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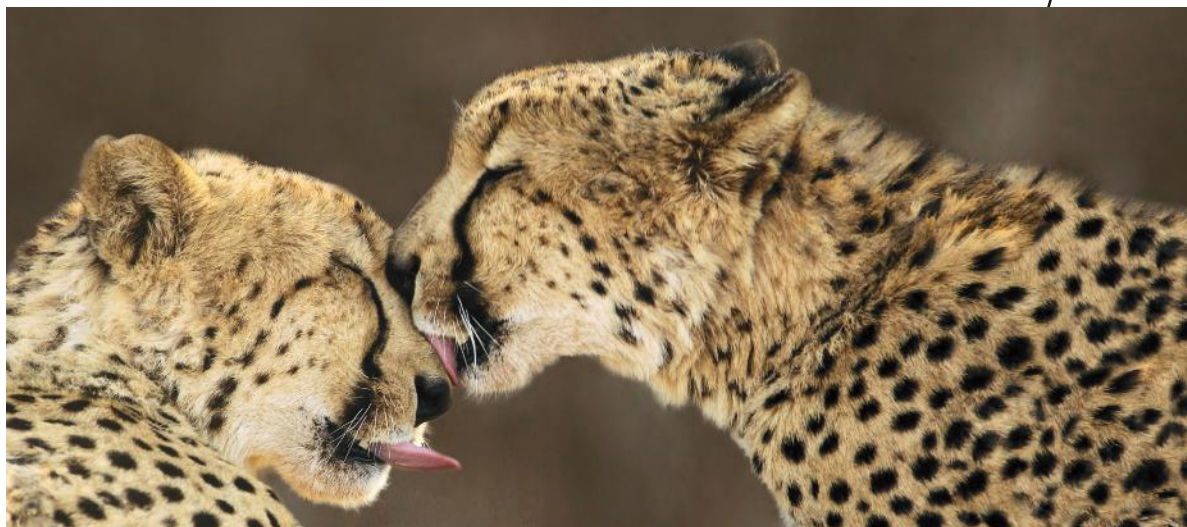
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IN THIS ISSUE *LOVE* *& MORE*

As a lover of art, I found myself in one of the most romantic cities in the world this past summer—Venice. With so many couples taking that romantic gondola ride through the picturesque canals, I realized the manifestation of love and how it always finds ways to reveal and express itself.

Similarly, our fall issue is full of love for fashion with amazing designers and their incredible wedding gown creations. Where do they find the inspiration to create new looks for their collections every season? Within each designer, there must be something innate that drives their love for fashion and sparks their passion for dressing women and men around the world.

I have a love and passion myself for creating and curating luxury content for our readers. After all, a woman's love for diamonds and fashion is an affair that will last forever.

In this issue we have curated incredible engagement rings and wedding bands, unique gifts for brides to be bestowed the day of the wedding, distinctive pieces for him, in addition to ideas and inspiration for all aspects of the planning process especially wedding decor.

This is one of the most exciting times in your life as you celebrate and begin your next chapter. Choose the perfect location or wedding destination, the invitations, outfits for your wedding weekend, your attire for the ceremony and reception, bridesmaids' gifts and think of what you want to express in that letter you will have hand delivered to him the morning of your wedding.

Hire the best wedding planner and event designer who will understand and interpret your personal style and select a photographer who will artfully capture your love story.

Mark the beginning of your new journey by giving your family and friends an experience they will never forget. And, most importantly, have fun.

In the past 2 years with the pandemic and with all that has happened around the world, one thing is certain—"Love never goes out of style."

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- 4 Beyoncé for Tiffany & Co.** Bangle in Yellow and White Gold with Half Pavé Diamonds. tiffany.com



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2 Chopard Happy Diamonds Joaillerie Watch. chopard.com

