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LOVE

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In this issue, I chose to share some thoughts I expressed in my hard cover book that I feel are timeless.

love: “One word frees us from all weight and pain in life; that word is love,” wrote Sophocles. Love requires the ultimate leap of faith, enabling us to dream and hope. Love also requires us to trust.

At no other time do we find ourselves more vulnerable, yet at the same time more empowered, than when we are in love. In each relationship, love manifests itself in different ways, and therein lies its magical quality: it’s ability to transform both itself and the people it touches.

It becomes an evolving process and simultaneously fuels and is fueled by the dynamics of each relationship.

Yet, at its core, it is the strength of its truthfulness that makes it unyielding. In its ability to nourish, nurture, sustain and heal, it also finds the power to forgive. Through trials, tribulations, obstacles and challenges, amazingly, love endures. When the need to share becomes as rewarding as it does meaningful, when the ability to give without the expectation to receive becomes prevalent, when listening becomes as important as speaking, love strengthens. It’s best ally is time. Like a splendid fruit that shapes, softens and sweetens with time, love also goes through stages.

Through each of its stages it needs to be nurtured. Nurturing requires time. Nurturing also requires a willingness from both partners to do so. Ultimately, it is the willingness that each partner in the relationship sustains that allows love to grow, flourish, strengthen and mature.

There is no greater reward in life than to experience true love and its magical attributes over time and through its stages.

commitment: Your journey starts with a commitment that is emotional, physical and spiritual.

The importance of the commitment you make to each other lies in your willingness to make it. The vows you exchange during your ceremony

should express and embody the way each of you feels when making that commitment. If words are the representation and the expression of feelings, hold both the feelings and the words dear, and, as time passes, refer to them as a reminder to recall their meaning. Let the willingness each of you expresses at the time of your commitment anchor the feelings that moved you to make that commitment in the first place. Be there for one another throughout life’s challenges and always search and find ways to enrich each other’s spirit.

diversity: Every day around the world, people come together to celebrate love. Regardless of differences in race, gender, ethnicity, religion or culture, the love between a couple is the force that calls for celebration.

Beautiful traditions, colorful cultural tones, delicious food, champagne toasts, amazing music, and a multitude of other elements all lend themselves to the celebration of the unity between two people in love.

It is a rewarding feeling to acknowledge, respect, embrace and celebrate the diversity that exist among us, and the fusion of all those elements that define us as individuals, regardless of how similar or different, into a meaningful, joyous celebration.



trust: Through that ancient ritual of hope and promise that we call marriage, we come together with our partner for a lifetime journey of sharing, understanding, caring and companionship. Our ability to dream what that journey will be like, and to envision where it will take us requires us to trust: trust in our strength to overcome the difficulties we will encounter. Trust allows us to walk the path of a new beginning with confidence and reassurance. It is the very essence of trust and our commitment to cherish and honor it that enables us to continue life’s journey together.

Live the dream, toast with champagne on all your anniversaries and most of all always celebrate love.

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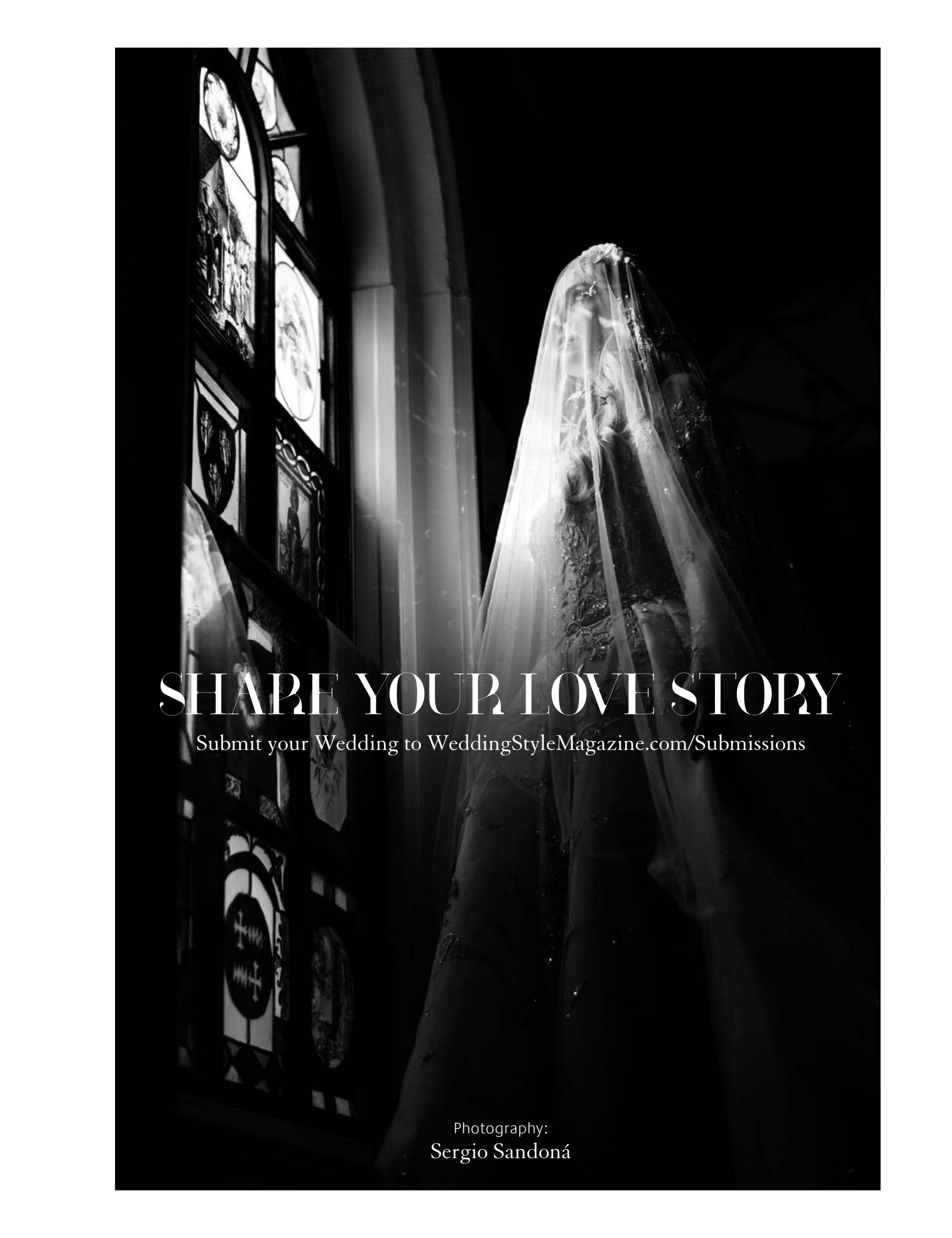
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ROMANCE AND WANDERLUST

ENGAGEMENT PHOTO SHOOTS AROUND THE WORLD

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Justin Lee Photography

“Everyone has heard of a destination wedding, but hardly do they consider having a destination engagement photo shoot,” says Winny Prakasa. Winny and Andrew Suhalim are part of a new wave of couples who are opting to take their engagement session on the road for a more memorable, wanderlust-filled experience. “Andrew and I knew that the wedding would be a beautiful day,” she continues, “but it was going to be a lot of pressure, as well as keeping our families and their guests happy. So, we decided to make sure that there was going to be a piece of the wedding that was only about us and for us.”





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Cristiano Ostinelli Studio

Joined by wedding photographer Cristiano Ostinelli, the bride and groom traveled to Vienna, Austria. Neither Winnie nor Andrew had explored Vienna before, and their engagement session doubled as an opportunity to discover the ins and outs of a new city. “To me, it’s a perfect situation,” Cristiano remarks. “The couple can be more relaxed, and free to enjoy their time together.”

“Just the idea of going somewhere across the world to experience new adventures together is very romantic,” adds photographer Justin Lee. “There is something very unique about seeing the world with your partner. Documenting those moments just makes sense.”

Before their wedding, Mai and Mark Dalle Cort flew Justin to Bali for an intimate engagement session while circling back to the place where they first met. Mark, a retired professional rugby player, was visiting a friend and crossed paths with Mai, who happened to be in Bali to start her fashion label,



Aila Blue. “We knew we had to return to Bali to complete our love story,” Mai shares. “Our engagement shoot felt like time slowed down just for us.”

For Geena Sandhu and Sunny Singh, it was their photographer, Mili Ghosh, who helped with the inspiration behind their engagement shoot at the Bonneville Salt Flats and Monument Valley. “My husband, Sid, and I are travel photographers as well,” Mili explains. “Over the summer, we had done a two-week road trip from LA all the way to Montana. We were excited that Geena and Sunny were enthusiastic about the idea of going on a mini road trip with us.” That road trip culminated in a collection of photographs depicting the concept of “a gypsy soul with a

warrior spirit”—images that are far from traditional, mainstream engagement photos.

“Although the pictures look calm and composed from the outside, the action behind the scenes was the most thrilling,” describes Geena. “Getting to these locations, shooting in the desert and on the Salt Flats with the horses, was all very exciting! We blindly shot for three days, rarely looking at the images, and knew that at the end of the day it was going to be great.”

One of the greatest benefits of having a destination engagement shoot is that it allows a





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Photography:
Mili Ghosh

couple to immerse themselves in another culture and create memories that will last a lifetime. Photographer Zabrina Deng experienced similar situations and encounters from behind the camera while undertaking an epic journey with couple Kam Ying Lam and Josh Tik Ming Tseng. Their engagement shoot led them to Seville, Spain, followed by Morocco and the Sahara Desert. “The desert has a totally different feel during the day than at night,” says Zabrina. “Photographing Josh and Kam along with a Berber nomad boy, who was so gentle and caring for the camels, was really astonishing to witness.”

Reflecting back on their time together, Kam shares a particular moment in Spain that poignantly illustrates what a couple can take away from these destination engagement shoots. “In Seville, we were traveling in a horse carriage, which took us from the hotel to various shooting locations,” she recalls. “Along the way, we passed by a lot of people commuting to work and just getting on with their day. When they saw us dressed up in a fancy carriage, they all gave us applause and genuine blessings. At that point, I had a powerful moment of realization—that love has no language or cultural barrier.”

> Written by Lauren Malamala

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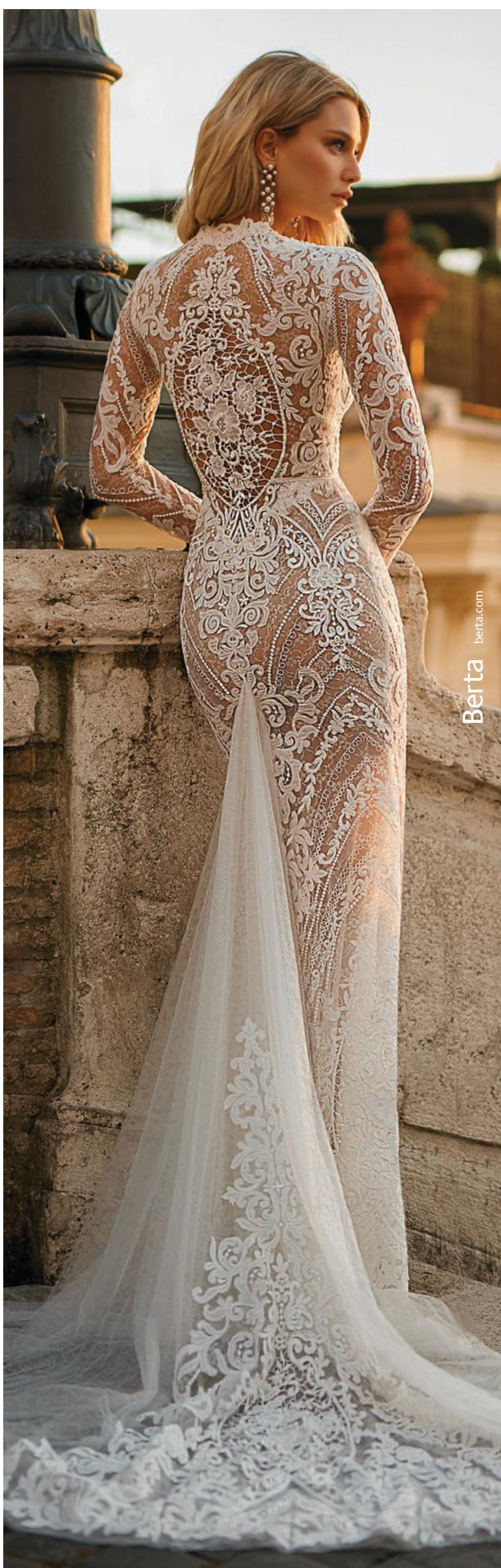
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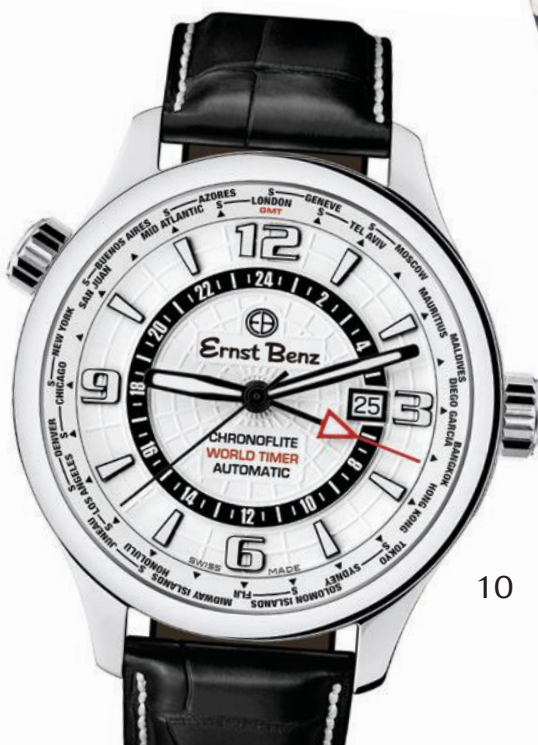
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IT WAS SUCH AN EPIC PARTY... THE FESTIVITIES CONTINUED UNTIL 3 A.M.

