROPA VIEJA plantain chip, braised beef, garlic aioli, fried caper
SKEWERED FILET MIGNON TIDBITS mushroom sauce (gf)
TENDERLOIN CROSTINI sliced beef tenderloin, whipped horseradish, red wine reduction, pretzel crostini
BITE-SIZED TWICE-BAKED POTATO
PULLED SHORT RIB EMPANADA PACIFIC RIM BEEF SATAY coconut milk and red thai curry

POULTRYSMOKED CHICKEN QUESADILLA mesquite smoked chicken, roasted tomato, chihuahua cheese, flour tortilla, cilantro
BUFFALO CHICKEN buffalo chicken, brioche, blue cheese mousse, celery curl
CHICKEN AND WAFFLE honeydrizzle
CHILLED FRIED CHICKEN STRIPS chilled buttermilk \& lavender fried chicken breast strips, grilled peach bbq sauce
MASSAMAN CURRY CHICKEN SKEWER preserved lemon, candied peanut, thai basil (gf)
CUCUMBER CUP WITH LEMON CHICKEN lemon, rosemary, mint, candied lemonzest
DUCK CONFIT IN SESAME BEETROOT BASKET balsamic mousse, pickled beet, micro herbs
MINI MONTE CRISTO BITE french toast, pepper-crusted turkey, smoked muenster, raspberry preserves, powdered sugar

MICRO BLT candied slab bacon, leaf lettuce, tomato, bourbon mayo, micro pretzel roll
MINI LAMB WELLINGTON cherry créme fraîche, micro mint
YOGURT MARINATED LAMB CHOP strawberry-rhubarb mustard seed jam (gf)
BACON WRAPPED TOMATO BROCHETTE sweet and spicy glaze (gf)
'CROQUE MADAME' SAVORY ÉCLAIR honey ham, swiss, caramelized shallot dijonnaise
MINI RED POTATO CUPS corn, sour cream, bacon lardon potato salad, chopped chive

## wedding package includes 4 pieces per person

SEAFOOD

VEGETARIAN
BAKED BRIE brie cheese, puff pastry, raspberry sauce
BUFFALO CAULIFLOWER FRITTER blue cheese dust
MICRO BBQ SLOPPY JOE jackfruit, merkts cheddar, salted pretzel roll SWEET CORN CAKE tomato jelly, micro arugula
SWEET POTATO, CORN \& ONION QUESADILLA
jalapeño jam
cornmeal crust, roasted garlic mayo, queso fresco, chili lime dust
goat cheese mousse, candied chive
SAVORY THYME \& CORN CUPCAKE tomato jam filling, whipped ricotta SPICY MASALA PUFFED RICE SPEHERES peanut sauce, micro scallion
BROCCOLI MUSHROOM BITE
CAPRESE SKEWERS grape tomatoes, baby mozzarella, fresh basil, balsamic drizzle
CUCUMBER MELON SKEWERS chili and lime, micro cilantro garnish
CELERY ROOT WALDORF SALAD candied pecans in belgian endive leaf MAC \& CHEESE STUFFED MUSHROOM

## STANIO NED APPETIZERS

## ENHANCEMENTS

ARTISAN MEAT \& CHEESE DISPLAY carr valley mobay, bingham hill tumbleweeds, marin french rogue et noir brie, point reyes farmhouse blue cheese, wisconsin sharp cheddar, salemville amish gorgonzola, amber valley double gloucester with onion and chive, genoa salami, prosciutto, and mortadella (served with assorted crackers and breadsticks) [ + \$12 ]

FARM FRESH DIP ASSORTMENT beet and flageolet bean pâté, curried carrot purée, avocado sesame dip, salted pretzel breadsticks, tri-color baby carrots, and baby cucumbers (v) [ + \$6 ]

GRILLED VEGETABLE PLATTER seasonal grilled vegetables lightly drizzled with olive oil and balsamic syrup (v, gf) [ + \$6]

MINI SALAD BOWLS green israeli couscous salad, hominy and edamame succotash, olive tapenade and barley slaw (served in mini bowls with demiforks) (v) [ + \$6 ]

SAVORY YOGURT NOSH mango carrot yogurt, smoked tomato yogurt, matcha yogurt, seeded crackers, grilled baby zucchini, grilled brussels sprout skewers, baby cucumbers (v,gf) [ + \$6 ]

SOUTHWESTERN PLATTER charred tomato salsa, avocado, guacamole, chile con queso, tortilla chips [ + \$6]
VOGUE CRUDITÉ carrot batons, red and green peppers, cherry tomatoes, celery sticks, button mushrooms, broccoli florets, lemon dill dip, roasted red pepper dip (v, gf) [ + \$6]

