

SURPRISE PROPOSAL

Tamara and Anthony were married in Vancouver, BC on October 25, 2008. Their proposal came as a total surprise to Tamara who was working at a conference in Las Vegas the week of the proposal. "Anthony was going to join me for the weekend. Little had I known, he went down the week prior and planned the whole surprise. He booked a suite at the WYNN HOTEL and reserved the perfect spot outside for dinner at Bartolotta restaurant."

Soha Lavin from COUNTDOWN EVENTS provided full service event coordination. "Soha was with us from the beginning and helped plan an amazing wedding in six months," recalls Tamara.



Tamara
and
Anthony

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DESIGNER DETAIL

Tamara's gown by *Lazaro* featured ivory chantilly lace over a sparkle net charmeuse slip gown. A pair of crystal studded Prada heels peeked out from underneath, with a collection of diamond and crystal accessories from **HOLT RENFREW**. Anthony wore a custom made tuxedo from *Blair Shapera* which he jokingly describes as being the "James Bond tuxedo from *Casino Royale*." As a special gift to Anthony, Tamara presented him with a pair of coin white diamond cufflinks by **DUNHILL**.



A FAMILY AFFAIR

"We were not sure if our two year old daughter Sienna was going to go down the aisle by herself so we had a backup plan. However, when the doors opened to go down the aisle at the Church, she saw her father and yelled "Daddy" and started running down the aisle. She stole the show and everyone was talking about it from then on."



BLACK TIE AFFAIR

The formal black-tie reception was held at THE VANCOUVER CLUB. As guests entered the main foyer they were greeted with a beautiful floral display from GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST which doubled as a twist on the traditional guest book. Custom stationery tags were hung from the branches with well-wishes written by each guest.

*Please write your well wishes for
Tara and Anthony*



DECOR AND MORE

"I really wanted to use pearls and feathers to accent the decor. I loved the crystal candelabras with flowers on each of the tables, the two pillars of flowers at the front of the dining room, the chandelier on the dance floor, the old movies that we played in the lounge and all the funky modern furniture that UPRIGHT DESIGN brought into the lounge area. The great thing about the VANCOUVER CLUB is that you have two separate areas: one for a formal dinner and then other lounge area where you can let your hair down."



SHOW-STOPPER MOMENTS

The reception was filled with a myriad of unique and fun experiences for the guests. Whether they were enjoying the Grey Goose martinis served from a custom ice bar or having their photos taken in an on-site photobooth, Tamara and Anthony wanted to make sure everyone was totally entertained! The evening's music was provided by Goby Catt, a jazz performer who sang during dinner. As the party heated up into the wee hours of the evening there were also burlesque dancers performing for the entire wedding party.

The couple will enjoy an African safari adventure for their honeymoon, scheduled to take place this summer. They now reside in West Vancouver, BC with their little show-stopper Sienna who turns three this year. ☺



ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER

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