SYDNEY KAPLAN AND NATHAN THOMPSON

August 4, 2018. **Beverly Hills, California**

Photography:
Curtis Dahl Photography







Four years ago, Sydney Kaplan and Nathan Thompson were introduced at a mutual friend's house party in Malibu. "We ended up talking the whole time we first met," says Sydney, who happened to be at the party with a date of her own. "When I was single again, I really wanted to go out with Nate."

Three months later, the opportunity presented itself with a large group date. Nate had no idea Sydney was available, but a friend insisted he needed to go. After reconnecting, things moved quickly, and Nate and Sydney moved in together within a month's time. A year later, the two actually split up temporarily; but their whirlwind romance was far from over, as they got back together six months later and were engaged two months after that.

The proposal took place in Hawaii, where the staff at Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea





assisted in creating an unforgettable setup. “We usually go on a family trip with Sydney’s parents and sister,” Nate describes. “As part of the proposal, I flew my mom in, too. Sydney had no idea she was there, and I told Sydney that we were all going to do our own thing for dinner that night.” Sydney’s sisters were also in on the secret, discreetly attempting to dress her in white, while she was trying to wear an all-black outfit.

Under the guise of having their photo taken before their reservation was ready, the couple

headed down to a special location that had been set up for the occasion. “I hadn’t seen it yet, so I didn’t know what to expect,” says Nate. “It looked like a reception for two people who just eloped, and Sydney thought someone else was getting married. I had cameras set up and a drone to take videos and pictures. Once we got down to the spot, I proposed. We ended up eating dinner there, and then all our family showed up.” It was the perfect ending to a family collaboration, as Nate picked out the stone for Sydney’s engagement ring with her father, while





her mother helped with the setting. The bride and groom-to-be set their wedding date for exactly one year after their engagement. Since Nate is a professional hockey player from Alaska, the guest list included nearly 400 people, with many flying in from out of town. Sydney and her mother enjoyed every aspect of wedding planning, and the team from International Event Company streamlined the whole process. "I don't think I had one day of stress," Sydney reflects. "I was so happy to get married and they made it wonderful. I think the only time I was nervous was walking down the aisle, but my dad was holding onto me."

Before the ceremony, the bride and groom were both given sentimental tokens for their big day. "My mom gave me the first bracelet my dad ever gave her," Sydney shares. "The night before that, my dad's sister gave me the ring my nana had worn every single day. My nana passed away before the wedding, so wearing something of hers was very special to me. My dad also gave Nate his kippah to wear during our ceremony,





which he had worn when he married my mom.” Guests gathered for a lavish celebration at the iconic Beverly Hills Hotel, filled with everything from stunning ice bars, to a giant candy station, to a custom cigar roller during the reception. One of the evening’s highlights was when the mother of the bride organized a showstopping flash mob of performers who danced to Burt Bacharach’s “I Say a Little Prayer.”

“The late-night food was one of my favorite things,” adds the groom. “It was breakfast burri-

tos, grilled cheese, pizza—the perfect stuff to eat late-night. People were picking off trays while on the dance floor.” It was such an epic party that the bride didn’t even realize she was dancing with wedding crashers at one point, and the festivities continued until 3 a.m.

Nate’s hockey season started shortly after the wedding, so the newlyweds have yet to go on an official honeymoon. They’re planning to take a trip next summer to Italy or Africa but remain open to other possibilities.

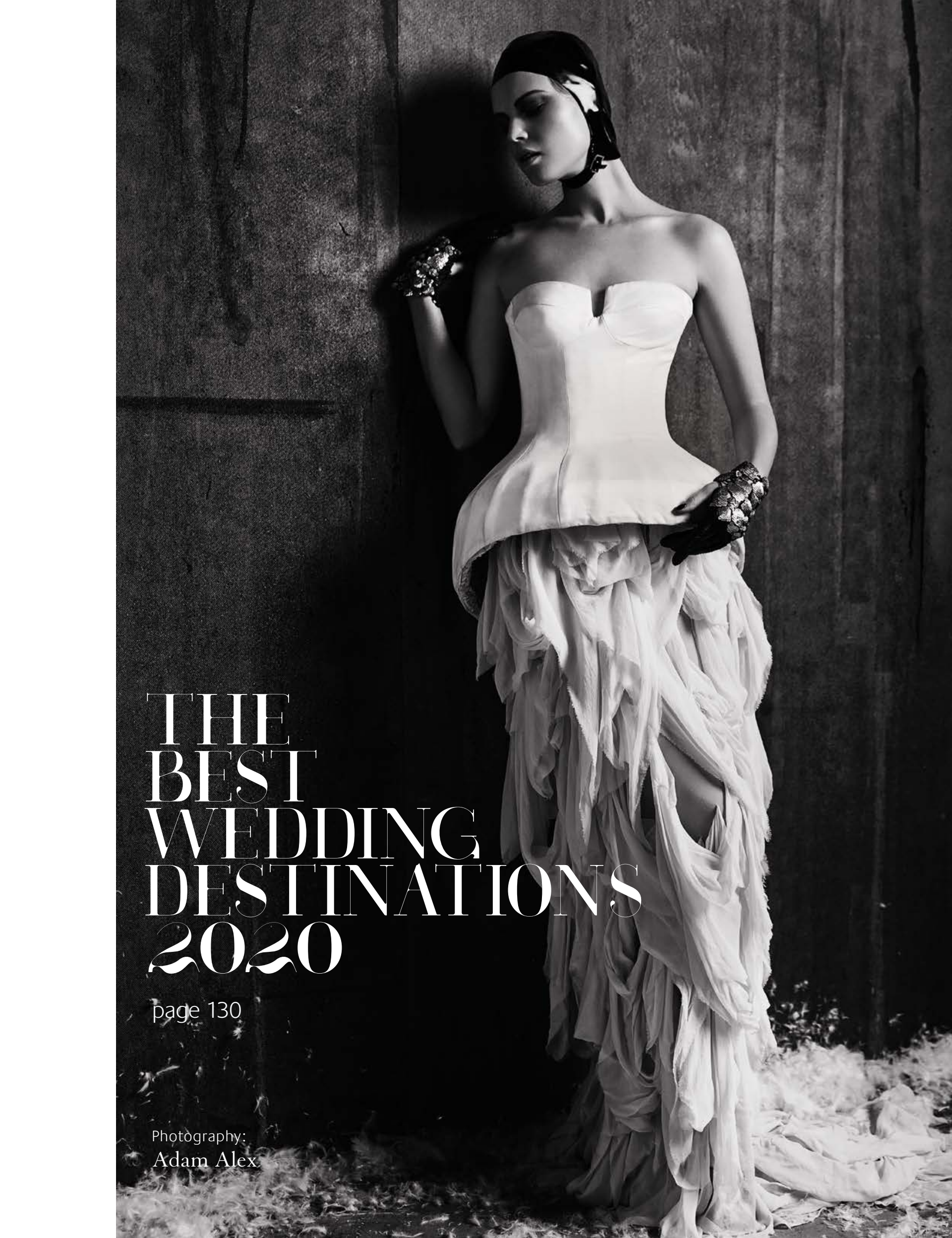
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“EVERYTHING SEEMED TO COME TO A STANDSTILL... IT WAS MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN WE HAD IMAGINED.”

XIMENA DELGADO AND TIMO KIPP

March 16, 2019. **Palm Beach, Florida**

Photography:
Christian Oth Studio



Ximena Delgado and Timo Kipp’s love story started in a fairly typical way—mutual friends thought they’d be a great match and set them up on a blind date—but that simple date turned into something extraordinary. By the time they headed to Capri for a getaway, they both knew that they’d found the love of their lives.

“It was breathtaking,” Ximena says of Timo’s proposal on their picturesque hotel suite terrace at the Hotel Punta Tragara. “Timo kneeled in front of the glistening sun with Capri’s most iconic sight, the Faraglioni—the three towering rocks—behind him.”

She said, “Yes,” and the couple began their next adventure—planning their modern fairytale-style wedding at The Breakers in Palm Beach. They chose the legendary beachfront hotel to host their wedding ceremony and reception for its classic elegance and reputation for excellence. The stunning architecture and picture-perfect beach setting probably didn’t hurt either.

They exchanged vows in The Circle, where Ximena made her way down the flower-lined



white aisle to her groom, who waited for his bride next to a duo of trees. The Circle, an elaborate room within The Breakers, features lofty, 30-foot frescoed ceilings and eight museum-worthy Renaissance murals.

With that level of décor already in place, Ximena and Timo’s wedding team could focus their considerable talents on transforming The Breakers’ Venetian Ballroom into a jaw-dropping reception setting that took everyone’s breath away. The team was led by

wedding planner extraordinaire Sara Renee Lowell of Sara Renee Events, and included the floral design and event production of Tantawan Bloom and architect/design firm House of Kirschner.

But it was the wedding ceremony, with its touching vows, union of the rosary and unity candle ritual, that was the most memorable part of the day for Ximena.

“Everything seemed to come to a standstill,” Ximena says of the ceremony. “The clock





stopped ticking, with everything working in perfect harmony. It was more beautiful than we had imagined.”

After the ceremony, the party got going in the hotel’s Venetian Ballroom, an elegant, sprawling room overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Ximena changed out of the exquisite Galia Lahav gown she’d worn during the ceremony and into a super-chic custom Ralph & Russo dress as the reception heated up.

The ballroom was a glamorous wonderland, brimming with lush florals high and low. The

pink and white flowers rose from tables in dazzling arrangements and hung from the ceilings to create a magical feel.

From the couple’s first dance on the golden monogrammed dance floor surrounded by their friends and family to the dramatic cake cutting, the night was one they’ll never forget.

Following their Palm Beach wedding, Ximena and Timo headed out for a month-long romantic honeymoon. They started the epic trip in vibrant Marrakesh, Morocco, before flying across the globe to Singapore.

From there they went to Thailand, where they explored the beautiful country and ate delicious food. Ximena and Timo finished out the trip with relaxation and white sand beaches at the Amanpulo luxury resort on the Philippines’ Palawan Island.

> Written by Allyson Reedy

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Location: **The Breakers Palm Beach** Palm Beach, FL;
 Planner: **Sara Renee Events** Miami, FL; Event Design:
House of Kirschner; Floral Design: **Tantawan Bloom**
 Miami, FL; Wedding Dress: **Galia Lahav**; Reception Jumpsuit:
Ralph & Russo; Groom's Attire: **Dior**; Engagement Ring:
Harry Winston; Entertainment: **Libido** and **Carlos Vives**;
 Invitations: **Ceci New York** New York, NY; Photography:
Christian Oth Studio New York, NY



“SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL AND DAZZLING AND WE BOTH WERE CRYING...”

SARA BATTIKH AND FADI TURJMAN

February 16, 2019. **Panama City, Panama**

Photography:
Ruben Parra Studio



If Sara Battikh had known she was flying into the fifth largest snowstorm in Boston's history, she might have changed her plans. The Penn State senior was visiting a friend and arrived just before the airport shut down. Snowed in for days, they finally ventured out to a nightclub to meet the boyfriend of Sara's host. "After a while, I wanted to leave," says Sara. "That's when my friend decided to convince me to stay by finding someone interesting for me to talk to."

Enter Fadi Turjman, a senior at nearby Babson College. Sara and Fadi discovered they had a lot in common with their Middle Eastern heritage and birth places in Panama and Guatemala, respectively. Before the evening ended, Fadi invited Sara out to eat, but she had come for a girls' weekend and warned him he'd have to dine with the group, which didn't deter him at all.

Their relationship deepened with frequent phone calls, and by the time they graduated, the long distance romance had bloomed. Over the next few



years, their paths diverged as he moved to Venezuela and she attended grad school. As she headed home to Panama, he then moved to Guatemala, but they traveled to see each other often.

