## INSDIECL CATERING & EVENTS

WEDDINGMENU

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## KAREN & GINA STEFANI



**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."



GINA STEFANI 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.





MENU

4 PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES SALAD

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-SIDE COFFEE SERVICE 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



**IVORY RIM** 



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WHITE BAVARIAN



MONACO



**MARQUETTE** 



**EXCALIBUR** 

{ tables and chairs are not included }

PRICING

FROM \$160 PER PERSON





BEEF

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 manchego cheese, shredded slow braised short ribs, scotch demi

PULLED SHORT RIB EMPANADA cilantro-mango chutney

PACIFIC RIM BEEF SATAY coconut milk and red thai curry

POULTRY

SMOKED 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 honey drizzle

CHILLED FRIED CHICKEN STRIPS chilled buttermilk & lavender fried chicken breast strips, grilled peach bbq sauce

MASSAMAN CURRY CHICKEN SKEWER preserved lemon, candied peanut, that basil (gf)

CUCUMBER CUP WITH LEMON CHICKEN lemon, rosemary, mint, candied lemon zest

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

GAME

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



### PASSED APPETIZERS

wedding package includes 4 pieces per person

SEAFOOD

AHI POKE TUNA IN LETTUCE CUP cinched with a mini clothespin [+1]

BACON WRAPPED SCALLOPS smoked tomato aioli (gf) [+1]

HERB BUTTER ESCARGOT mushroom duxelle, crostini, cracked pepper [+1]

LOBSTER "ROLL" PROFITEROLE pickled celery, celery leaf garnish [+1]

SPICY CITRUS TILAPIA CEVICHE inspired red corn tortilla spoon (gf) [+1]

SMOKED SALMON CROSTINI olive tapenade, pickled fennel, chive crostini [+1]

SHRIMP AND SCALLOP CEVICHE tortilla crisp, avocado, sesame [+1]

JUMBO BLACKENED SHRIMP spicy remoulade sauce [+1]

TRUFFLE CRAB DEVILED EGGS fried garlic chip garnish [+1]

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

TINY FRIED ELOTE cornmeal crust, roasted garlic mayo, queso fresco, chili lime dust

BEET PROFITEROLE 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 crusted broccoli boursin stuffed mushroom

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



# STATIONED

#### 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 demi forks) (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 & SHAVED BABY ARTICHOKE

bourbon cherries, shaved fennel, toasted pine nuts, balsamic syrup, 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** 

red leaf lettuce, scallion, crispy kataifi pastry nest, poppy seed vinaigrette (v)

VINE RIPE TOMATO

blue cheese cream, basil, mint, fried shallot, pickled fresno peppers, crumbled blue cheese, black and white balsamic vinaigrette (v,gf)

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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

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

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)

SOUP tomato bisque, italian wedding, yellow gazpacho, french onion, roasted tomato orzo [ + \$5 ]



## COMPOSED ENTRÉE

choice of two proteins and one vegetarian entrée

BEEF

TENDER SHORT RIBS 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 ]

POULTRY

BONE-IN CHICKEN BREAST WITH LEMON JUS AND LAVENDER GRANOLA

grilled baby zucchini, edamame, and seasonal vegetable succotash

COFFEE-CRUSTED CHICKEN BREAST WITH BEET GASTRIQUE

herb and sweet cream buttered seasonal greens, grilled asparagus, roasted forest mushrooms (gf)

WITH LICORICE CREAM SAUCE

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

HARISSA & PRESERVED LEMON scallion potato cake, carrot obliques, olives **BRAISED CHICKEN THIGHS** 

WITH SWEET ONION GRAVY

ROASTED CHICKEN BREAST green lentil and beet taboule, garlic confit, tri-color baby carrots, oregano pesto



## COMPOSED ENTRÉE CONTINUED choice of two proteins and one vegetarian entrée

SEAFOOD

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

SEARED WHITE FISH 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 celery root and purple potato peruvian mash, blistered baby carrots
WITH LEMON CAPER BEURRE BLANC

SEARED MEAGRE SEA BASS WITH truffled chive oil, parsley root purée, caramelized baby carrots (gf) [ + \$20] 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 ]