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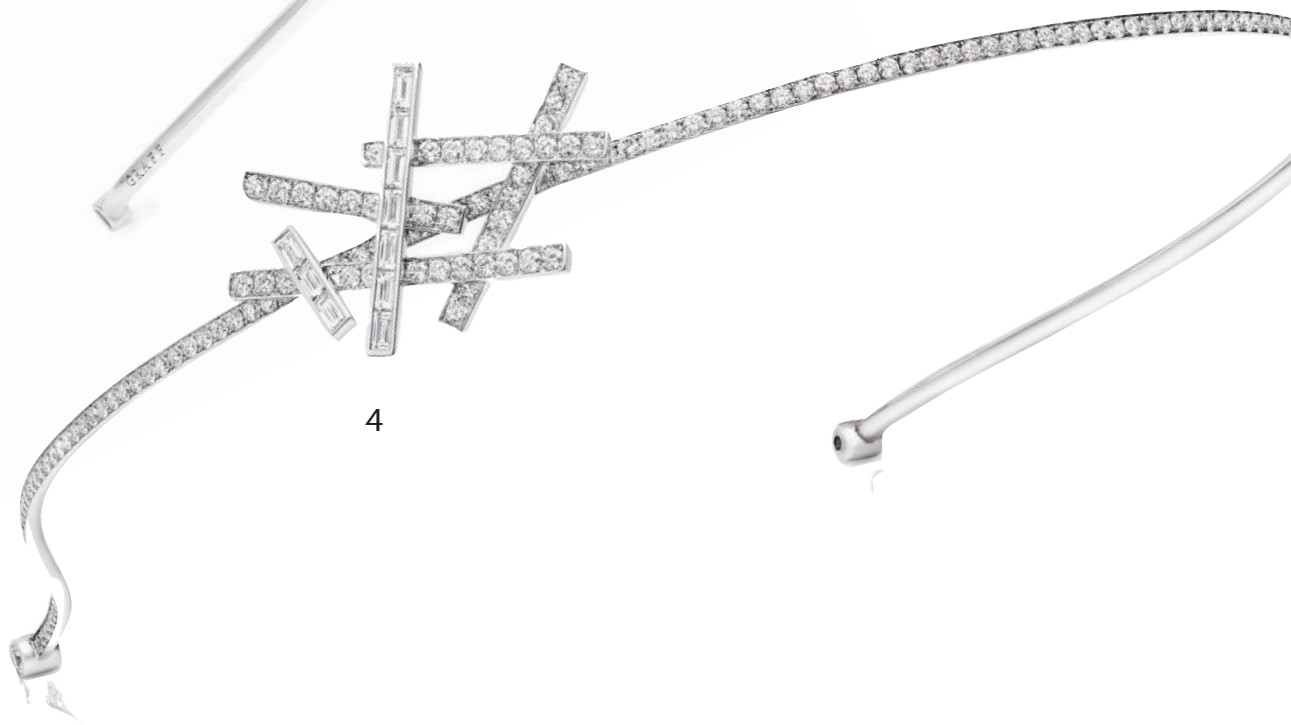


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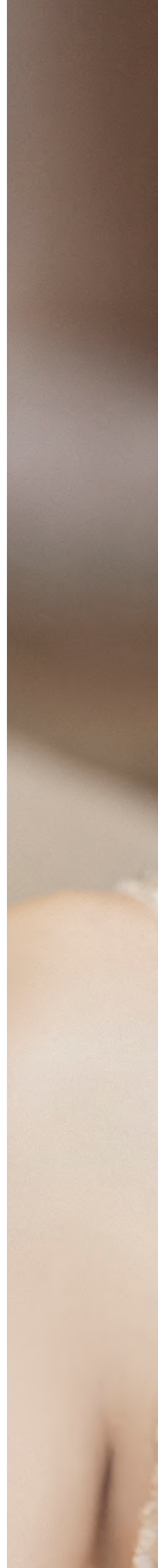
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1 Tiffany & Co. T True 8mm Ring in 18k Gold.

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4 Tiffany & Co. Band Ring in Platinum with

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3 Femmes Sans Peur Dakota. femmessanspeur.com

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5 Camilla Gabrieli Vittoria White Patent Leather Blue
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- 1 **Giuseppe Zanotti** Tarifa Peep-Toe Sandals. giuseppezanotti.com
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ARUNA SETH & THOMAS ADOLFF

September 14, 2021. **Lake Como, Italy**

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Aruna Seth and Thomas Adolff instantly hit it off after being introduced through mutual friends over a decade ago. The conversation flowed naturally, and it seemed as if they'd known each other forever. Rather than diving right into a relationship, however, several years passed before they crossed paths again – although Aruna and Thomas couldn't stop thinking about each other throughout that time span. Finally, on Halloween, the two re-

kindled their connection and seamlessly picked up right where they left off. This eventually led to an engagement on a summer's evening, when Thomas proposed with a gorgeous Russian blue kitten – who the couple named Lucas – who had an engagement ring tied to his collar.