When Fadi was ready to propose to Sara, he knew he had to do it near her family in Panama. Fadi flew in that morning and hid out, while Sara was tricked into thinking she was going to a women's networking event. "I arrived and was shown to an elevator. When the doors opened for me to get off, it was dark, and I'm thinking this is crazy," explains Sara. Then, she noticed candles and white rose petals lining the hallway with Fadi in the distance. He began talking and she started crying. "I cried through the entire proposal," says Sara, who said, "Yes." They ate an intimate dinner and then, in the tradition of Panama, joined a champagne and appetizer reception with close friends and family.

"This happened on Saturday," says Sara. "My mom immediately called the wedding planner and by Tuesday we had the entire wedding arranged."

A year later, guests gathered in Panama City, Panama, for the couple's Greek Orthodox wedding conducted in Arabic, Latin and Spanish.





Bountiful baby's breath decorated the church making Sara feel like she was floating in a cloud. "She was beautiful and dazzling and we both were crying," says Fadi about seeing his bride enter.

The eight hundred people who came to celebrate the couple were welcomed at the reception by a 12-piece band and abundant food stations that stayed open all night. In the Lebanese tradition, the groom and his party made their entrance first, accompanied by an Arabic singer and orchestra. "We were singing and clapping when my cousin lifted me onto his shoulders," says Fadi. "The momentum, along with the great music, food and drinks was the basis for a great party."

Acrobats with wing-like sleeves descended from the ceiling to announce the bride's grand entrance, as Sara came down a stairway on the arm of her father to meet Fadi. Dancing continued all night long with alternating sets from the Spanish band, the Arabic musicians and a DJ. "The evening was amazing," says Sara, "and what made me happiest was having all those people there for us."

At one a.m., *la hora loca*, or "the crazy hour," a Miami-based DJ arrived with neon props, hats, balloons and flags to go along with a quick meal





of pizza, fries and gyros to refuel the revelers. It was seven the next morning when the exhausted newlyweds finally called an end to the party.

Fadi planned their honeymoon in three parts. “Each was meant to create a different set of experiences and emotions,” he says. They started with an “intense” city experience in Hong Kong, moved to Bali for the cultural “magic,” and ended in a private villa in the Maldives to relax and just be together.

> **Written by Francine Kaplan**

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Ceremony Location: **Catedral Orthodox Griega**
Panama City, Panama; Reception Location: **Sheraton Grand Panama** Panama City, Panama; Planner: **Carlina Terrientes** Panama; Floral and Event Design: **Grupo Pompa** Panama City, Panama; Wedding Dress: **Ziad Nakad**; Groom's Attire: **Gieves & Hawkes**; Cake: **Carmelitas** Panama City, Panama; Photography: **Ruben Parra Studio** Panama City, Panama





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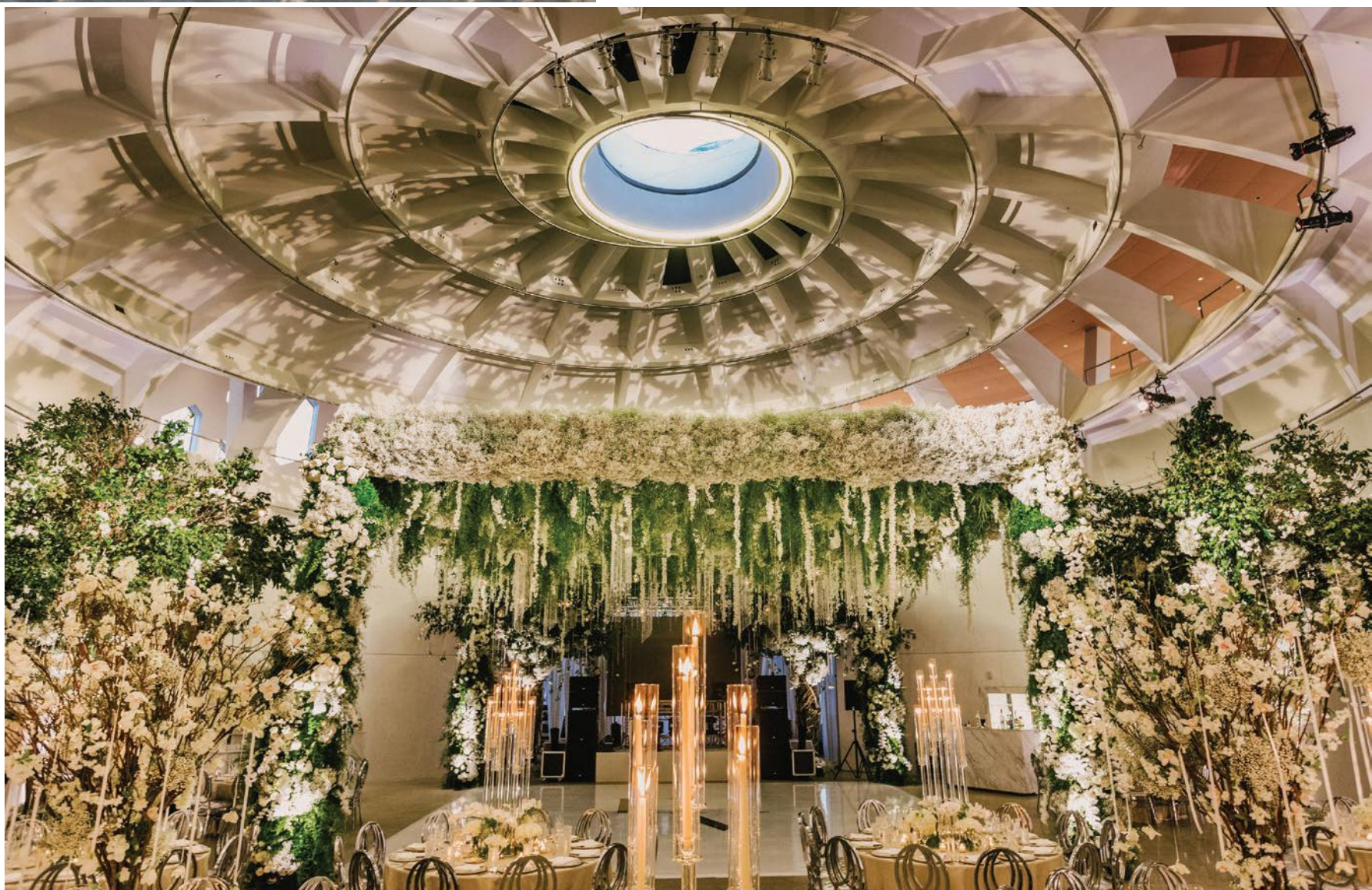
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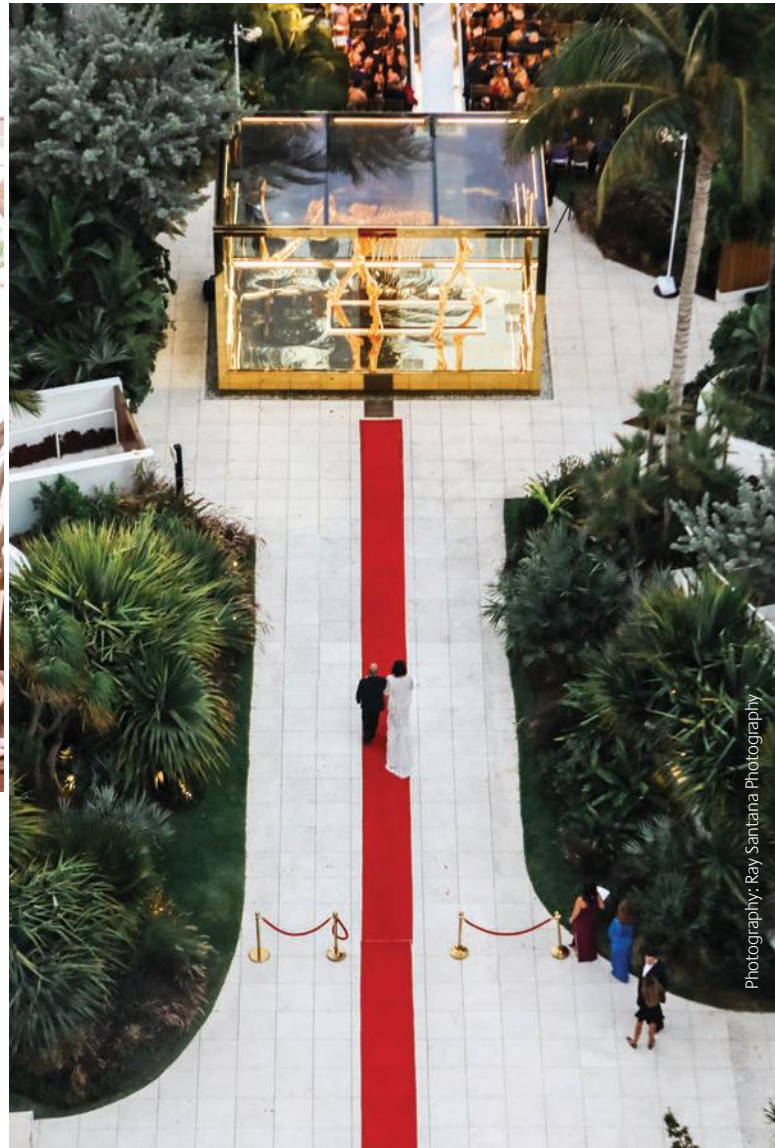
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MONTECITO, CALIFORNIA

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NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA



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Photography: Jessica Claire Photography



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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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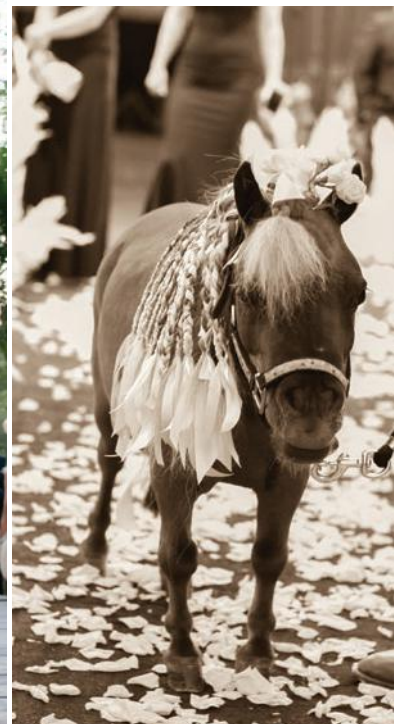
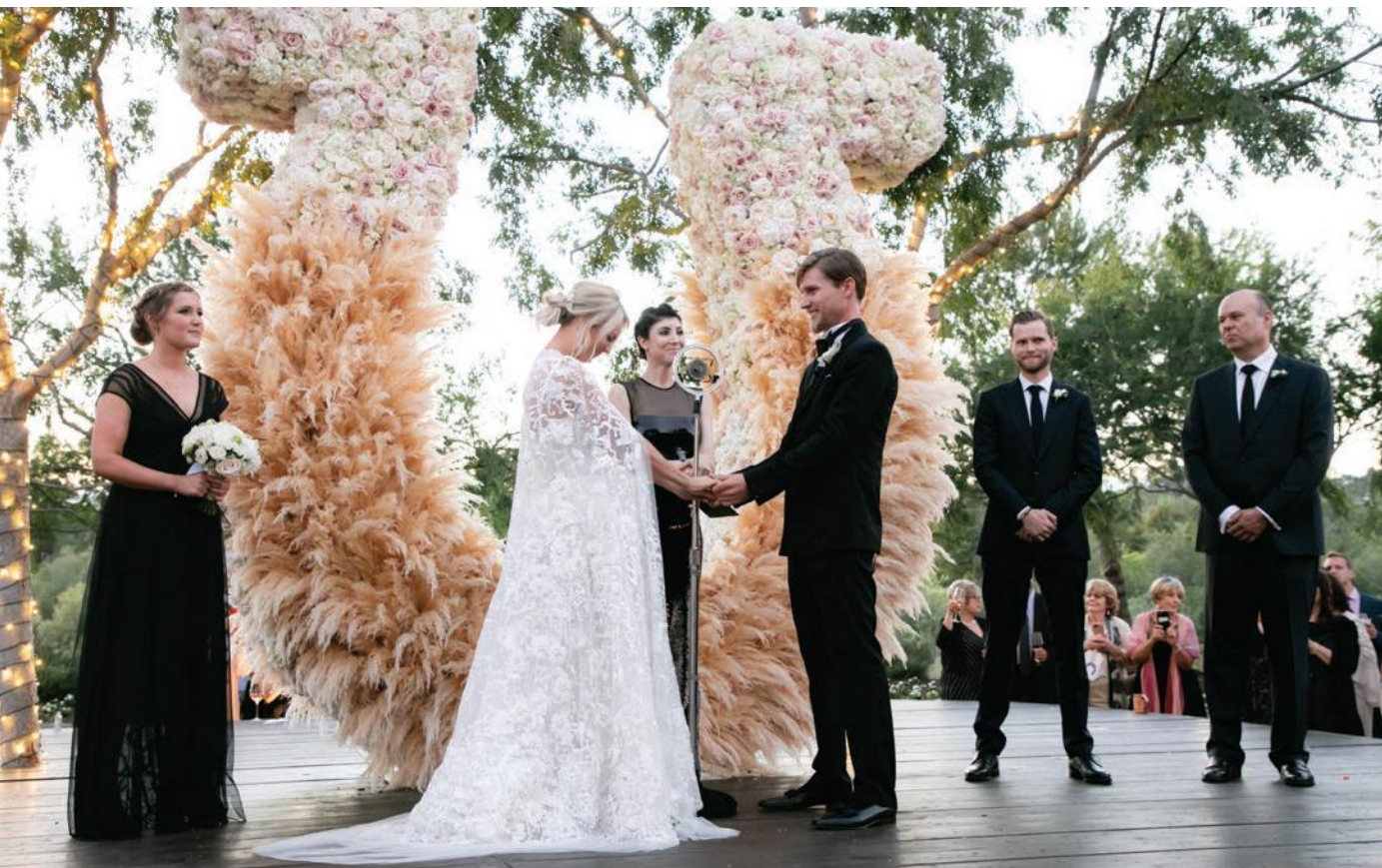


NO “BIG BANG”—JUST A ROMANTIC, ETHEREAL, GATSBY-STYLE WEDDING IN A RUSTIC SETTING.

