



NINA STAVRIS AND
CHARLES DAVIES
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Charles Davies says he was smitten upon seeing Nina Stavrakis on the first day of class freshmen year at Boston College. “It was Christian theology and each person had to introduce him or herself,” he recalls. “From that moment on I was hooked.” The two would talk after class and quickly found themselves inseparable. That same year, when Charlie left for U.S. Soccer National Team duty, “I realized,” says Nina, “that I couldn’t imagine my future without him.”

After graduating in 2008, she moved to Sweden to join Charlie where he was playing professional soccer. But when the time came to propose, Charlie wanted to do so in a city that Nina had never been to so he planned a trip to Barcelona. What appeared to be a last-minute jaunt to Nina, had actually been carefully orchestrated.

The couple was living in France at the time and Charlie had a friend bring the engagement ring to him from Boston. Charlie had also planned for his best friend, Oguchi Onyewu, to meet them in Barce-





French bistro Mistral for their rehearsal dinner. “It was a perfect evening of heart-warming speeches, good food and big laughs,” recalls Nina. “There was so much love in that room none of us wanted to leave!”

To honor the special place where they met, the 5 p.m. ceremony was held at Boston College’s Trinity Chapel. “I was so ready to be Mr. and Mrs. Davies,” Charlie says. “It was surreal to finally be able to call Nina my wife.” After photos, the entire bridal party boarded a trolley to make their way to the Boston Harbor Hotel. Following cocktail hour—complete with a mojito bar, which just so happens to be the couple’s favorite drink—the 170 guests made their way to the ballroom. When the bridal party was introduced, each couple did a different dance to get the crowd roaring. Charlie then swooped up his bride and carried her in as everyone cheered. The celebrating and dancing

lona and videotape the event. “As I proposed I couldn’t help but get tears in my eyes as I thought about how important Nina was to me,” he says. Oguchi then surprised them both by taking them to the VIP section of Club Opium where champagne and Brazilian soccer superstar, Ronaldinho Gaúcho, were waiting to join in on the celebration.

With the couple living abroad and the wedding in Boston, they enlisted the help of wedding planner Francie Dorman. “She kept us completely calm and instantly understood my style,” Nina says. To incorporate the love of French food they’d developed, they chose



continued all night long. “The day was filled with glamour, charisma and positive energy,” adds the groom.

Looking forward to beginning a family, Nina says she is excited to spend the rest of her life with her best friend. “With someone by my side as strong as Charlie, I know I’ll never have to worry,” she adds, “and that’s a great feeling.”

The couple has planned a warm and exotic honeymoon to Bora Bora in December.

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