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ELEGANT WEDDINGS AT THE PALMER HOUSE HILTON: WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN

"The hotel that love built" offers couples historic setting with sophisticated amenities

(CHICAGO; April 28, 2011) – The wedding experts have spoken: elegance is big for weddings in 2011. For the stylish Chicago bride looking to create an element of elegance at her wedding, whether prohibition-style chic or traditional glamour fit for royalty, the [Palmer House Hilton](#) offers legendary venue space and cutting-edge cuisine, making it the perfect location to mix the old and new.

Something Old

Weddings have been at the core of the Palmer House since day one, when business magnate Potter Palmer gave the hotel to his blushing bride as her wedding gift. Since then, the Palmer House has earned the title of the nation's oldest hotel in continual operation, hosting a long list of important politicians, entertainers, social figures, and nearly all U.S. Presidents.

One of the hotel's most popular wedding settings, **The Empire Room**, has been a favorite Windy City stage for decades, hosting entertainers including Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Ella Fitzgerald, Harry Belafonte and Louis Armstrong. Today, couples can host a spectacular wedding reception in the Empire Room or one of the other four stunning ballrooms, and take advantage of dozens of meeting rooms and hospitality suites for rehearsal dinners or post-wedding brunches.

Something New

Led by **Executive Chef Stephen Henry**, a 29-year veteran of the culinary arts profession, the culinary team at the Palmer House has catered countless events for heads of state and foreign dignitaries, creating cutting-edge cuisine for galas and weddings alike.

Whether the couple is looking to serve a soulful meal of their favorite comfort food or a lavish cocktail reception with ethnic-inspired flavors, the culinary team at the Palmer House has a variety of dining scenarios to satisfy every need.

Couples aiming for a traditional affair can order a custom wedding cake from Palmer House's culinary team, while couples looking for a unique twist on dessert can create a variety of sweets tables, including ice cream sundaes, cookie lollipops, miniature cannoli, or petit fours, among many other options. And if wedding guests work up an appetite dancing the night away with family and friends, the Palmer House offers midnight snack buffet options, including mini burgers, pizza and homemade potato chips.

Something Borrowed

At the Palmer House, devoted wedding coordinators are committed to helping couples host an extraordinary event. Palmer House wedding packages go above and beyond the standard offerings, supplying elegant details for every reception including votive candles, picture-framed table numbers and personalized menu cards, among a variety of options for linens and white-glove amenities.

Couples hosting their wedding reception at the Palmer House will have two complimentary nights in the Bridal Suite, in addition to a complimentary overnight stay on the couple's one-year anniversary. Upgraded accommodations will also be provided for parents of the bride and groom and two complimentary changing rooms will be available for the wedding party.

Something Blue

Whether navy and cream or cobalt blue and gold, the Palmer House has an arsenal of preferred partners to help create the picture-perfect day for every couple's desired color scheme and style. All of the Palmer House ballrooms, from the majestic State Room to the grand Empire Room, are outfitted with state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems, allowing for dramatic lightscaping and custom sound design.

With some of Chicago's most sought-after wedding spaces and devoted experts to ensure perfection of every detail, the Palmer House has something for every bride looking to wow guests on her big day. For more information, visit www.palmerhouseweddings.com.

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About The Palmer House Hilton—A Grand Palace Hotel

The majestic, world-class Palmer House Hilton reflects the opulence Potter Palmer designed and built into the original hotel in 1871, starting with its façade and extending to the dramatic, muraled Beaux Arts lobby and gracious guestrooms and event spaces. The Palmer House Hilton remains one of only 26 grand palace hotels remaining in America today, and it's one of Chicago's architectural crown jewels.

The Palmer House Hilton is owned by Thor Equities and operated by Hilton Worldwide. The hotel was named a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Historic Hotels of America (HHA) for maintaining its historic integrity, architecture and ambiance. For additional information, please visit www.Facebook.com/PalmerHouseHilton or call 312.726.7500.

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