### COMPOSED ENTRÉE CONTINUED

choice of two proteins and one vegetarian entrée

GAME

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]

PAN GRAVY & BLUEBERRY CHIA JAM

FRENCHED DOUBLE CUT LAMB CHOP WITH fresh corn pudding, butter poached rapini, roasted red pearl onions [ + \$15]

HERB CRUSTED BONE-IN LAMB CHOP WITH BLACKBERRY GASTRIQUE warm farro and wild mushroom salad, hazelnut dressing, shaved fennel and micro green salad, candied berry garnish [ + \$15]

JUNIPER BRINED BONE-IN PORK CHOP WITH CELERY ROOT REMOULADE green olive mash, honey glazed baby carrots, herb salad, smoked tomato vinaigrette (gf) [ + \$8 ]

SLOW ROASTED PORK OSSO BUCCO WITH SCOTCH DEMI GLACE

cauliflower and yukon gold potato mash, roasted garlic green beans, grapefruit gremolata [ + \$8 ]

**VEGETARIAN** 

**GRILLED EGGPLANT PAVE** 

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)

ARTICHOKE, GOAT CHEESE, AND MARCONA ALMOND RISOTTO

fennel butter, artichoke bottom, pickled shallots, micro green garnish (gf)

HERB STUFFED VINE RIPE TOMATOES

morbier cheese and toasted breadcrumbs, flageolet bean puree, black garlic, micro green garnish

BUTTER POACHED LEEKS WITH PUMPERNICKEL CRACKLE

black "caviar" lentils, blistered baby peppers, squash coins, borage blossoms

**JUMBO MUSHROOM ARANCINI** 

sautéed spring greens, yellow tomato confit, pickled watermelon radish

WITH MANCHEGO VINAIGRETTE

TURMERIC ROASTED CAULIFLOWER STEAK grilled radicchio compote, chickpea polenta cake, cumin crème fraîche, micro cilantro





#### MAKE YOUR ENTRÉE A DUET

#### SAMPLE PAIRINGS

BLUE CHEESE DUSTED
MINI FILET OF BEEF WITH A
PETITE GRILLED SALMON FILLET

cognac butter sauce, horseradish and crispy chive red skin mashed potatoes, blistered tri-color carrots with orange gremolata, micro garnish [ + \$8 ]

PETITE ROASTED GARLIC GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST WITH AN HERB SEARED MEAGRE BASS FILLET IN A SCOTCH DEMI GLACE

stone fruit bbq scallion potatoes with sour cream and corn, charred baby zucchini, halved grilled stone fruit, micro green garnish [ + \$8 ]

 $other \ duet \ options \ available$ 

#### **VENDOR & KIDS' MEALS**

**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 STYLE & 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)

BEEF SIRLOIN & 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

OPTION #2 FLANK STEAK & CHICKEN BUFFET

mustard and chili coated flank steak, grilled and sliced · grilled boneless chicken thighs and petite breasts · sweet potato mash with charred marshmallow topping and bourbon agave sauce · steamed carrots with mint butter · roasted corn with maple vinaigrette and crispy chives · horseradish cream and mesquite demi-glace

PORK LOIN & 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

{ additional equipment fees may apply for family-style and buffet weddings }



## DESSERT ENHANCE

PLATED

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 ]

MINI CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

served warm with chilled vanilla bourbon milk shooters [ + \$7 ]

S'MORE SKEWERS

graham cracker, marshmallow, chocolate [ + \$5]

PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN SKEWERS

poundcake and fresh pineapple glazed with honey and brown sugar, grilled and topped with a maraschino cherry [ + \$7]

STATIONS

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 BITES priced per piece

ASSORTED MINI MILKSHAKES all 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]

BUFFALO CHICKEN JALAPEÑO 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]

Late Night Bites require an additional \$250 chef fee



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

**RED & WHITE WINE** 

cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay, marquis de la tour brut, ariel n/a chardonnay

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miller, miller genuine draft, budweiser, bud light, michelob ultra, goose island 312 (assorted hard seltzers included in package)

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CHAMPAGNE TOAST included