"I initially started planning the wedding two years ago," Aruna shares, "starting with a trip to India to stay with my family. I wanted to





learn about Indian traditions and decide what aspects I wanted to include in my wedding, as most Indian weddings are up to a week-long! On my trip, I managed to find some beautiful, colorful scarves and bangles which we gave to all of our guests at the wedding in Lake Como.”

While in India, the bride-to-be was also in search of the perfect Indian bridal outfit. Aruna’s fashion adventure started when a stylist friend from Mumbai managed to connect her with her favorite Indian designer, Falguni.

“I had a dream bridal appointment, and we created a piece of couture art with special individual touches,” Aruna describes. “The bridal outfit design was adorned with intricate embroidery of fluttering butterflies combined with the threads from my mother’s wedding sari, perfectly embodying my brand to symbolize the something old intertwining with the something new. The most important aspect for me was creating something sustainable, as we were up cycling my mother’s wedding outfit. I had a few beautiful dresses – 11, to be exact. It included a collection of designers from around the world. For my main white ceremony dress, I had my heart set on the famous Lebanese designer Zuhair Murad. I wore a romantic, embellished, layered tulle gown by Zuhair paired with a gorgeous, repurposed Chantilly floor-length veil from my previous bridal archives.”







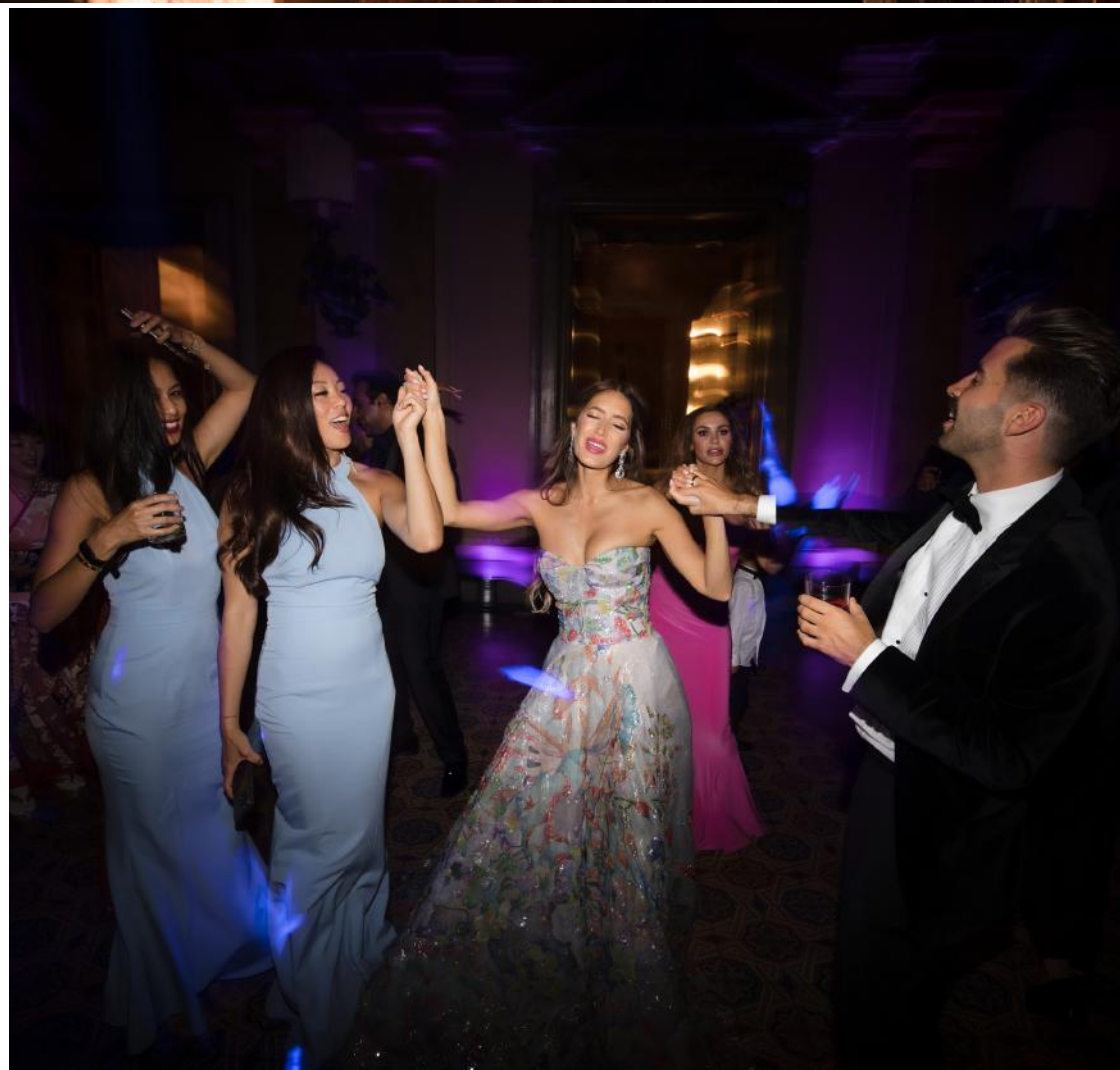












ceremony, as they were such different experiences to share with our family and friends. The white ceremony was an elegant black-tie affair; and for the Indian wedding, everyone made such an effort and looked amazing in their colorful vibrant sarees and kurtas. We had a beautiful Italian vegan meal; my husband and I both eat sustainably and vegan, so this was very important to us. We had amazing entertainment courtesy of Black Rabbit Projects. They organized exciting and vibrant entertainment for all of our wedding events. One of our particular favorites was a brilliant magician performing at our white wedding, and Aaron the wedding illustrator who painted over 37 of our guests and presented each of them with a special portrait of themselves at the end of the evening. My husband Thomas and I made a toast thanking all of our family and friends for being able to attend our wedding in these uncertain times. My father and brother also gave speeches which were heartfelt and touching.”