KALEY CUOCO AND KARL COOK

June 30, 2018. **San Mateo County, California**

Photography:
Claudia Craig Photography



Kaley Cuoco and Karl Cook's journey to the altar was filled with love and laughter, as observed by millions of fans following along via social media. Kaley, star of *The Big Bang Theory*, first met Karl, a professional equestrian, at a horse show and the two began dating in March 2016. After nearly two years together, Karl proposed on Kaley's birthday in November 2017, which took place over an intimate dinner at the couple's home—complete with a custom teardrop diamond engagement ring by Nadis Diamonds Inc.

"He is my perfect match," Kaley told *People* magazine shortly after the proposal. "He lets me wake up in the morning and say, 'I want to go and rescue rabbits.' And he's like, 'All right, let's get a coffee and let's go.' And that is him. We are the same, our views are the same, our morals are the same."

The couple's mutual love of horses and animals was one of the most important factors during the planning process, with Kaley relaying her ideas to wedding planner and event designer, Lauren Tatum Events.



She also envisioned a romantic, ethereal, Gatsby-style wedding, which created a unique and stylish contrast to the rustic setting of Pomponio Ranch.

Rather than conducting the wedding ceremony first, guests were welcomed and escorted into the barn, which was filled with Kaley and Karl's favorite horses, their dogs and a mini-horse. A live musician performed as drinks and hors d'oeuvres were passed for a lively cocktail hour. Guests were then ushered out momentarily, before being invited back into the barn for the unveiling of an incredible ceremony space.

The bride made her way down the aisle in a custom Reem Acra gown and cape. She and the groom exchanged personal vows they had written, and an oversized floral horseshoe provided a whimsical backdrop that foreshadowed the rest of the décor throughout the evening. The ceremony was officiated by



the bride's sister, Brianna, who made everyone laugh with jokes about taking an online course so she could marry them.

For the reception, a magnificent two-story tent was set up with multiple rooms offering activities for guests to explore. The first story included a wine room, serving wines from nearby wineries, as well as a cigar room with lounge chairs. Another room was dedicated to ice sculptures with a luge serving whiskey and pictures from the 1920s on display. There was also a beauty room featuring areas for foot massages and pedicures, a perfume bar, mirrors and makeup for touchups, and a men's lounge with deodorant and cologne—all of which guests were welcome to take home. Topped off with a wedding menu of farm-to-table dishes, gourmet burgers, fries and a dessert bar, it was truly a spectacular treat for everyone in attendance.

During the second half of the festivities, Kaley changed into her "second look," which was a showstopping white lace jumpsuit by Tadashi Shoji. The evening concluded with one last surprise experience. As the newlyweds and their guests exited the tent, they found





themselves stepping into a 1920s-inspired fair-grounds complete with popcorn, tacos, fire breathers and stilts.

The couple recently celebrated their one-year anniversary together, for which Kaley posted a photo on Instagram with the caption, “Happy one-year anniversary to my incredible other half! I still can’t believe you’re mine and I’m never letting you go!”

> **Written by Lauren Malamala**

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Location: **Pomponio Ranch** San Mateo County, CA; Planner and Event Design: **Lauren Tatum Events** Los Angeles, CA; Floral Design: **Empty Vase Florist** Los Angeles, CA; Ceremony Dress: **Reem Acra**; Jumpsuit: **Tadashi Shoji**; Stylist: **Brad Goreski**; Hair: **Christine Symonds**; Makeup: **Jamie Greenberg**; Rentals and Lighting: **Town & Country Event Rentals** Van Nuys, CA; Photography: **Claudia Craig Photography** Ventura, CA

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Location: **Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World** Resort Orlando, FL
Photography: **Kellie Walsh, 4 Eyes Photography** New York, NY
Planner and Styling: **Premini Events** Miami, FL
Production: **Très Chic Southern Weddings** Orlando, FL
Hair and Makeup: **Laura Reynolds Artistry** Orlando, FL



“BEING WITH MY FAMILY ON THAT PRECIOUS DAY WAS A DREAM COME TRUE.”

DIVYA SHOKEEN AND BHAVRAJ KHALSA

July 28, 2018. **Rancho Palos Verdes, California**

Photography:
Duke Images

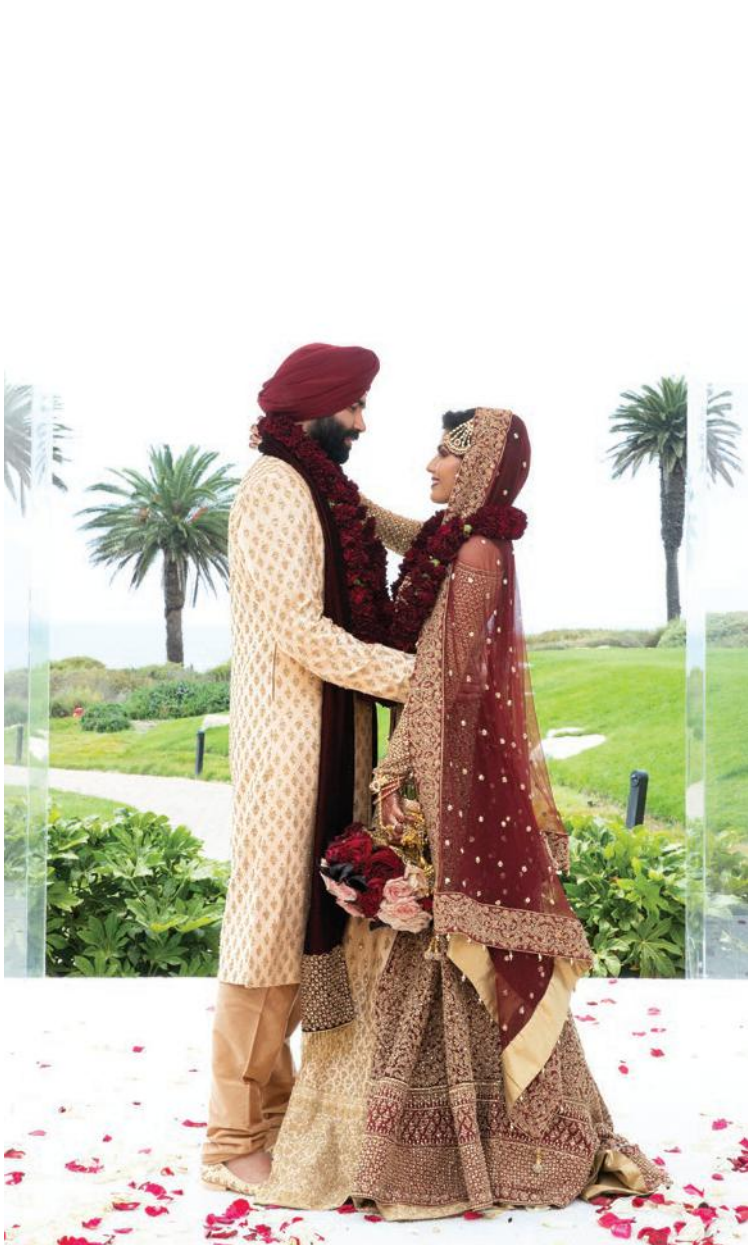
It was during Divya Shokeen’s intern year of residency at UC Irvine when she first met Bhavraj Khalsa—a resident radiologist whose roommate introduced the pair. There was an obvious spark between them, and afterward Raj would often “stalk” Divya on the paging system, calling her for emergencies so they could see each other.

The couple’s first date happened to take place only three days before Divya was scheduled to leave for her residency on the East Coast. That date, however, was an unforgettable one and they decided to stay in touch. Divya shares, “Due to numerous phone calls, voicemails, messages, FaceTime, and Google Chat, plus countless airline miles, trains, automobiles, and dermatology and radiology conferences, we saw each other enough to make our transcontinental, three-hour-time-difference, long-distance relationship a conceivable reality.”

After a year-and-a-half of dating, Divya had flown into LA for the weekend, so the two could drive down to San Diego for a friend’s wedding. As it turned out, that weekend also included Raj’s plan to propose in Balboa Park, and the engagement was to be solidified with a beautiful ring purchased from the same jeweler Raj’s father had gone to for his mother’s engagement ring.

“He was a groomsman at the wedding on Saturday morning and, in retrospect, seemed nervous all day,” shares Divya. “It rained on Sunday, and he later confessed that his initial plan for hang gliding down to Black’s Beach had been wiped out. Fortunately, his backup plan was perfect. It was a beautiful afternoon as we walked through the park, although it seemed

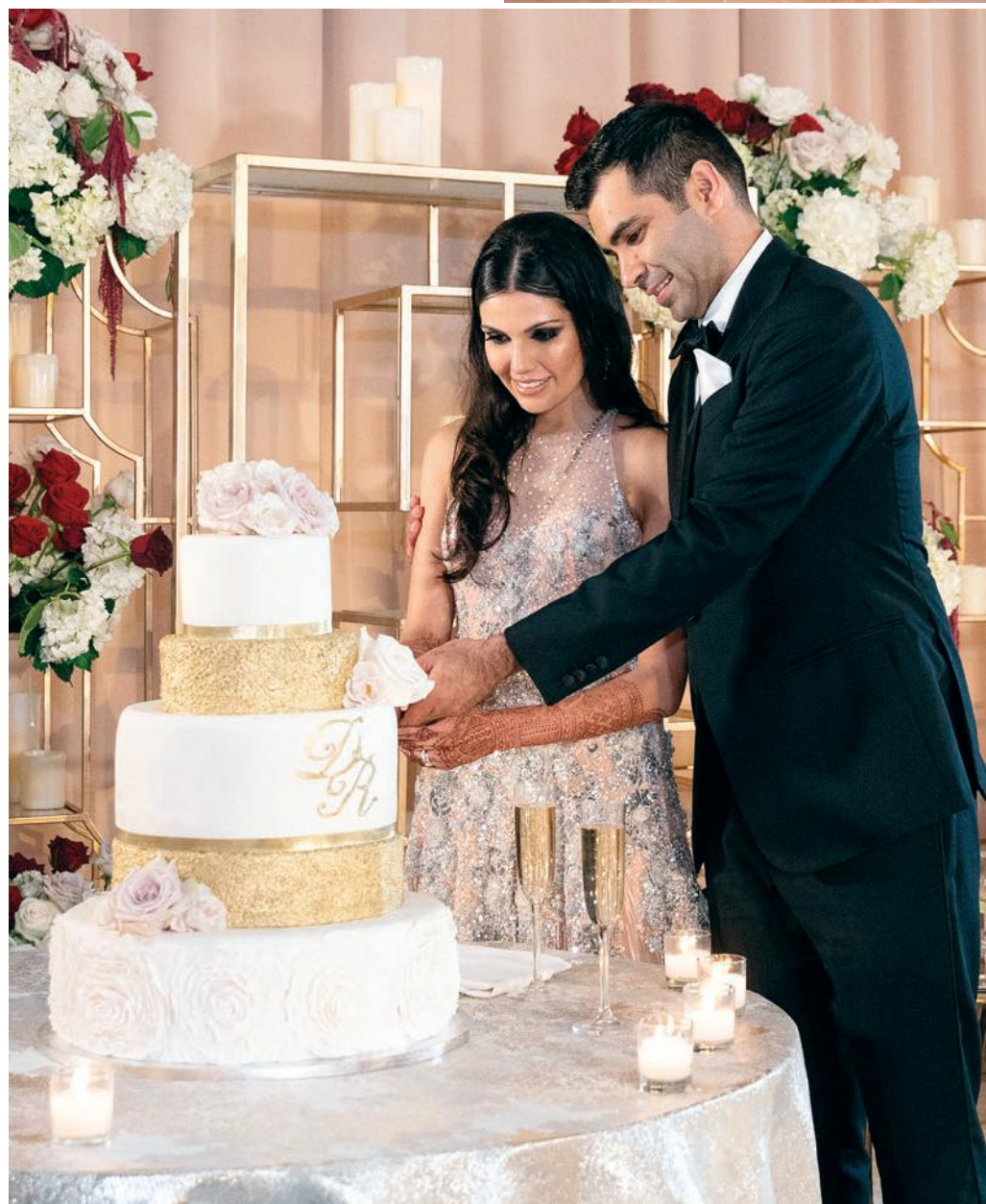




odd to me at the time that someone was playing our favorite song. Raj started commenting on our relationship and our future, and before I realized this was the moment, he dropped down on one knee. A photographer hiding in the bushes took our picture, and our close friends were hiding at a nearby restaurant with champagne. We stayed for two hours and then rushed to meet my family, who were waiting for us at home with a big welcome reunion planned.”

