

Will You Marry Me?

Madisonians pop the question

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The Question

105.5 Triple M's morning co-host Jonathan Suttin proposes to his sweetheart Lindsay Kohn Madison-style

Says Jonathan: I had been planning to surprise Lindsay on the last night of Hanukkah.

Says Lindsay: I was instructed to come from work promptly and dress up for a night out.

J: Lindsay moved here from Portland, Oregon, just a few months ago and I wanted the night to be very Madison.

L: We drove downtown to the Madison Club. Our menus were customized with “Welcome Lindsay & Jonathan” at the top. I was very impressed and thought they ran a top-notch service with all these personal touches. I wasn’t suspecting anything that was to come.

J: “Did you notice the menus?” I asked. Lindsay said, “Do they do that for everyone?” I started to wonder if she was on to me.

L: After a fantastic meal Jonathan said he was going to the restroom. About five minutes later the hostess delivered a fancy note to me: “Lindsay, I often say the best is yet to come. Tonight it is true. Please head downstairs. Love, Jonathan.”

J: Once she arrived downstairs there was a limo driver holding a sign with her name on it. I had instructed the driver not to tell her anything but, “Jonathan wanted you to go for a ride.”

L: I couldn’t believe it when I saw a black stretch limo pull up. The driver opened my door and as I peered in I saw that Jonathan wasn’t in there. I couldn't imagine what was going on. The driver wouldn’t give me any clues. He just kept saying Jonathan had asked him to take me for a drive.

J: While she was on her joy ride around our beautifully lit Capitol, I was at the Mansion Hill Inn making final preparations.

L: A few minutes later we pulled up to the Mansion Hill Inn. The driver walked me to the door and rang the doorbell.

J: The innkeeper greeted Lindsay at the door and brought her to a two-room suite. There were rose petals on the floor and candles all around the room. Lindsay was instructed to watch a DVD.

L: The woman hit play and then left room. As I watched a montage of photos of Jonathan and me it was finally clear to me what was about to happen. Tears were streaming down my face as I saw all the pictures of our year together.

J: The video was set to Rhett Miller's "The Question," which includes the line, "Someday someone may ask you a question that you should say yes to once in your life, baby tonight I've got a question for you."

L: After the video ended he came through the bedroom door with the ring box in his hand.

J: She was crying and I have to admit I got a little choked up as well.

L: He got down on one knee and I could barely stop crying enough to say, "Yes!"

J: Despite all the planning, I didn't really have an engagement speech prepared but at this point it didn't really seem to matter and most importantly she said, "Yes!"

L: We toasted with champagne and dessert. I could not get over his flawless execution of such an elaborate proposal. It was perfect!

The happy couple plan to say "I do" in Madison this summer.

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