Aruna and Thomas’ destination wedding week in Lake Como proved to be an unforgettable experience that they will always cherish. To follow up their incredible wedding, the newlyweds planned a romantic honeymoon trip to the Maldives at Christmas.

> Written by Lauren Malamala

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During one of their trips to Italy, Aruna and Thomas came across the perfect wedding destination. They happened to visit Lake Como and fell in love with the breathtaking Italian villas and scenery. Without a doubt, the couple knew they would be having a destination wedding in Lake Como.

After two years of wedding planning – not to mention, multiple postponements – the bride and groom were elated when their wedding week had finally arrived, and they couldn’t wait to welcome all of their family and friends who had waited so long to celebrate together.

“I remember feeling extremely grateful that it was actually happening, and I was surrounded by all the people that we loved,” Aruna recalls. “We had a white ceremony and an Indian





Location: **Villa Erba** Lake Como, Italy; Wedding Planner: **Savvy Event Studio** Lake Como, Italy; Floral Design: **Vincenzo Dascanio** Lake Como, Italy; Ceremony Dress Designer: **Zuhair Murad & Falguni Shane Peacock** India; Reception Dress Designer: **Rani Zakhem Couture**; Groom's Attire Designer: **Zegna Official**; Cake: **Sugarcups Cake Design** Tuscany, Italy; Entertainment: **Black Rabbit Projects** London; Hair and Makeup: **Fabio Sarra** London; Photography: **Muse Motion Pictures** London

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“THEY HAVE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL
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ARIANNA SWAFFORD & RICHARD ROBINOV

July 18, 2021. **Las Vegas, Nevada**

Photography:
Stephen Salazar



















Arianna Swafford and Richard Robinov's wedding story began with a destination engagement in Amsterdam, when Richard proposed during a progressive dinner aboard a beautiful private canal boat. Afterwards, the couple enlisted the help of Andrea Eppolito – the top wedding planner in Las Vegas – to orchestrate the wedding planning process.

"I immediately fell in love with Arianna and Richard from the first moment we met," Andrea recalls. "They have such a beautiful energy with one another. The groom is so funny and quick witted, and the bride just looks at him with such adoration. The bride

is in fashion and has a stunning eye for detail, and together they have built such a beautiful life. When it came to the wedding, they were deeply committed to the idea of being transformative in their space, and they wanted to really treat their guests to an extraordinary evening of food, wine, and service."

