



HEART AND SOUL

Bif Naked (a.k.a. Beth Torbert) is a Canadian rock star with edgy music and a fierce collection of tattoos. So when she announced her engagement to Ian Walker, a sports writer for the *Vancouver Sun*, a 'traditional' wedding was the last thing on her agenda. With a nod to Bif's Indian culture, (she was born in New Delhi) the unconventional couple decided on a no-holds-barred, colourful 'Bollywood' inspired soirée. The wedding took place in September of 2007 in Vancouver, BC.

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BIF NAKED *and* IAN WALKER

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INVITING GLAMOUR

The invitations, created by Vancouver stationery atelier **WINFONS** were an exotic preview of "Bollywood Glam." The multi-layered package featured a lotus inspired monogram, romantic Indian imagery and vibrant colour.



ALL DOLLED UP

Bif wore a custom gown with a detachable train and a hot-pink veil designed by **CLARA COUTURE**. She wore her own collection of Indian jewelry with pink sapphires. On the morning of the wedding, Bif was presented with a gift from her gown designer. Clara created a miniature replica of Bif's gown, presented on a doll complete with a pink veil, jet black hair and tattoos.



BOLD & BEAUTIFUL

Working with Principal Event Planner *Soha Laviv* of Vancouver-based **COUNTDOWN EVENTS**, Bif and Ian enjoyed a day that was brimming with bright and bold personality. The reception was held at one of Vancouver's most beautiful Indian restaurants, **MAURYA**. Bif described the reception as "decadent" and "the most luxurious part" of their wedding day. Exotic, lavish floral by **GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST** combined with outstanding rentals and design by **UPRIGHT DECOR**, transformed the space. The five-tiered cake by **GANACHE PATISSERIE** featured three decadent flavours: Caramel-Chocolat, Blanc Fraisier and Tiramisu-Chocolat and was artfully designed to match the lotus motif from the couples invitation. The newlyweds enjoyed a two week honeymoon in Mexico—dividing their time between **THE FAIRMONT MAYAKOBA** in Riviera Maya and **THE MOSQUITO BEACH RESORT** in Playa del Carmen. ☞

Editors Note: A few short months after the wedding, during a routine self breast exam, Bif discovered a lump. She was diagnosed with breast cancer and went public with her news in January of 2008. When we spoke to her husband Ian in preparation for this issue, he reaffirmed what Bif has publicly proclaimed: "Cancer picked the wrong girl to mess with." Having undergone a lumpectomy, Bif is currently undergoing chemotherapy and with the support of her husband, is maintaining a positive attitude as she continues her recovery process. She is further proof that cancer can strike any woman, at any age. In support of Bif and the thousands of women diagnosed in Canada every year, we encourage you to perform regular self-exams and visit your doctor annually for routine check-ups.

VIBRANT RECEPTION

UPRIGHT DECOR transformed the interior of the luxe Indian restaurant MAURYA into a vibrant oasis of colour and style. Mounds of orchids and hydrangeas spilled out of gold candelabras while hundreds of candles cast a warm romantic glow.

About the Photographers



Vancouver-based Jana Vačkova + Reine Mihla are a dynamic duo of international wedding photographers. Their passion and innovative approach embody the perfect union between technical precision and art. Their outstanding work has been recognized the world over, receiving awards from Nikon, Photo District News and Portrait Photographers International. As purists of the photographic medium, unwilling to compromise their vision, they create larger-than-life images time and time again.