Since the newly engaged couple was still living across the country from each other, they had an entire year-and-a-half to plan the perfect wedding. Divya was busy taking her boards and finishing up residency, when Raj finally moved back from his own residency in July of 2018—right before the big day.

“I am a minimalist,” Divya says, describing her vision for the wedding décor. “I don’t really love a bunch of flowers. I wanted it to be more elegant, so I was really big on having more colors, more chandeliers and a lot more candles. I wanted it to be whimsical.” With a lavish Indian wedding comprising of six scheduled events, there were several opportunities to bring all of the bride’s design and décor ideas to life, as each event featured its own theme.



On the first day, a Mehendi ceremony was held, followed by a Sangeet. The Sangeet had a Moroccan theme, with a rich color palette that created an ambiance much like a Manhattan club. There was also a private Haldi ceremony at the bride’s parents’ home, two wedding ceremonies—both Sikh and Hindi—and a grand reception at Terranea Resort. Throughout the festivities, the bride and groom wore a selection of custom designed outfits, and the bride couldn’t have been more thrilled to have celebrity makeup artist, Cherish Brooke Hill, as part of her glam squad.

Hosting the ceremonies and reception at Terranea made the weekend feel like a destination wedding, with the property’s secluded surroundings providing an ideal haven for three blissful days. “I grew up in Palos Verdes and it has always been a dream to get married overlooking the ocean,” Divya shares. “The venue was gorgeous and offered suites for both families. We wanted our families together for one weekend to enjoy an experience that felt like home away from home. Being with my family on that precious day was a dream come true.”

> **Written by Lauren Malamala**

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Location: **Terranea Resort** Rancho Palos Verdes, CA; Planner: **Elegant Events** Orange County, CA; Floral and Event Design: **White Lilac Inc.** Costa Mesa, CA; Makeup: **Cherish Brooke Hill**; Photography: **Duke Images** Los Angeles, CA



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THE COVE AT ATLANTIS

PARADISE ISLAND, BAHAMAS

Atlantis, Paradise Island, the newly updated, Bahamian culture-infused resort, sitting atop five miles of pristine beach on Paradise Island in The Bahamas, is the ideal location for an ultra-luxe seaside affair. From intimate vow renewal ceremonies, set along the white sandy shores of Paradise Beach, to majestic celebrations that overlook the turquoise ocean, weddings at Atlantis are the perfect “marriage” of classic elegance and island authenticity.





The resort features over 15 ceremony and reception venue options, from intimate or grand to alfresco or enclosed. The dedicated wedding and event specialist, on-property, will work with the couple to customize their special day preferences, whether it is a magical event (amidst one of the largest marine habitats in the world), an elegant ballroom reception or an ocean-side soiree under the stars.

Recently, Atlantis has unveiled its newest wedding venue, Ocean's Edge, located steps away from The Cove (the resort's ultra-luxe, all-suite tower). Perched atop a white-sand dune, and steps away from the ocean, this breathtaking, multi-functional venue includes an indoor Pavilion that transforms into a charming chapel, cocktail hour venue or chic after-party location. Ocean's Edge also features a private beach deck, with picturesque views of the water, as well as a full event lawn, outlined with lush landscaping and tropical palms.

Staying true to the spirit of the country, the resort has recently embarked on a cultural journey, with opportunities for couples to share the rich flavors of The Bahamas, with their guests, on their wedding day. Authentic Bahamian cocktail and reception menus include everything from fresh conch salad stations to signature libations and farm-to-table gelato by renowned local Chef Wayne Moncur, the creator

of Sun & Ice at Atlantis. Additionally, as part of The Cove's recent relaunch, the resort has partnered with culinary visionaries, Master Michelin-Starred Chef and Expert Diver José Andrés and Chef Julie Lightbourn of Harbour Island's iconic Sip Sip restaurant, to bring their award-winning and creative talents to Paradise Island.

For more information on weddings at Atlantis, Paradise Island, please visit AtlantisBahamas.com. To speak with a wedding specialist, call 888.528.9758.



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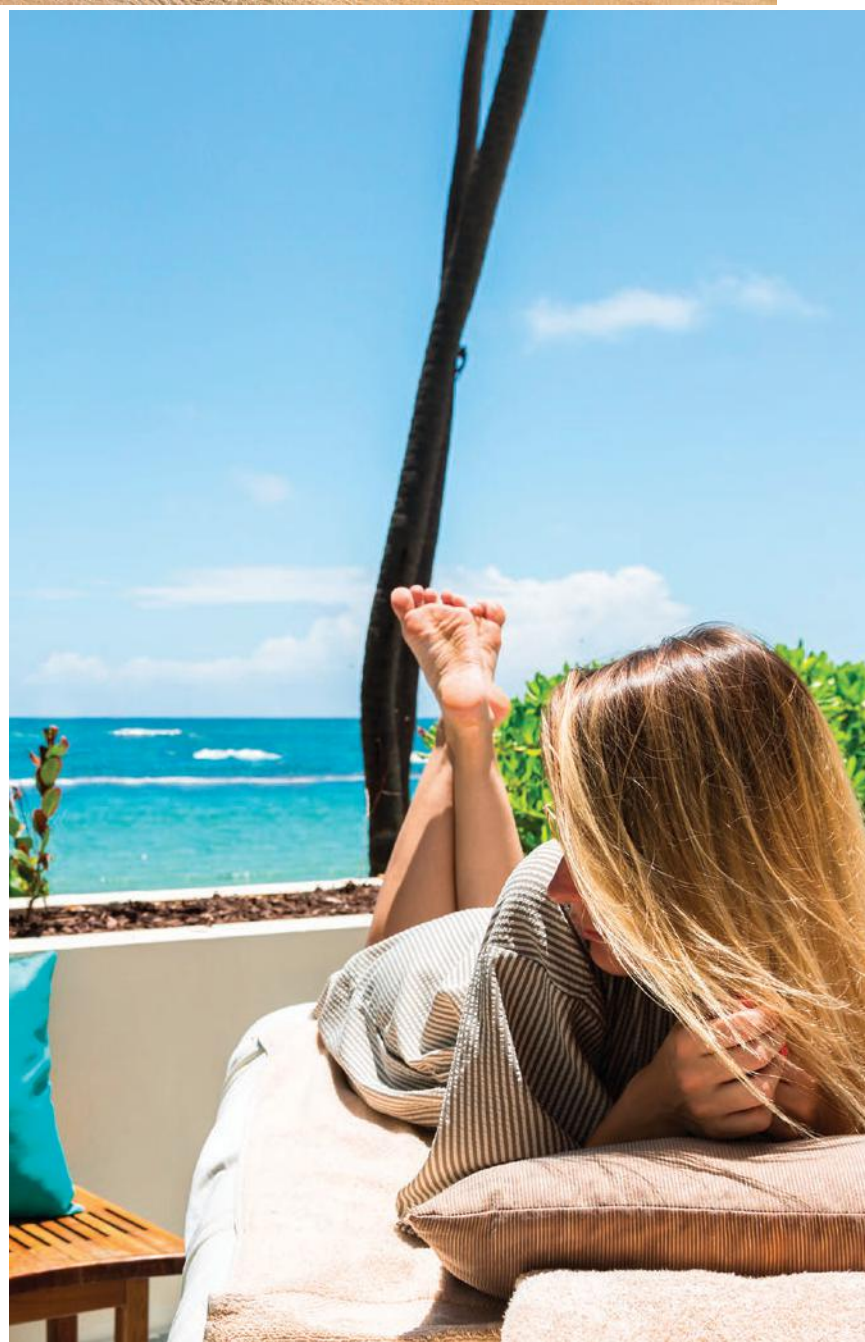
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As the resort's wedding specialist, Raquel Cruz is available at +1 787-721-0303 ext. 6195 or raquel.cruz@hilton.com, and can design a wedding celebration that will be remembered for years to come.

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“IT WAS ALL VERY SUDDEN
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SARA HOXHA AND LEDION LICO

August 11, 2018. **Lake Como, Italy**

Photography:
KT Merry









Ledion Lico got the best present of all for his 27th birthday—his future wife, Sara Hoxha. Although they'd flirted with each other over Instagram, the two had never had a serious interest in each other until mutual friends invited Sara to Ledion's birthday party on the beach.

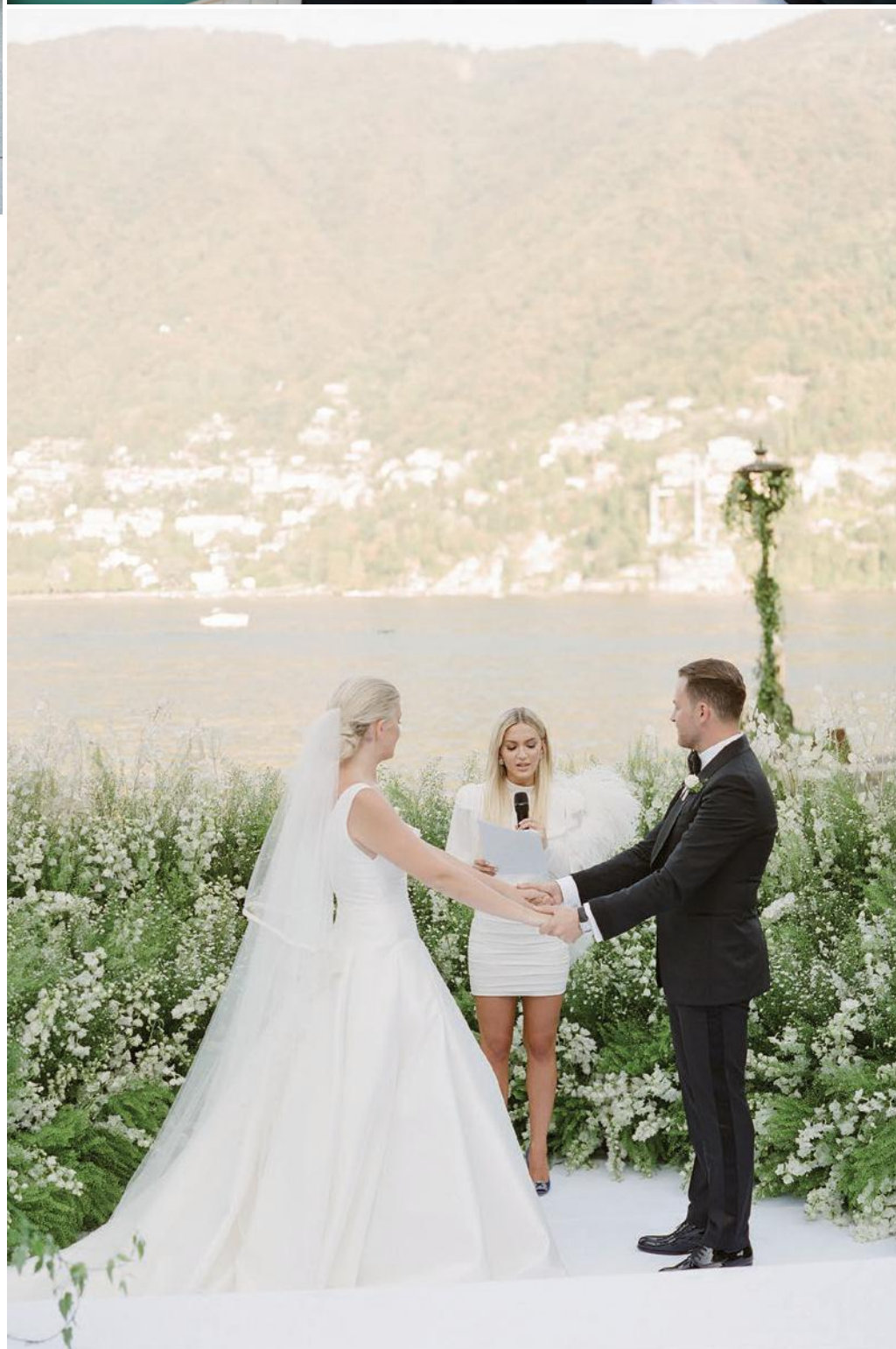
"It was all very sudden and very romantic," Sara says.