YUKON GOLD CHIPS \& TRUFFLE DIP homemade créme fraîche, truffle oil, chives (v) [ + \$4 ]

## SALADS

BRUSSELS SPROUT \& bourbon cherries, shaved fennel, toasted pine nuts, balsamic syrup,
SALADS SHAVED BABY ARTICHOKE manchego vinaigrette (v,gf)

CARROT RIBBON \& BABY KALE
watercress, pickled peas, feta, grilled lemon vinaigrette (v,gf)
DECONSTRUCTED PANZANELLA
grilled ciabatta cube, tomato jam, cured black olives, cucumber ribbons, oven roasted cherry tomatoes, sweet red onion, green onion, honey-white balsamic drizzle (v)

GREEN arugula, baby frisee, grilled green beans, shaved radish, fresh spring peas, crumbled feta, lemon-dill vinaigrette (v,gf)
GRILLED BEET \& BURRATA
VINE RIPE TOMATO
red leaf lettuce, scallion, crispy kataifi pastry nest, poppy seed vinaigrette (v)
blue cheese cream, basil, mint, fried shallot, pickled fresno peppers, crumbled blue cheese, black and white balsamic vinaigrette (v,gf)
RAW chervil, watermelon radish, baby beets, blackberries, crumbled blue cheese, dijon and honeycomb vinaigrette (v,gf)
ARTISAN BREADS select one of our butters: pinot noir, orange poppy seed, fresh herb \& sea salt, whipped maple

INTERMEZZO sorbet flavor options: blood orange-tarragon, mulled apple, mango cardamom, lemon-juniper, rose, watermelon (v,gf) [ + \$5 ] (a great palate cleanser before the main entrée)

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TENDER SHORTRIBS ricotta and horseradish grits cake, cognac demi-glace, sautéed collard greens, pickled onion (gf)
ESPRESSO RUBBED FLANK STEAK sweet potato brûlée, braised tucson kale, cardamom ginger baby carrots

RED WINE MARINATED HANGER STEAK compound butter, scallion buttermilk mashed potatoes, poached asparagus spears

HERB CRUSTED PETITE TENDERLOIN FILET shiitake mushroom reduction sauce, classic potato gratin, sautéed haricot verts (gf) [ + \$10 ]

SHALLOT CRUSTED BEEF TENDERLOIN FILET 8 oz. filet, charred poblano pepper mashed potatoes, brown butter baby corn, cherry tomato confit, cumin demi-glace (gf) [ + \$15 ]

DECONSTRUCTED WELLINGTON
grilled petite beef tenderloin filet, mushroom ragout with foie gras, puff pastry and red wine reduction, roasted garlic red skin mashed potatoes, butter poached tri-color baby carrots [ + \$10 ]

BONE-IN CHICKEN BREAST WITH LEMON JUS AND LAVENDER GRANOLA

COFFEE-CRUSTED CHICKEN BREAST herb and sweet cream buttered seasonal greens, grilled asparagus, WITH BEET GASTRIQUE roasted forest mushrooms (gf)

HALOUMI-CRUSTED CHICKEN BREAST herb roasted fingerling potato coins, butter poached wax beans, grilled lemon (gf) WITH LICORICE CREAM SAUCE

HARISSA \& PRESERVED LEMON scallion potato cake, carrot obliques, olives
BRAISED CHICKEN THIGHS
ROASTEDCHICKEN BREAST green lentil and beet taboule, garlic confit, tri-color baby carrots, oregano pesto WITH SWEET ONION GRAVY
grilled baby zucchini, edamame, and seasonal vegetable succotash

WITH LICORICE CREAMSAUCE

CRISPY WHITE FISH IN farro, olive \& garlic roasted cherry tomato pilaf, grilled asparagus (gf) CHARRED TOMATO BUTTER

SEARED WHITEFISH IN wilted rocket with garlic, whipped potatoes PINK PEPPERCORN SAUCE

GRILLED SALMON WITH roasted fingerling potato planks, grilled corn and roasted artichoke salad
ROASTED FENNEL VINAIGRETTE stuffed in a globe artichoke, (gf)

DIJON CRUSTED GRILLED SALMON edamame and spring pepper succotash with herbs, arugula and candied thyme IN RASPBERRY BALSAMIC GLAZE

GARLIC SPINACH STUFFED FLOUNDER FILLET WITH LEMON CAPER BEURRE BLANC

SEARED MEAGRE SEA BASS WITH
WALNUT PARSLEY CRUST

SPICE RUBBED GRILLED SALMON herbed farro pilaf, grilled asparagus and scallions with house pickles,
WITH CITRUS PAN JUS everything bagel chips
CRAB CRUSTED HALIBUT wisconsin cheddar cheese grit cake, cauliflower florets, roasted baby carrots, saffron cream [ + \$10]

