

# kate & matt

COLORADO SPRINGS · June 30  
photography by Laura Esmond and Paige Thiele



**the formalwear**  
A single yellow orchid pinned to a khaki suit with a yellow and navy tie made Matt's groomsmen true crowd-pleasers.

**the cocktail hour**  
Upon leaving the ceremony, guests were offered glasses of champagne garnished with fresh blueberries.

**the ceremony décor**  
The ceremony was held outside on a large deck facing a gorgeous mountainous backdrop. Kate and Matt married under an altar decorated with large, light green and white hydrangeas. >>



**their story** Right after her freshman year, Kate Kilgore (now 29 and a PR and brand manager) met Matt Cihon (also 29 and an account manager) when she went to visit a friend's hometown in Upstate New York. They met during her first night there, connected instantly, and spent every night of her visit hanging out together. The couple dated long-distance for three years in college and spent summers interning together in New York and Washington, DC. After college they both moved to New York City and then relocated back to Kate's home state of Colorado. On May 27th, 2006, during Kate's family reunion, Matt asked Kate to marry him atop a mountain after a long hike. — Charli Penn

**the bridal bouquet**  
Inspired by a beautiful bouquet of yellow calla lilies she'd found on TheKnot.com, Kate decided to carry the same lovely bouquet and use yellow as the lead color in her palette.





**the cake**  
The simple, four-tiered cake was covered in white fondant and decorated with the couple's monogram and a navy blue fondant ribbon.

**the escort cards**  
Kate and Matt shared their love of wine with guests by displaying their escort cards in corks.

**the bridesmaid dresses**  
The seven bridesmaids wore navy, tulle, cocktail-length, Vera Wang dresses that were "easy and fun," just the way Kate wanted.



**the centerpieces**  
The reception tables were accented with yellow floral centerpieces and two tall candlesticks with beaded lampshades on top.

**the programs**  
The couple kept their programs simple with quotes about love, friendship, and life at the bottom of each page.

**the favors**  
A navy blue pashmina was draped over the chair of each female guest. The ladies were invited to take the wraps home as favors. >>



## style notes

Since she was a little girl, Kate has always wanted to get married in the heart of her community at The Broadmoor Hotel—the site of so many of her cherished childhood memories. Her goal was to have a bright and cheery wedding that wasn't too serious.



**the table numbers**  
Gold frames added a touch of sophistication to the simple table numbers, and complemented the yellow centerpieces.

**the first dance**  
Kate and Matt wanted a first dance that would set an upbeat tone for the rest of the celebration, so they chose "Everlasting Love" by Carl Carlton.



## their ingredients

**SITE** The Broadmoor Hotel (719) 577-5775

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Laura Esmond and Paige Thoele/L'amour de Vie LamourdeVie.com

**OFFICIANT** Mark Epperson, First Presbyterian Church (719) 884-6100

**GOWN** Carolina Herrera, Kleinfeld Bridal (646) 633-4300, New York, NY

**SHOES** Jimmy Choo, Saks Fifth Avenue (877) 551-7257, New York, NY

**HAIR** Linda Tieman, a friend of the family

**BRIDESMAID DRESSES** Vera Wang (212) 628-9898, New York, NY

**FORMALWEAR** Jos. A. Bank (800) 285-2265, New York, NY

**INVITATIONS** Crane & Co., Kate's Paperie, KatesPaperie.com

**FLOWERS** DesignWorks by Dave and Mike (720) 941-7440, Denver

**CATERING** The Broadmoor Hotel

**MUSIC** Ceremony: Aspen Strings Quartet (719) 633-3568; reception: Heartbeat, booked through Pro Entertainment Inc. (303) 750-6111, Denver

**CAKE** The Broadmoor Hotel

**ACCOMMODATIONS** The Broadmoor Hotel

**HONEYMOON** Tulum and Cancun, Mexico