The marriage proposal was equally unexpected. Ledion had intended to propose just before midnight at a New Year's Eve gala the couple was attending in Monte Carlo, but he got stage fright and instead opted to ask Sara to be his wife in private.

"It wasn't until the next morning when we were laying in bed just the two of us that he asked me to spend the rest of my life with him," Sara says of the proposal. "Three months later we were pregnant and expecting our baby boy."

The couple chose Italy's Lake Como, perhaps the world capital of elegance and romance, for their wedding festivities. The ceremony was held at Villa Erba, a 19th-century villa on the shores of Lake Como in the super chic village of Cernobbio.

Friends and family flew in from around the world to celebrate with the couple and experience the warmth and beauty of Italy's northern lakes region. With such a naturally beautiful setting, Sara and Ledion chose to keep the ceremony simple and sophisticated. The stunning lake, combined with the villa's dreamy grounds and incredible florals, were more than enough to take everyone's breath away.





“My most memorable part of the wedding was the ceremony and my sister officiating us,” Sara says. “Her words were so meaningful and touched both of us.”

After the ceremony, the trio—Sara, Ledion and their two-year-old son—walked up the aisle together as a family and led the party to Villa Gastel, an impeccably decorated regal estate, for the reception.

Sara changed out of her classic Ines Di Santo ceremony gown (which had been chosen by her mother and serendipitously fit Sara perfectly) and into the first of her two reception dresses, both designed by Zuhair Murad.

Villa Gastel was the perfect setting for the glamorous party, which was decked out with hanging lights and flowers.

"Our décor was a dream come true. I wanted our ceremony to be something that never went out of style or became boring. As for our reception, we wanted a fairytale and a more modern feeling," Sara says.

They certainly achieved that, as the villa had a vibrant, magical feel thanks to the striking floral creations and lighting. From the couple's

first candlelit dance through the Albanian folk music and dancing, the dance floor was the place to be. (Although oohing and aahing over the towering cake was popular too.)

Throughout, Sara kept a chair empty in tribute to her late father, who passed away 10 years ago. Honoring and incorporating his memory at the wedding was a must for the couple.

Sara and Ledion had originally planned on heading out on their Turks and Caicos honeymoon the day after the wedding, but when they





got to the airport they learned that Ledian's visa had expired. In all of the wedding planning chaos, they'd forgotten to check it and weren't able to travel as planned.

Two months later they tried again and successfully made it to the sun and sand of the Turks and Caicos. But with the delay, the couple got a bonus: They brought along their young son with them to the Amanyara resort.

"It was a beautiful week for all three of us," Sara says.

> **Written by Allyson Reedy**

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Ceremony Location: **Villa Erba** Lake Como, Italy; Reception Location: **Villa Gastel** Lake Como, Italy; Event Design and Planner: **The Lake Como Wedding Planner** Lake Como, Italy; Floral Design: **Vincenzo Dascanio** Milan, Italy; Ceremony Dress: **Ines Di Santo**; Reception Dress: **Zuhair Murad**; Groom's Attire: **Tom Ford**; Engagement Ring: **Damiani**; Cake: **Mami Louise** Milan, Italy; Light and Sound Production: **Blunotte Eventi** Chiasso, Italy; Stationery: **Ceci New York** New York, NY; Hair: **Alex Brown** Chicago, IL; Makeup: **Patrick Ta** Los Angeles, CA; Photography: **KT Merry** Miami, FL

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THERESA YANG AND JEFFREY CHEN

March 9, 2019. **Las Vegas, Nevada**

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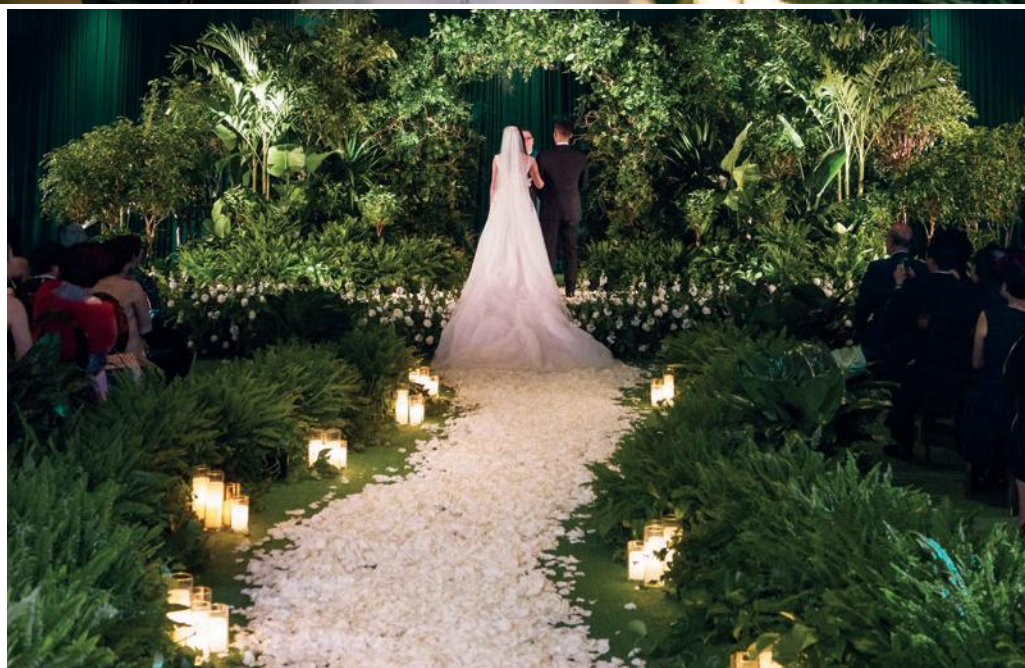


Theresa Yang and Jeffrey Chen met at a concert in downtown Los Angeles. “By the end of the first date I knew there was chemistry,” Jeffrey says. “She was really intelligent, and we just hit it off really well.”

Five years later, with the ring stashed in a backpack, Jeffrey had plans to propose on a romantic date at Disneyland, but it didn’t work out the way he’d planned. He tried popping the question a couple different times at the park, but it was so crowded that the moment was never quite right. They ended the night with their own happily ever after, though, when Jeffrey asked Theresa to marry him in the parking lot of the happiest place on earth.

“That explains why he was clutching the backpack so tightly all day!” Theresa says.

For their wedding, they wanted a fun location that would keep all of their guests entertained. Theresa’s dad is a big fan of Las Vegas,





and specifically the ARIA Resort and Casino, so they chose its Primrose Ballroom for their ceremony and reception.

“We wanted a place where people could go out and play a little, in one centralized location. There are so many hotel choices, and everyone loves Vegas,” Jeffrey says.

They held the ceremony on one of the Primrose Ballroom’s two verandas and the reception in the ballroom itself, which was completely transformed into a chic jungle paradise. (Or as Jeffrey describes it, “elegant, but in a savage

setting.”) With the green drapery, abundance of lush plants, and greenery suspended over the dance floor, it reminded Theresa of the Emerald City in *The Wizard of Oz*.

One of the key features of their tropical, outdoorsy vibe—the cut glass tables—almost didn’t happen though. The morning of the wedding, a car hit the truck transporting the tables to the venue, shattering all of the glass. But in a true Las Vegas miracle, another glass cutter was located and every table was in place by the time their guests sat down.



They didn't sit down for long—the Georgia Bridgwater Orchestra got the crowd riled up and dancing all night. This was an extra challenge, Jeffrey says, because many of their guests flew in from outside the U.S. and didn't understand the lyrics to the songs.

"They did a great job keeping the energy at a high level, even with the language barriers," Jeffrey says.

"Everyone had such a good time and everything came together so nicely," Theresa says. "Everyone was out on the dance floor enjoying themselves."

Besides the band, Theresa's two wedding gowns were showstoppers. She wore a stunning Galia Lahav dress for the ceremony before changing into a custom Erin Cole gown for the reception. Theresa got to work one-on-one with Cole, an Orange County-based designer, to create the delicate, ethereal dress.

Theresa and Jeffrey stayed in Las Vegas for a few days following their wedding. During that time, they truly lived their best lives by eating cake. Lots of cake.

"We had individual cakes, and we had a lot of extra. We took all of the leftovers. We couldn't eat them all, but we did our best," Theresa says.

They haven't yet taken their honeymoon, but they're planning a fall cruise to Europe, where they'll hit Venice, Greece, Barcelona and Ibiza. For now, the couple is still in awe of their wedding memories.



"I thought everything was a highlight! From getting ready, to the first look, to the photography, I was kind of starstruck the whole time," Jeffrey says.

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Location and Cake: **ARIA Resort & Casino** Las Vegas, NV; Planner and Event Design: **Andrea Eppolito Events** Las Vegas, NV; Floral Design: **Javier Valentino** Las Vegas, NV; Ceremony Dress: **Ines Di Santo**; Bridal Salon: **Lovella Bridal** Glendale, CA; Reception Dress: **Galia Lahav**; Photography: **Rene Zadori Photography** Los Angeles, CA



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A modern and whimsical wedding reception inspired by the Emerald City from the book *Land of Oz*.

Location: **The Plaza** New York, NY; Planner: **SJS Event Consultants** New York, NY; Floral and Event Design: **Design House Décor** New York, NY; Chairs: **Luxe Event Rentals & Décor** New York, NY; Dance Floor: **SHOUT** New York, NY; Photography: **Clane Gessel** Seattle, WA





An elegant and romantic ceremony fit for a king and queen features hundreds of red roses, crystal chandeliers and gold accents throughout.

Location: **Kansas City Marriott Downtown** Kansas, MO;
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A reception that exudes romance is filled with a canopy of crystal chandeliers to imitate a courtyard under the night's twinkling sky. Mirrored tabletops are embellished with blush, white and purple florals surrounded with candles.

Location: **Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild** Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, France; Planner: **The Wedding Planners—Monaco** Monaco; Floral Design: **Roni Floral Design** Antibes, France; Event Design, Décor and Rentals: **Deco-Flamme Live Production** Antibes, France; Photography: **Cedou** Monaco





A fanfare of floral petals create a unique wedding décor theme.

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> HONEYMOON:

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CANOUAN & BARBADOS

Unsurprisingly, the Caribbean has forever been a honeymoon destination. Canouan, however, is one of its lesser known jewels. Resting among the archipelago of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, this lush island is home to the only Mandarin Oriental property in the region. This suite-only resort offers luxurious exclusivity for a truly private stay on one of the Caribbean's unsung secrets.

Twenty-six elegantly appointed ocean-view suites deliver the pristine azure waters of Godahl Beach directly to one's doorstep. If these impressive suites are not enough for discerning newlyweds, they can find

even more decadence within the distinctive, awe-inspiring, multi-room villas sprinkled atop the verdant hills of the 1,200-acre estate. Each villa features its own infinity pool and private chef.

From the moment of arrival, a personal butler is at your disposal and eager to create any romantic itinerary imaginable. From sunset catamaran cruises and swimming with sea turtles, to customizing your bespoke land or sea Castaway dining adventure, these intuitive hosts will cater to your every whim. Couples looking to experience the utmost in relaxation should not overlook the renowned hallmark of the



Mandarin Oriental brand—the Spa. Quietly nestled at the far end of the picturesque stretch of beach, as one sets foot into the Spa, they enter a Balinese utopia complete with Asian-inspired beauty treatments that rejuvenate both the mind and the body.

From a culinary perspective, there are a variety of on- and off-property restaurants to choose from. One option for lunch is a quick drive away—that is, via golf cart—at the ultra chic L’Ance Guyac. The ambiance here is indisputably reminiscent of an Italian or French Riviera beach club complete with private canopied sunbeds and a Mediterranean-inspired menu.

Arriving to Canouan is easier than one might think. A swift 25-minute flight from Barbados on one of the hotel’s two private jets is surely one way to begin an idyllic honeymoon. The recent completion of the island’s superyacht Glossy Bay Marina and Sandy Lane Yacht Club, and with future plans for a second Caribbean Aman Resort, Canouan is destined to become not only a newlywed couple’s private island paradise, but also the next “it” luxury playground for the billionaire jet set.