BONE-IN GRILLED PORK CHOP WITH ROSE WATER CHIMICHURRI
red skin mashed potatoes, crispy shallots, chili flakes, medley of snow peas, sugar snap peas \& english peas (gf) [ + \$8 ]
fresh corn pudding, butter poached rapini, roasted red pearl onions [ + \$15 ]
warm farro and wild mushroom salad, hazelnut dressing, shaved fennel and micro green salad, candied berry garnish [ + \$15 ]
green olive mash, honey glazed baby carrots, herb salad, smoked tomato vinaigrette (gf) [ + \$8]
cauliflower and yukon gold potato mash, roasted garlic green beans, grapefruit gremolata [ + \$8]

## VEGETARIAN

GRILLED EGGPLANT PAVE
ARTICHOKE, GOAT CHEESE, AND
carrot mousse, wilted beet and dandelion greens, romesco grilled fingerling potatoes, roasted baby beet with orange blossom glaze, micro greens, ruby red beet chip garnish (gf)

MARCONA ALMOND RISOTTO
HERB STUFFED VINE RIPE TOMATOES
morbier cheese and toasted breadcrumbs, flageolet bean puree, black garlic, micro green garnish
BUTTER POACHED LEEKS WITH PUMPERNICKEL CRACKLE

JUMBO MUSHROOMARANCINI sautéed spring greens, yellow tomato confit, pickled watermelon radish
TURMERIC ROASTED CAULIFLOWER STEAK WITH MANCHEGO VINAIGRETTE

# COMDOSED ENTREE 

## MAKE YOUR ENTRÉE A DUET

SAMPLE PAIRINGS
BLUE CHEESE DUSTED cognac butter sauce, horseradish and crispy chive red skin mashed potatoes, MINI FILET OF BEEF WITH A blistered tri-color carrots with orange gremolata, micro garnish [ + \$8] PETITE GRILLED SALMON FILLET

PETITEROASTED GARLIC GRILLED stone fruit bbq scallion potatoes with sour cream and corn, charred CHICKEN BREAST WITH AN HERB baby zucchini, halved grilled stone fruit, micro green garnish [ + \$8 ]

SEARED MEAGRE BASS FILLET
IN A SCOTCH DEMI GLACE
other duet options available

VENDOR BOX MEAL choice of turkey, ham, or vegetarian sandwich with chips, seasoned side, cookie, and bottled water or soft drink [ \$25 ]
hot vendor meals available for an additional cost

CHILDREN'S MEAL select from: chicken tenders, mini burgers, mac \& cheese, or marinara pasta, includes fruit plate [ \$25]

# FAMILY STYHE \& BUFFET 

pricing from $\$ 180$ per person

All Family-Style Buffets include: 4 passed hors d'oeurves, dinner rolls with whipped butter, and a chef's mesclun salad with goat cheese \& herb vinaigrette (plated salad option available for additional fee)

OPTION \#1
BEEFSIRLOIN \& CHICKEN BUFFET herb and garlic coated, seared and sliced beef sirloin seared and sliced french cut chicken breast • herb roasted bite size heirloom potatoes • sautéed green beans with lemon butter and toasted almonds • blistered whole baby peppers with chimichurri • herb gravy and marjoram butter sauce

○PT\|ON \# 2 flank steak \& chicken buffet
mustard and chili coated flank steak, grilled and sliced $\cdot$ grilled boneless chicken thighs and petite breasts • sweet potato mash with charred marshmallow topping and bourbon agave sauce $\cdot$ steamed carrots with mint butter • roasted corn with maple vinaigrette and crispy chives • horseradish cream and mesquite demi-glace

OPTION \#3 PORKLOIN \& CHICKEN BUFFET
tea-smoked and sliced pork loin • milanese-style petite chicken breasts • garlic red skin mashed potatoes • grilled zucchini medallions with spicy butter • onion compote and herb gravy
\{other buffet options available\}

## FAMILY-STYLE \& BUFFET PACKAGES ALSO INCLUDE:

basic linen • staffing • tabletop: china, flatware, glassware, barware and bar equipment • plating, garnishing, and serving of your wedding cake - coffee service

BANANAS FOSTER cognac soaked pound cake, banana mousse, chocolate dipped baby banana, salted caramel crunch, cocoa powder [ + \$8 ]
INDIVIDUAL BAKED ALASKA meringue spikes, cocoa powder [ + \$12 ]
S'MORES ganache, sea salt, berries [ + \$8 ]

