



LEFT: Sealed with a kiss: Peter and Carolyn Iwancio.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The bride and groommen; an exchange of vows; an elegant place setting; the scene of the celebration at The Breakers



Destination PALM BEACH

In a romantic, never-to-be-forgotten celebration at The Breakers, a young Boston couple ties the knot in tropical style. BY GILLIAN NADEL

WHEN VACATIONING IN PALM BEACH AS A CHILD, Carolyn Gouse knew The Breakers, with its elegant, palm-lined drive leading up to a Florentine fountain and the exquisite lobby reminiscent of an Italian palazzo, would be perfect for a fairy-tale wedding. So when the daughter of Richard and Cheryl Gouse became engaged to Peter Iwancio, son of Mary Ann and the late Donald Iwancio, the couple began planning their elegant destination wedding in one of South Florida's most famous resorts.

The couple met through mutual friends while living in New York, but it was when they were snowboarding in Aspen that Peter popped the question. Within months, they relocated to Boston's ultrahip South End. Deciding on a March wedding, Carolyn enlisted the expertise of Linda Matzkin and Abby Gordon at Hopple Poppo to help plan their dream event.

On March 10, in The Breakers' courtyard, Carolyn and Peter exchanged vows in front of 168 family and friends. The courtyard was imaginatively decorated with a wrought-iron gazebo covered with garlands of glossy

lemon leaves and white flowers, made even more romantic with hanging candles and floating hydrangea. The bride wore an ivory eyelet fitted gown with a celadon grosgrain sash by Carolina Herrera, and was accompanied by four bridesmaids who wore apple green Saeyoung Vu dresses. The groomsmen sported classic Ray-Ban aviator sunglasses as they seated guests—a nod to the groom, who likens himself to *Top Gun*'s loeman.

The reception was held in The Breakers' Circle Ballroom, decorated in crisp greens and whites to reflect the bride's fresh style. The tables were draped with white silk cloths and featured centerpieces of cymbidium orchids, white hydrangea, and phalaenopsis orchids. Crystal candles and white pillar candles completed the tables' décor. Guests feasted on lobster salad, followed by a choice of filet mignon or miso-glazed Chilean sea bass. A traditional white wedding cake served as dessert.

The newlyweds will honeymoon in French Polynesia in July, but for now, they're enjoying married life in Boston with their dogs, Rosco and Mappet. ♦