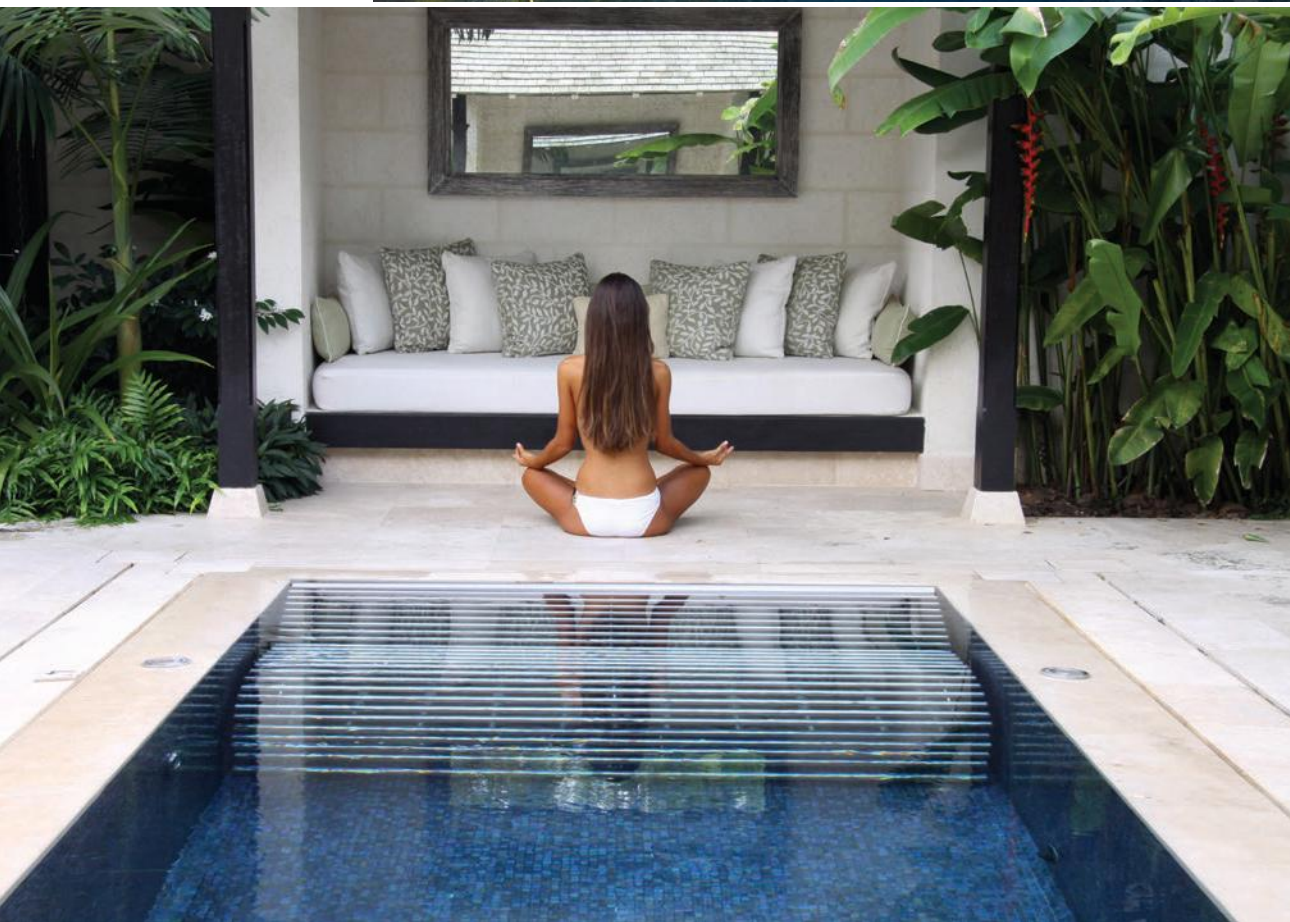
Should you instead choose to touch down on Barbados as your final honeymoon destination, rest assured you would be making an equally great choice. Located in the Lesser Antilles about 62 miles from the Windward Islands, Barbados is uniquely positioned as the easternmost island of the Caribbean region, yet it is wholly surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean. The calm turquoise waters of its platinum west coast, however, can easily mislead even the most astute traveler into thinking they are bathing in the pristine waters of the Caribbean Sea.

Dotted along the western coastline are a host of posh resorts offering a honeymooner's dream island getaway. The award-winning Sandy Lane is a remarkable destination for discerning couples. With a long history of impeccable service, superb accommodations, three world-class golf courses and an impressive 47,000-square-foot spa, Sandy Lane offers a truly unique experience. A long-standing playground for the rich and famous, very few properties can rival the unparalleled service offered here.



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Further along the coast, the Fairmont Royal Pavilion is the only Bajan resort rooted (literally) on the beach. Its distinctive oceanfront





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position offers spectacular sights and sounds of the sea. The modern aesthetic of the well-proportioned first-floor Beachfront Suites provide direct access to the white sands of the resort's half mile stretch of beach. The top-floor Signature Suites are the most private. Complimentary butler service, designed to cater to your every whim, comes standard with booking for both room types. Charter a private yacht with a full crew for the day or arrange for in-room spa treatments with the island's finest specialists. Customized romantic itineraries are their forte.

Cobblers Cove is another magnificent gem situated along the platinum coast. Originally built as a sugar cane plantation, this 40-room boutique hotel marries classical charm with understated elegance. The engaging staff is dutifully present, but nearly invisible. The lavish gardens and quaint surroundings exude tranquility and relaxation. Poolside is even more enchanting with the coral pink and white striped umbrellas and the Hollywood Regency furnishings.

Daily afternoon tea is delicately served on bespoke fine bone china commissioned exclusively for the hotel. The two suites atop the Great House are ideal for couples wanting to pamper one another in secluded surroundings. Each suite offers a plunge pool over the ocean with captivating views. Romantic beachside dinners at the hotel's restaurant, Camelot, are a must.

For honeymooners seeking a bit more variety, Sandals Barbados offers a couples-only option at two all-inclusive resorts. Among bustling surroundings, a myriad of possibilities are available, including sixteen restaurants and twelve bars that offer a host of international cuisines. Experiences and activities are more of a theme here, with a comprehensive scuba program for both new and certified divers, five pools and 280



rooms offering swim-out access into a river-style pool. Butler Elite service is included in all top-tier level suites offering the utmost standard of service in partnership with the Guild of Professional English Butlers.

Barbados has a number of historical and architectural treasures that make this island truly one-of-a-kind. Its culinary prowess is well-known, featuring a variety of independently-owned award-winning restaurants for the gastronomically astute. November through early May are the best times to visit, but no matter when you plan your stay, you are guaranteed crystal clear waters and amazing sunsets.

> Written by Maneli Garahan Wilson

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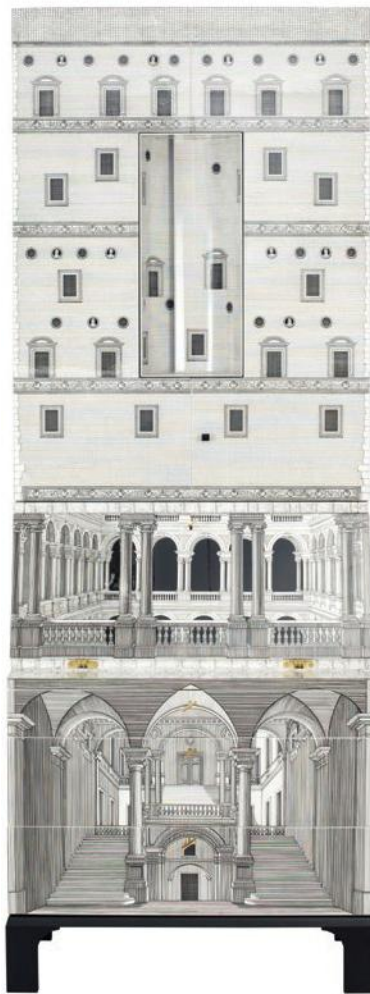


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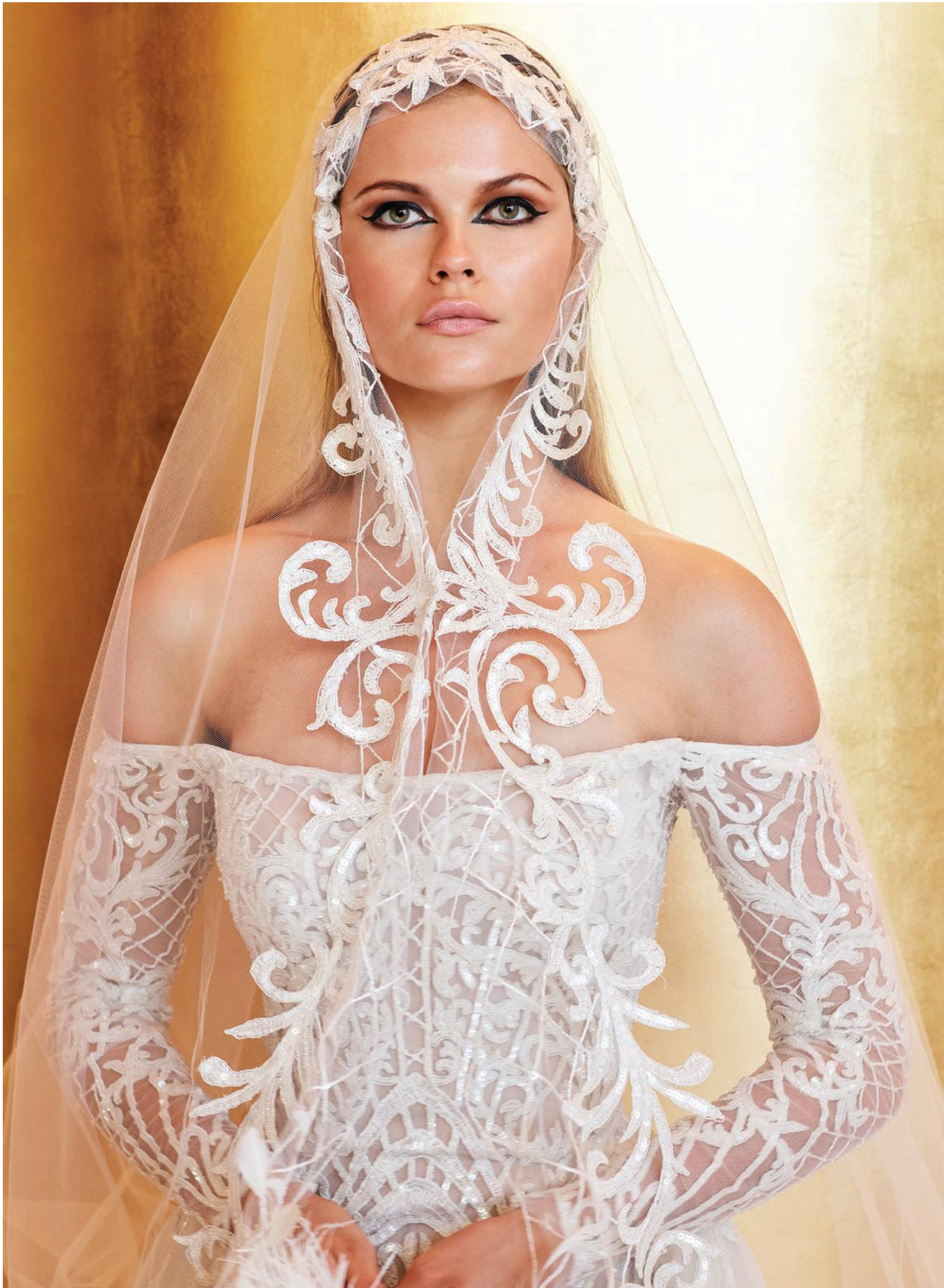
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Jumpsuit, Hat and Shoes:
Ralph & Russo; Earrings:
Kimberly McDonald; Ring:
Graziela Gems



Gown and Veil: **Zuhair
Murad**; Gloves:
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Earrings: **Lera Jewels**





Gown: **Zuhair Murad**;
Headpiece: **Leah C. Couture**
Millinery; Earrings and Ring:
Kimberly McDonald



LEFT:

Dress: Zuhair Murad;
Earrings: Kimberly McDonald;
Ring: Graziela Gems

RIGHT:

