

PHOTOGRAPHY BY REINE & JANA WEDDINGS

Linda
&
Domenic

EVENT PLANNING AND DESIGN:

Soha Lavin

COUNTDOWN EVENTS

RECEPTION LOCATION

FAIRMONT WATERFRONT HOTEL
Vancouver, BC

WEDDING DATE

JULY 21, 2007

DESIGN DETAIL:

The couple had a customized monogram created and used this beautiful symbol to personalize the entire day. Wedding-day stationery was created by **KARDS KOUTURE**. Programs, (above) were made of silver metallic cardstock and tied with pink sation ribbon. A decadent crystal detail completed each one.

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SET THE SCENE

Colin Upright and his team from **UPRIGHT DÉCOR** set the lavish design tone at the **FAIRMONT WATERFRONT HOTEL**. Working with Suzanne from **GRANVILLE ISLAND FLO-RIST**, the scene was spectacular as guests walked in to the foyer of the hotel. Upright had created a lounge atmosphere that could rival any swank nightclub—white leather furniture was offset by massive plumes of soft white feathery arrangements. Tall clear vases filled with pink orchid blossoms completed the look. While guests mingled and enjoyed bite-size appetizers, the jazz-band *Grand Trine* entertained.



DESIGNER DETAILS:

Linda's gown was her own design vision, which was then created by Vancouver's **MANUEL MENDOZA**. The gown had a dropped waist and countless swarovski crystals hand-sewn into the ruched bodice. Her bouquet was a lavish, oversized mound of pink orchids, stephanotis and roses—wrapped with a shimmering crystal band. Her crystal earrings and white-gold tiara was purchased at **JEWELLETTE**. Domenic's black pin-stripe *Dolce and Gabbana* suit was purchased at **HARRY ROSEN**. After the ceremony took place at the *St. Francis of Assisi* church in Vancouver—the bridal party, which included Domenic's father (his best-man) enjoyed a photo session complete with celebratory cigars under the Burrard Street bridge.



MR. AND MRS.
GINO CRUDO & FAMILY
TABLE 3



AWE-STUCK!

Linda and Domenic wanted a wedding that would be fun and playful yet unique and lavish. . . "Something that no one would forget." Nearly 300 friends and family were awed by a stunning reception inside the ballroom of the hotel. Their monogram was projected on the back wall of the room, while mounds of white phalaenopsis orchid bloomed atop elegant, silver satin draped tables that glowed with flickering candlelight.



Linda and Domenic performed their first-dance to "Vivo per Lei" by *Andrea Bocelli* and *Laura Pausini*. Their cake—a five-tiered, pale pink masterpiece by **GANACHE PATISSERIE** was adorned with sprinkles of silver and iridescent edible pearls. Guests enjoyed a multimedia presentation and were offered to indulge in a cappuccino/latte bar by **JUST CAPPUCINO**. The evening, as described by the couple was "lavish, classy, fun and filled with couture-glamour." Their guests each received a beautifully wrapped bar of chocolate from the **GOURMET WAREHOUSE** as the magical night drew to a close. The newly-wed couple enjoyed a tranquil honeymoon in over-water bungalows overlooking the aquamarine waters of Bora Bora before cruising through Tahiti and the Hawaiian Islands. ☽—



About the Photographers



Jana Vaekova + Reine Mihtla 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. Visit www.reineandjana.com or email contact@reineandjana.com

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CEREMONY LOCATION

CECIL GREEN PARK HOUSE, UBC

RECEPTION LOCATION

SUTTON PLACE HOTEL

Vancouver, BC

WEDDING CINEMATOGRAPHY

Bruce Patterson

CLOUD NINE CREATIVES INC.

Catherine and Richard

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CHRIS+LYNN PHOTOGRAPHERS

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DESIGN DETAILS

Catherine and Richard began their relationship as co-workers, while working together in the financial sector. After a few years, their friendship blossomed into love. The wedding day celebration was designed in honour of the bride's Hong Kong Chinese heritage—infusing the vibrancy of red and gold throughout the otherwise western wedding day. During the morning Chinese tea ceremony, Catherine wore a red dress by **SANDRA SUNG BRIDAL** and gold *Manolo Blahnik* heels from **HOLT RENFREW**. Their wedding ceremony was held at **CECIL GREEN PARK HOUSE** (UBC). Catherine's beautiful white satin ballgown by *Judd Waddell* was purchased at **DO BRIDAL** in White Rock. Guests enjoyed gold and red metallic programs and stationery from **WINTON'S SOCIAL STATIONERY**, which Catherine describes as her "biggest indulgence" during the planning process. Richard's favourite moment came as Catherine walked down the customized white aisle runner—"I know it's corny but I fell in love all over again," he recalls.

