



## **Taking-Names**

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British tradition meets Chicago flair this weekend for the grand wedding of Goodman Theatre Board chairman Shawn Donnelley and English author Christopher Kelly.

The couple, who have survived a very long-distance romance, will be married Saturday in Fourth Presbyterian Church in a traditional, English-style wedding — expect ladies in hats — before 450 guests.

The festivities began last week when Mr. Kelly, 43, arrived for his "Bon Voyage to Bachelorhood" party — a cruise on Lake Michigan with friends, family and fiancée.

"He wanted us all together," says Ms. Donnelley, 39, the printing heiress who heads philanthropic consulting firm Strategic Giving.

The partying begins in earnest Friday with a gathering at the Women's Athletic Club of Chicago. It's sure to invite comparison to another high-profile, but short-lived, union — that of Robin Segal and John Edelman, who in 2000 also had a pre-wedding party at the club.

On Saturday, Ms. Donnelley will walk down the aisle escorted by her brother and assisted by her seven cousins and Mr. Kelly's sister. The groom and his eight attendees will be in morning suits. Invited guests include civic leaders Debbie Bricker and Dia Weil, R4 Services founder Trish Rooney Alden, UBS public affairs chief Patrick Sheahan, Jam Theatricals partner Steve Traxler and Corporate Cleaning Services CEO and pal Neal Zucker.



**Shawn Donnelley**



**Christopher Kelly**

After the ceremony, guests will retreat to the exclusive Casino club for toasts and cutting of cakes. Then it's off to the Museum of Contemporary Art Warehouse for a black-tie dinner with DJ and dancing.

If all the celebrating and outfit changes from one event to another aren't enough, Sunday will offer yet another gathering: brunch at Spiaggia. "It's the weekend of the Air and Water Show, so we thought the guests would enjoy a chance to watch the planes fly overhead," Ms. Donnelley says.

Call it love American-style.