Dress: Zuhair Murad;
Earrings: Arme de L'Amour;
Ring: Kimberly McDonald



Dress: **Zuhair Murad**;
Earrings and Ring: **Kimberly McDonald**

Dress and Cape: Zuhair
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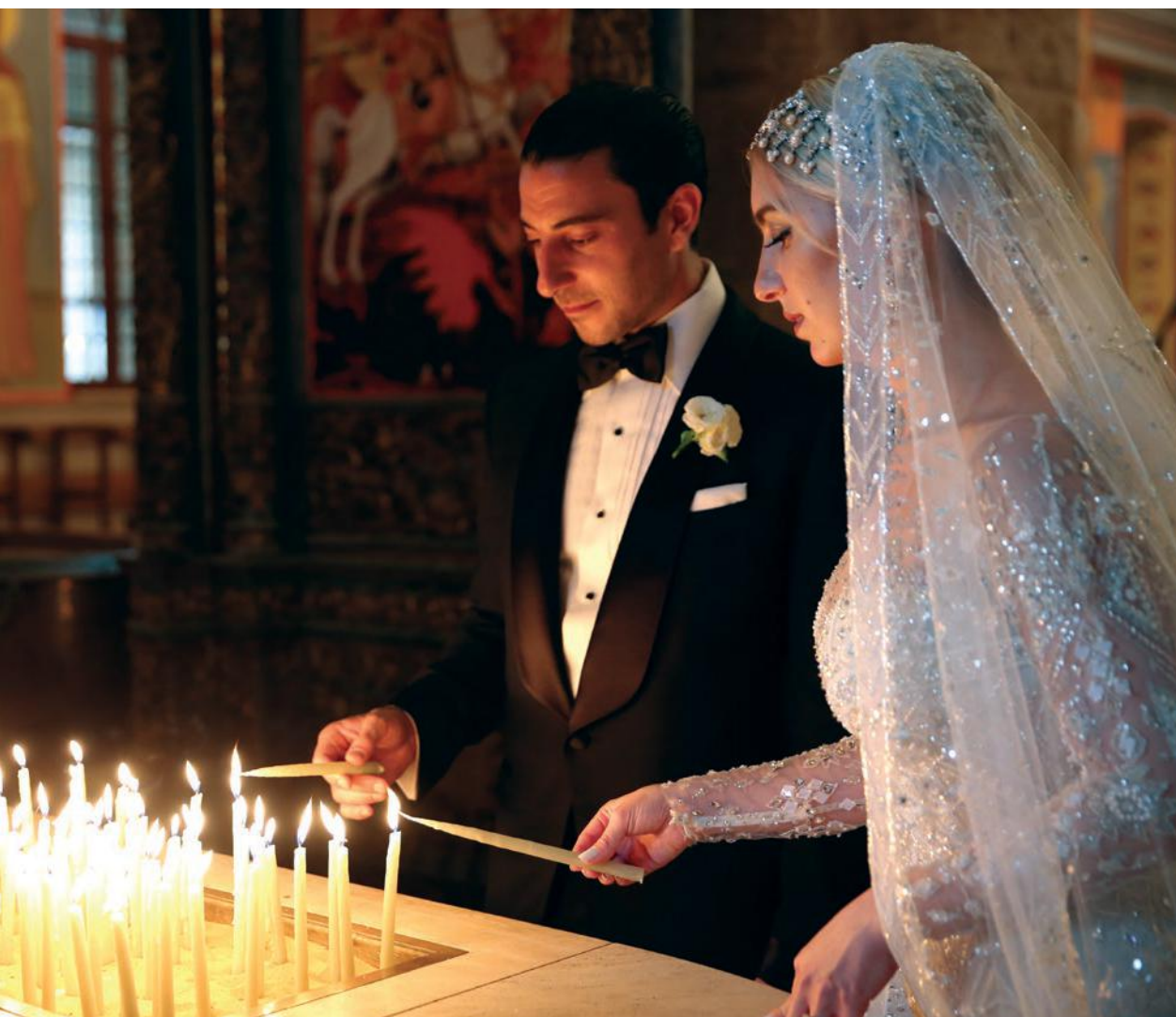
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"I was one and he was six when we first met," says Sewar Bisharat about Ziad Hoshe, but the age gap meant that they had little in common growing up. Fast-forward to adulthood, where on the way to a mutual friend's wedding in Greece, Ziad thought he recognized Sewar at the Athens airport. When he boarded the bus that would take them to the event, he reintroduced himself and they whiled away the next four hours catching up on the previous 28 years. "The time flew by so quickly," says Sewar.

Ziad felt a connection was made that weekend in June. In August, they met again. "The moment my eye caught her eye, I felt something deep inside telling me that she was the one," he says. He proposed the following February on safari in South Africa.

Determined to make the moment special, Ziad called several hotels that offered limited package proposal deals to guarantee he would "blow her mind." He finally found a place that would provide the champagne Sewar loves, oysters, tons of candles, flowers and a matcha cake in the middle of the jungle.

Her intuition told her he might propose on this trip, but she tried not to "overthink every moment." After returning from a day capped by witnessing lions fighting in the wild, she was led to a deck where she spotted a sign asking, "Will you marry me?" Ziad dropped

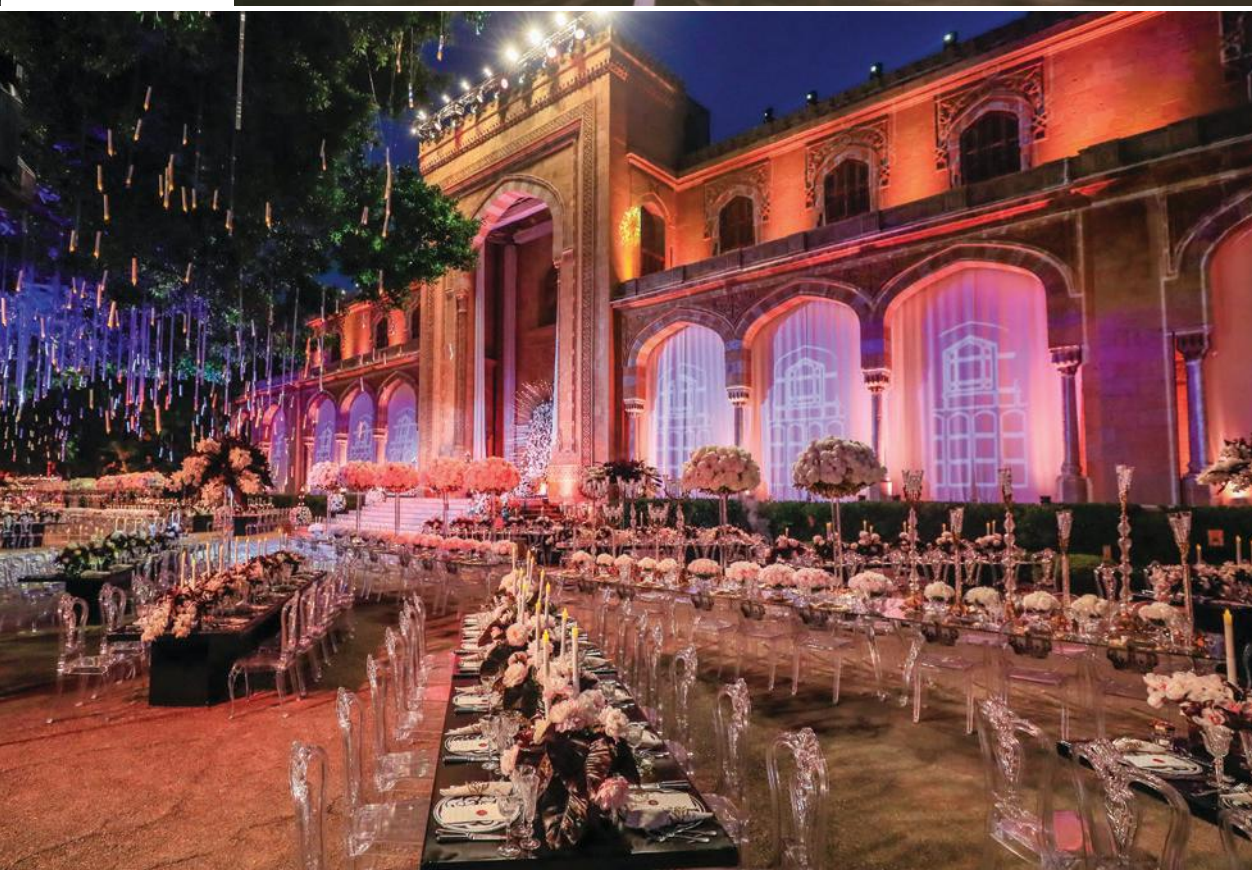
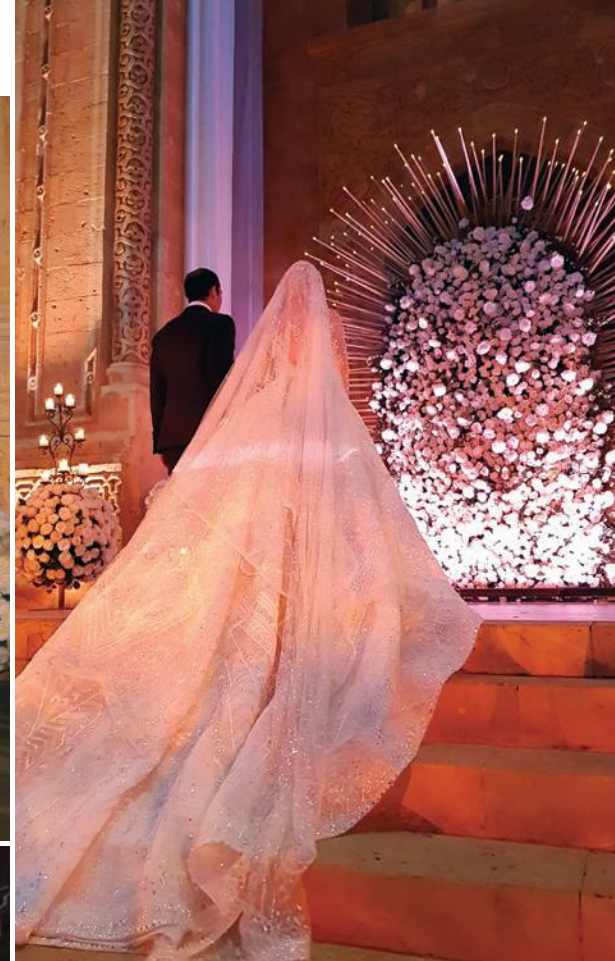
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ter was in good hands,” says the groom-to-be. “Marriage is not just about the happiness of spending our lives together, but about taking care of each other emotionally and physically.”

Afterward, guests arrived at the outdoor reception through a tunnel created by infinity mirrors, medieval-style black-and-white tile work, garlands of gold leaves and crystal chandeliers hung at multiple heights from floor level to on-high. Three thousand upside-down candles twinkled from the branches of the garden’s olive trees.

At the back of the residence, a series of curtained archways and a broad sweep of stairs served as stages for entertainment such as female violinists in flowing white gowns and choreographed performers. From the center arch hung a drape covering a massive arrangement of ivory roses encircled by spikes of light. After a series of images projected on the walls

to one knee, repeated the question aloud, and was happy to hear Seward’s unqualified, “Yes.”

As a professional wedding planner, this was one bride who knew exactly what she wanted. Working alongside her mother, Majeda, the founder of their Jordan-based company, MY Event Design, her special day would be a showcase, but more importantly a project of the heart. The couple planned a destination wedding, finding the perfect venue in Beirut at la Résidence des Pins, the official residence of the French ambassador to Lebanon. The building’s Ottoman Empire-inspired architecture helped give birth to the evening’s “New Renaissance” theme.

One of the more heartfelt moments of the day came just before the Greek Orthodox ceremony, when Seward’s dad gave her hand to Ziad at the entrance of the church. “I assured him that he needn’t worry because his daugh-





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got everyone's attention, the couple appeared in front of the backdrop for their grand entrance. "I was super nervous," says Sesar. "I felt like a celebrity in the spotlight." They danced for the first time as husband and wife in front of their 600 guests, and the party began in earnest.

"The entire night was a constant rush full of excitement, happiness and love," says Ziad.

As architect of the honeymoon, the groom chose Bali and Japan. In Bali, they visited the

seaside cliffs, the beach and town for relaxing and romance, followed by shopping and nightlife. In Japan, they enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the country by wholeheartedly embracing the culture and cuisine.

On return to their new home in Amman, Jordan, Sesar and Ziad looked forward to settling in and enjoying each other's company.

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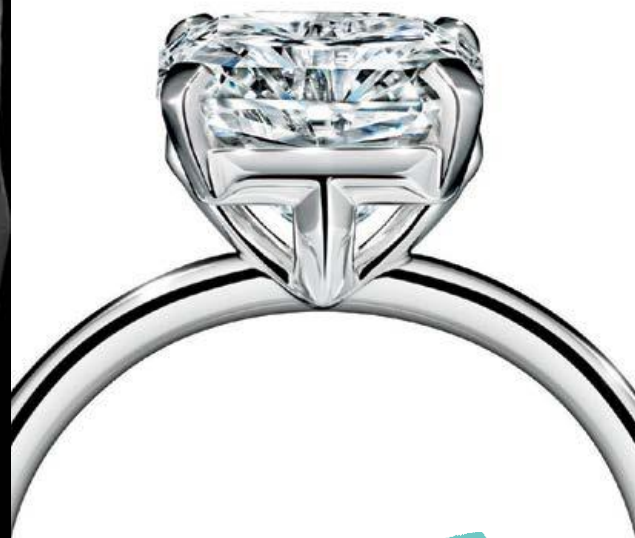
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