UPRIGHT DÉCOR transformed the ballroom of the **SUTTON PLACE HOTEL**. Elegant cream draping and round, intimate tables were adorned with cream and gold linen. Gold-rimmed stemware was paired with gold chargers, which completed the regal ambience. The beautiful, rich floral centrepieces filled with red orchids by **GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST** were punctuated with a square base ring of red roses and gold orchids. The flowers were Richard's favourite design detail of the entire day—"They came in so many varieties to match the different locations, and they were so stately."



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HOW DID YOU PERSONALIZE YOUR DAY?
(Catherine): "In every way. The last year was filled with decisions, decisions, decisions—all made with love. Decisions about the food choices, the décor, flowers, stationery, etc. We personalized our day through vows that we wrote ourselves, to the chocolate favors that we selected from **THOMAS HAAS** using Richard's "chocolate-selection algorithm" down to the menus and programs that co-ordinated with our rich cream, gold & red colour palette. The only thing we would have done differently is made it last all week—there wasn't enough time to be with all of our visiting family and friends."

After a glorious day filled with beauty and love, the couple spent a week cruising the Hawaiian Islands. They now reside in Yaletown, Vancouver. ☺



About the Photographers



Chris+Lynn Photographers

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HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL
 Vancouver, BC

RECEPTION LOCATION:

FOUR SEASONS VANCOUVER

CINEMATOGRAPHY:

Bruce Patterson

CLOUD NINE CREATIVE INC.

Melissa and Jeffrey, high-school sweethearts, were engaged after a spectacular proposal in Hong Kong. Jeffrey spared no expense—renting the *Harbour View Suite* at the famed **PENNISULA HOTEL** (which has a direct view of the Hong Kong skyline). He filled the room with red and pink roses and arranged a private dinner.

Melissa flew to New York City to purchase her gown at the flagship **VERA WANG** boutique, and wore vintage platform heels that had been worn 30 years earlier by her Mother on her own wedding day. Her custom-designed diamond jewelry (necklace, earrings, two diamond tennis bracelets and a cocktail ring) were all gifts from her parents to mark the special occasion.

Melissa and Jeffrey

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 VALETOWN WEDDING GALLERY

Jeffrey purchased a classic *Giorgio Armani* tuxedo from **NEIMAN MARCUS** in Chicago. He completed the ensemble with a custom-made bowtie and cummerbund set from **HARRY ROSEN** along with cufflinks and a *Roadster Chronograph* watch, both by **CARTIER**.



The bridesmaids wore blush pink cocktail length dresses by *Charsa* from **FROCKS MODERN BRIDESMAIDS**.



After the ceremony and photo session had taken place, Melissa and Jeffrey treated their wedding party to an afternoon lunch reception at the **PROVENCE MARINASIDE**.



The reception, held at the **FOUR SEASONS VANCOUVER** commenced with a solo pianist from **MUSICAL OCCASIONS** playing light jazz. Guests dined on a four-course meal that featured Carrot and Passion Fruit Soup topped with Dungeoness Crab, Pan Seared Scallops with Green Pea Emulsion and Adobo Beef Tenderloin with Truffle Potato Parée. Later in the evening, the live band **FAMOUS PLAYERS** played popular Top 40 music including the couple's first dance song, "You Say it Best When You Say Nothing At All."



The cake, by *Peter Fong* from **GANACHE PATISSERIE** was designed to match the alecon lace detail on Melissa's gown. Fong also provided the dark chocolate truffle favors that were packaged in textured pink and cream boxes.

The couple honeymooned in the posh **LARRIZ SILHOUETTE ISLAND RESORT**, Seychelles.

About the Photographer



Sandra Leung is the principal of **Yaletown Wedding Gallery** and has photographed weddings throughout North America and Asia, bringing a unique fashion-photojournalistic approach to every wedding. Sandra is an internationally published commercial and editorial photographer and her work appears regularly in *The Georgia Straight*, *BCBusiness* and *Canadian Business* Magazines. Email info@ytweddinggallery.com or visit www.yaletownweddinggallery.com