Arianna knew she wanted to have a luxe wedding with a fairytale vibe and came up with the idea of a modern "Beauty and the Beast" theme. Andrea lent her expertise by taking that concept and interpreting it in a clean and less literal way in terms of the color palette. A combination of white and ivory allowed them to play with textures, and gold accents added warmth to the space along with ample candlelight, creating a sense of romance.

Even before the pandemic, the couple had their hearts set on an intimate Las Vegas wedding. They wanted every guest to feel incredibly special, knowing they had been personally invited because they were part of the couple's past, present, and future. From the food and













wine, to the entertainment, their guests were to have the absolute best of everything. They especially worked closely with the chefs from Cut & Taste to design a menu that showcased their favorite foods. Specialty wines and champagne were brought in as well.

“Every wedding that I design is incredibly unique, because I am telling the couple’s love story through my lens,” Andrea shares. “What was so wonderful about this opportunity is that Arianna and Richard live in Las Vegas, which allowed me to have a tremendous amount of access to them. We were able to spend so much time together, and I understood how they live and move through the world. I

was able to take that information and use it as design inspiration. For example, Richard loves to send Arianna flowers for every reason and no reason. On their wedding day, it was only fitting that they both be surrounded by blooms. As a fashionista, Arianna cared deeply about what she wore. We were able to set up a stunning dressing room and put both of the gowns on their own forms for a photo shoot. The menus were beautifully designed geometric pieces, that echo a lot of the pieces that they have in their home. It was all wonderfully personal and everything we put into the space told you something about this couple specifically.”

The bride and groom’s modern “Beauty and the Beast” fairytale came to life exquisitely, with a rose-covered staircase being Andrea’s favorite part of the décor. It was the first thing that guests saw when they entered the venue, which made a dramatic statement and set the tone for the rest of the evening. The roses were romantic and timeless, but the entire staircase design was so over-the-top that it perfectly reflected the love between the bride and groom.

“Listening to and watching your couple is the best thing you can do in order to design a wedding that feels like them,” Andrea adds. “And working in a nontraditional space









inspired me to look at the architecture of a room in a new and dynamic way.”

There was another special moment right before the bride and groom’s first look, that Andrea will never forget; and it’s a wonderful example of how the chemistry between a couple and their wedding planner makes all the difference in how a wedding unfolds.

“After over two years of working together, Arianna was not just a client, but a friend,” says Andrea. “The one thing she couldn’t quite figure out, were the earrings she wanted

to wear down the aisle. Right before she did her first look, I presented her with the earrings I wore on my own wedding day. They were her something borrowed, and I just loved that she was able to carry the energy of a happy marriage down the aisle with her. And I’m very glad that they were not lost!”

> **Written by Lauren Malamala**

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October 30, 2021. **Hollywood, California**

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Kristina Khachunts was working at a bank when she first laid eyes on Serge Karapetyan. She was standing outside and noticed Serge looking at her with a sideways glance as he parked his car. Serge proceeded to go inside the bank, complete his transaction, and promptly left.

“I remember thinking, ‘First off, who is this guy; and second, why is he so full of himself?’ Kristina recalls. “In reality, I was drawn to that. He later found me on Instagram and reached out a few times, but I did not respond. Then, one day, I was walking to my car from my new job. I looked up and saw him again, walking right past. I thought to myself, ‘What a coincidence.’ I knew then that there would be something special with him. After months of him reaching out to me on Instagram, I decided to respond to him and give him a chance finally.”

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It only took one date for Kristina to realize Serge was “the one.” A year and a half later, she found herself walking into the most beautiful proposal that Serge had planned with the help of Los Angeles-based wedding planner, Mary Michelle. The engagement took place at a Rosewood Miramar Hotel. Serge walked Kristina down to the sand, where she was met with 2,000 white roses in the shape of a heart, and a violinist standing in the middle. It was such a magical scene that Kristina remembers waking up the next day and scrolling through the pictures and videos, trying to let it all sink in and wrap her mind around the fact that it wasn’t just a dream.

“Growing up, I knew there was only one style of wedding I wanted,” she shares, “which was a dreamy, all-white wedding. Something about walking into an all-white wedding made me feel like I was on a cloud. Thanks to my amazing planner, my vision was brought to life. The reception was magical, with all the draping and grand chandeliers making the space breathtaking. The mirrored tables and crystal candelabras made everything look like a fairy tale. I loved the sweetheart table with the cloud of baby’s breath above us.”