## PASSED

ASSORTED CUPCAKES assorted flavors [ + \$5 ]
MINICHOCOLATECHIPCOOKIES served warm with chilled vanilla bourbon milk shooters [ + \$7]
S'MORE SKEWERS graham cracker, marshmallow, chocolate [ + \$5 ]
PINEAPPLE UPSIDEDOWN SKEWERS poundcake and fresh pineapple glazed with honey and brown sugar, grilled and topped with a maraschino cherry [ + \$7]

SPIKED SORBET BAR select two: watermelon sorbet (with peach schnapps), green apple sorbet (with melon liquor), ruby red grapefruit (with mandarin vodka), lemon sorbet (with campari) [ + \$12 ]
DESSERT WAFFLE BAR chef-made-to-order waffles with assorted toppings, select five: ice cream, whipped cream, assorted jimmies, chocolate shavings, chopped candied nuts, brandied cherries, caramel sauce, hot fudge, pineapple compote, fresh sliced bananas, nutella, assorted crushed candy, powder sugar, cinnamon sugar [ + \$12 ]

DONUT WALL custom designed wall to display your favorite donuts, guests can fill their own donuts with the following: lemon curd, hazelnut buttercream, pistachio mousse, white chocolate, nutella swirl [ + \$12 ]

MINI CAKE DONUTS guests to dip and top their own donuts in assorted sauces and toppings: maple frosting, salted caramel, chili spiced chocolate ganache, bacon lardons, assorted jimmies, candied rose petals, chopped marcona almonds [ + \$12 ]

CLASSIC MINI PASTRIES \& CAKES carrot cake, devils food cake, strawberry \& chiffon cake, chocolate mousse cups, mini pecan pies, chocolate cherry tarts, key lime tarts, fresh fruit tarts [ + \$15]

## LATE NIGHT BTHES <br> priced per piece <br> 

ASSORTED MINI MILKSHAKES
served with whipped cream and an old fashion parlor straw, flavors include: nutella with chocolate swirl, salted caramel with caramel swirl, chocolate jameson with chocolate sprinkles [ + \$1], mint chocolate chip with mini chocolate chips, strawberry with freeze-dried strawberries [ \$4 ]
BLACK COW chocolate sauce, root beer, vanilla ice cream [\$4]
CHICKEN AND WAFFLE BITE vanilla sugar waffle, crispy chicken breast, pork belly, hot sauce, maple agave [\$4]
BUFFALOCHICKEN JALAPENO POPPERS skewered \& bacon-wrapped, with ranch mousse [ \$4]
CHICAGO-STYLE FRANKS IN A BLANKET skewered, "the works" sauce [\$3]
MINI ANGUS CHEESEBURGER seeded brioche bun, cheddar, mustard, pickle, crispy onions [ \$4]
MINI CHICAGO DEEP DISH PIZZA cheese, italian sausage, or pepperoni [ \$3]
MINI JACKFRUIT GYRO pita round, cucumber raita, diced tomato, shaved red onion (v) [ \$4 ]
PETITE SHORT RIB POUTINE BOAT crinkle cut fries, cheese curds, short rib gravy, scallions [\$4]
TRUFFLE FRY CONE sea salt, fresh black pepper, grated romano (v) [\$4]
TOMATO BISQUE SHOOTER grilled cheese lollipop [\$3]
MICRO SPINACH BURGER pea shoots, feta mousse, pickled tomato, ciabatta[\$4]

## BAR PACKAGB LPGRADES includes red \& white wine poured with dinner

## 4-HR PREMIUM BAR PACKAGE

[ + \$35 PER PERSON ]

LIQUOR tito's vodka or ketel one vodka, tanqueray gin, bacardi rum, jim beam black bourbon, dewars white label scotch, crown royal whisky, singleton of glendullan 12 year old scotch, jose cuervo tequila, triple sec

RED \& WHITE WINE house red wine, house white wine, ariel n/a chardonnay

CHOICE OF 2 DOMESTIC BEERS miller, miller genuine draft, budweiser, bud light, michelob ultra, goose island 312
CHOICE OF 2 IMPORTED BEERS heineken, amstel light, corona, becks, stella artois (heineken $n /$ a included in package)
MIXERS assorted sodas, lemonade, orange juice, cranberry juice, infused water station, tonic water, club soda, ginger ale, margarita mix, sweet \& dry vermouth, bloody mary mix, and bar garnishes
CHAMPAGNE TOAST [ + \$6]

4-HR INSPIRED
BAR PACKAGE
[ + \$48 PER PERSON ]

LIQUOR belvedere vodka, grey goose vodka, hendrick's gin, captain morgan white rum, meyers dark rum, maker's mark bourbon, johnny walker black scotch, macallan 12 year scotch, patron tequila, kahlua, baileys irish cream, triple sec
cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay, marquis de la tour brut, ariel n/a chardonnay
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