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# darin & dan

BROOKLYN · January 14

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at The Green Building

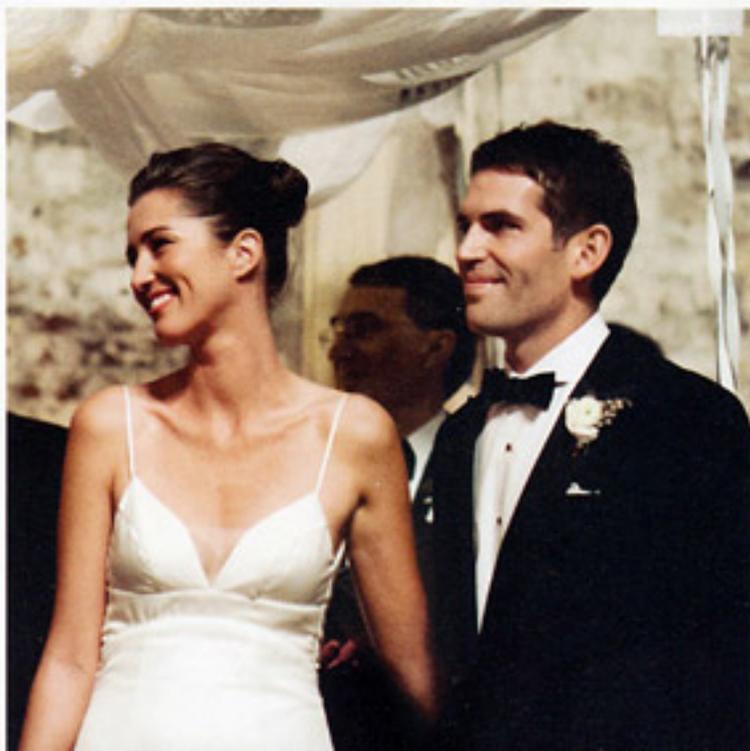


**the reception décor**  
The couple kept the décor minimalistic, incorporating a mix of rustic and luxe details that complemented the contemporary space.

**the bridal bouquet**  
Dark-centered anemones worked especially well with the industrial venue.

**the couple's style**  
Darin's good friend (a fashion designer) made her a dress especially for the occasion; Dan matched Darin's style with a modern tux.

**the favors**  
For an incredibly personal favor, the couple chose a used book that they thought each guest or couple would like.



**THE BRIDE** Darin Kingston, 29, monitoring and evaluation specialist for d.light designs

**THE GROOM** Dan Kurtz-Phelan, 31, policy adviser for the State Department

**HOW THEY MET** At work

**THEIR ENGAGEMENT PERIOD** About 15 months

**THEIR WEDDING STYLE** The former Brooklynites returned (from their current home of Washington, DC) to host an intimate evening with family and friends. Letting the venue's deconstructed feel set the tone for their elegant, urban wedding, the couple opted for clean, simple décor and a warm palette of black, white and brown. —SW

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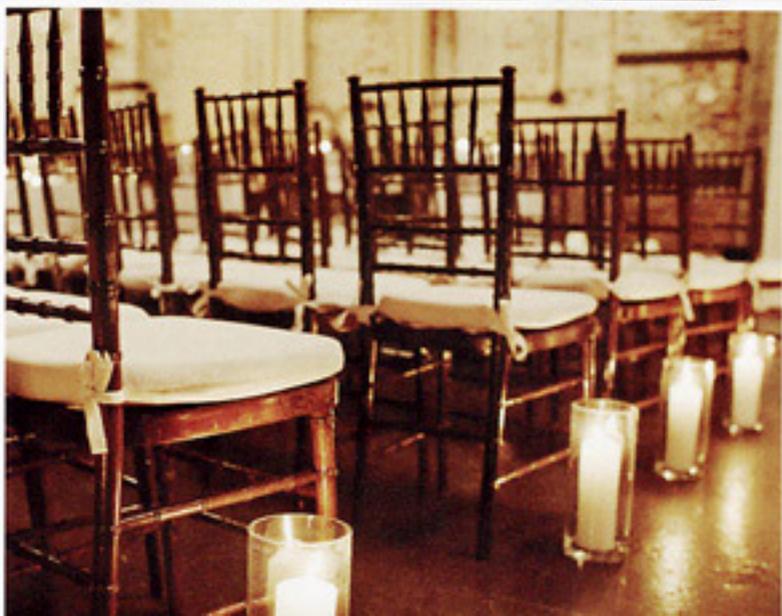


the ceremony  
Darin and Dan exchanged  
vows beneath a huppah  
held by their attendants.  
Both of their fathers were  
ordained so they could  
co-officiate the ceremony.

the ceremony programs  
White, rectangular cards  
with elegant script outlined  
the service and honored  
the wedding party.

the ceremony décor  
Hurricane vases filled with  
candles lined the aisle for  
a romantic touch.

the centerpieces  
Since dinner was served  
both plated and family-  
style, the centerpieces were  
kept low to allow guests  
to share dishes and chat.



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the menu cards  
Rather than individual cards,  
large posters displayed  
the evening's menu.

the details  
A textured arrangement of  
greens and branches drew  
attention to the ceremony  
programs as guests entered.

*Dinner Menu*

BABY BEG OAK SALAD  
Roasted Beet, Parsnips, Onions, Potatoes  
with Vintage Stock Potatoes, Parsnips  
& Local Cheddar Cheese

BRASÉD BEEF SHORT RIBS  
Potatoes, Peas, Grains, Onions

MONKFISH OSOBUOCO  
Broiled Potatoes, Onions & Tomatoes

— *dessert* —

IRANIAN COUSCOUS with Pumpkin & Raisins  
FRENCH LENTILS with Potatoes de Provence  
BEAN SPROUTS with Onions & Potatoes

PESTS FOURS  
COOKIES



the reception décor  
Darin and Dan wanted to  
preserve the atmosphere of  
the venue, so they let the  
exposed-brick walls, vaulted  
ceilings and chandeliers  
speak for themselves.

the lounge area  
Vintage suitcases  
decorated the speakeasy-  
esque lounge area.



#### DARIN & DAN'S WEDDING INGREDIENTS

**CEREMONY AND RECEPTION SITE** The Green Building, Brooklyn

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Erik Ekroth Photography

**CONSULTANT** SORAYA weddings & celebrations

**OFFICIANTS** The bride's and groom's fathers

**GOWN** Custom Alexander Casertano

**HAIR** Jennifer Brent

**MAKEUP** Jules Waldkoetter

**SHOES** Jimmy Choo

**JEWELRY** Earrings, bracelet: Alexis Bittar

**BRIDESMAID DRESSES** Assorted

**FORMALWEAR** Assorted

**INVITATIONS** Betsywhite Stationery Boutique

**PROGRAMS AND MENU CARDS** C.E.T. Designs

**FLOWERS** Nicolette Camille Floral Design

**RENTALS** Party Rental Ltd.

**CATERING** Ted & Honey

**MUSIC** Klezmer Mountain Boys; DJ Blue

**ACCOMMODATIONS** NU Hotel

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