One of Kristina’s favorite décor details was enjoyed at the start of the wedding day. The backdrop at the bridal house was made of red roses, which provided a statement piece that wowed everyone as they walked in. It set the perfect tone for the rest of the day.

“My husband says his favorite detail about our wedding had to be my dress,” Kristina adds. “Even now, he constantly compliments me about how I looked that day. I never knew what I wanted in a wedding dress. I knew I didn’t want anything too puffy and wanted a detachable overskirt. After visiting multiple bridal stores in Los Angeles, I was a little disappointed. There wasn’t a single dress that I tried on that I liked. Then, one day while scrolling on Instagram, I came across this dress, saying, ‘WOW.’ I immediately showed my sister and mom, and they both loved it. I told myself this would be my dress. The only problem was it was in silver. I reached out to the designer, Leah Da Gloria, located in Australia, and we did a virtual meeting. We discussed what I was looking for in the dress, and eight months later, the dress appeared at my doorstep. I tried the dress on, and I began to cry, it was perfect!”









The entire wedding was a memorable experience, from start to finish. A standout moment for the Leah Da Gloria bride was during the first look, which also took place at the bridal house – the site of the stunning red rose backdrop.

“I felt butterflies in my stomach as my husband turned around and saw me for the first time that day,” she describes. “He had tears in his eyes. Another memorable part was how much fun my husband and I had partying with our friends and family. Our first dance together, with the fog surrounding us, added to the cloud-like feel of the night. We were both very happy to have our closest people beside us on our special day.”

Kristina and Serge’s dream wedding experience continued on their honeymoon, when they traveled to the Maldives and Dubai, staying at the Waldorf Astoria at each location. It was the most relaxing getaway, and an epic way to begin their new life together.

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When Aliana Events teams up for a collaboration with Revelry Event Designers, the results are sure to be nothing less than awe-inspiring. Event décor is an ever-evolving world of its own, with new interpretations of classics always providing ample inspiration for today's designers. Historically, the most lavish and over-the-top décor would be reserved for grand weddings and balls; but today, even an engagement party can be turned into an ultra-luxurious celebration.

For this particular "green party," Aliana Rubins – CEO and Creative Director of

Aliana Events – was working at the helm as creative director. With a background as a fashion and beauty industry makeup artist (who also helped launch Giorgio Armani Beauty), Aliana has a unique perspective and set of experiences that allow her to effectively draw inspiration from runway shows and couture fashion. Pair that with her meticulous attention to detail, and it's easy to see how she can execute such glamorous celebrations so perfectly.

"This design was inspired by Christian Dior's Spring 2020 runway fashion show, which was

so green and lush," Aliana describes. "Being that this was an engagement party, we wanted to stay away from using white, and therefore this style was perfect. This greenery-filled design created a fun lounge atmosphere, since it was not a sit-down dinner. The combination of the trees and giant lounges was amazing. But we also wanted to add the glam factor to our design, and that's where the beautiful large chandeliers we placed on the tables came in."

With such a grand vision for the engagement party, Aliana enjoyed collaborating with







Revelry Event Designers, as they have a knack for bringing any idea to fruition. Founded by Edgardo Zamora, the Revelry team has an enviable list of past clients and credits that include the Academy Award Governor's Ball, gala openings at the Staples Center, and countless celebrity weddings.

As with any luxury event, the unfolding of this engagement party was not without its challenges.

"At first, it was hard to find a location that would accommodate what we wanted to bring to life with the design," Aliana shares. "Many of the venues we had in mind were booked, and we couldn't simply do this at a hotel venue. In the end, we found a lot with an empty space where we brought this forest to life."

The enchanted forest aesthetic remains a favorite theme within the wedding and events world, as there's an infinite number of approaches designers can take. From the choice of trees and greenery, to the lighting design, there are multiple moving parts and details that all serve to create the perfect ambiance.

"I loved the chandeliers hanging above the dance floor that created a runway fashion show vibe," says Aliana. "Also, the chandeliers placed on the mirrored tables and their olive velvet chairs to pair. The tables were different – some with chandeliers, and others with green marble prints and massive moss bowl centerpieces."

Lush and moody, this forested engagement party was the product of yet another successful collab between Aliana and Revelry.

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