

## A Sparkling Fall Wedding

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TALA FLORIST provided all floral for the wedding, including Samira's sophisticated, oversized bouquet of cascading white orchids.

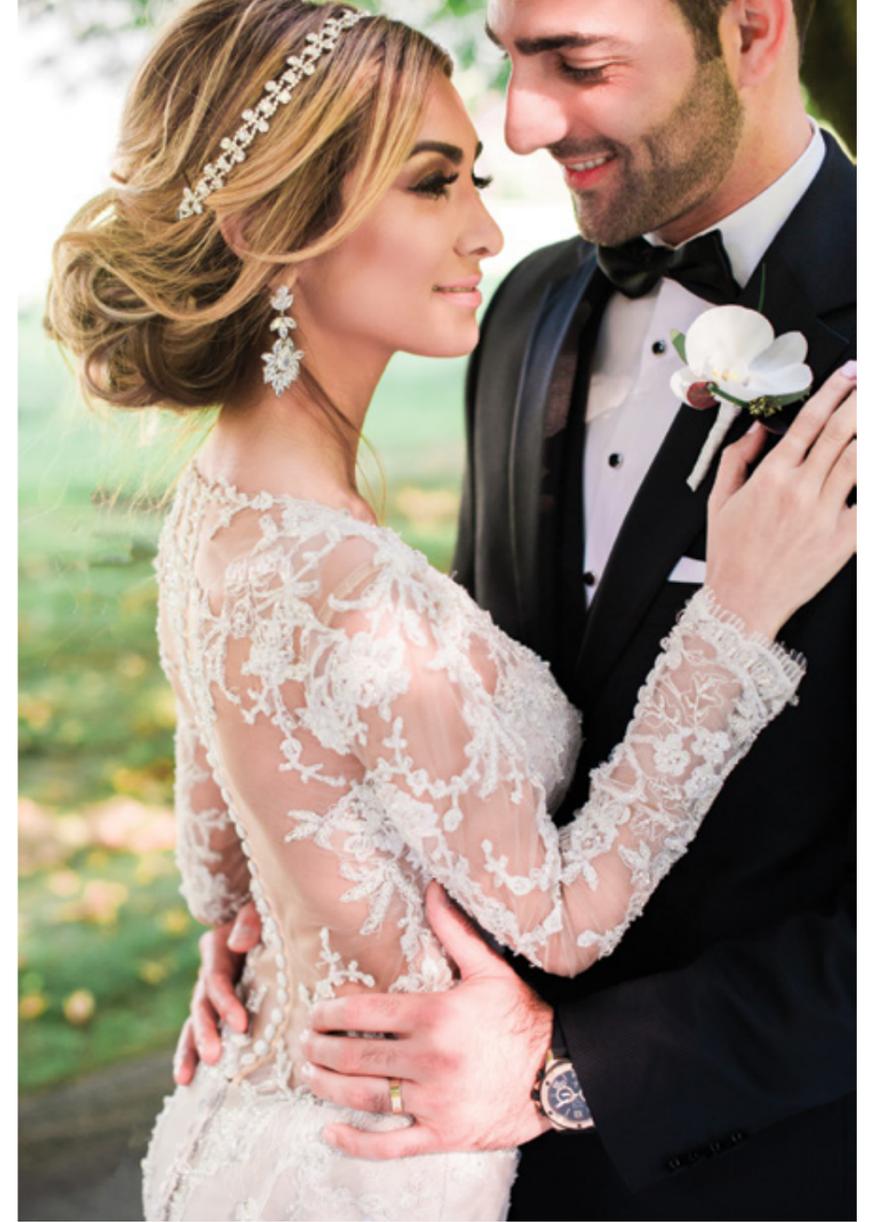
Hair styling was provided by Nehal Khitani, while makeup application services were provided by Neda Khitani.

Rahmtin wore Hugo Boss formalwear purchased in Las Vegas, along with Salvatore Ferragamo shoes, a Simons bow tie purchased in Vancouver, and a Bulova watch gifted to him by his father-in-law on their wedding day.

Samira Dargahi and Rahmtin Faridian met in 2015 through the business social networking site, LinkedIn. Samira appeared in Rahmtin's "People You May Know" section, which prompted him to connect with her and send her a private message. The two instantly hit it off, with their online messages quickly leading to phone calls. "All I could think about day in and day out was the opportunity to call her again and talk to her for hours on end," recalls Rahmtin. Three weeks in, Samira and Rahmtin decided to meet each other in person. Unfortunately, this wasn't so easy as Samira lived in Las Vegas and Rahmtin in Vancouver, however, they made it work and their first meeting was nothing short of magical. After that, the two continued dating long distance, but not before Samira made Rahmtin promise that they would see each other a minimum of once per month. He agreed, and the two spent a year and a half flying back and forth between Vegas and Vancouver before Rahmtin proposed.

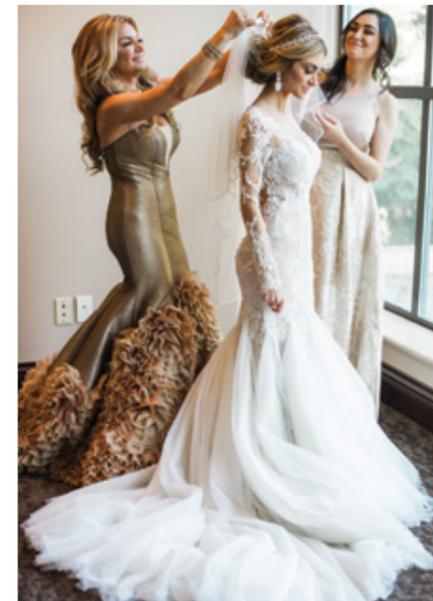
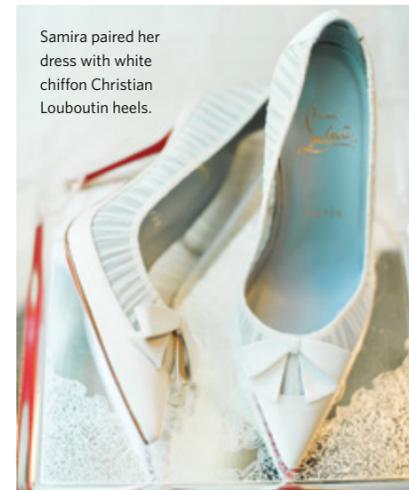
With the consent of Samira's mother and father as per the Bahá'í Faith, Rahmtin invited Samira on a romantic hike through Whytecliffe Park in Vancouver. Rahmtin's sister tagged along, which was nothing out of the ordinary considering her and Samira had grown to be close friends, however, unbeknownst to Samira, his sister was really there to capture Rahmtin's proposal on camera. Upon reaching the cliffs, Rahmtin pointed out a spot in the distance. As Samira turned her head to look, Rahmtin got down on one knee. Samira couldn't hide her excitement, and of course, accepted Rahmtin's marriage proposal.

The wedding took place on September 30, 2016 in Pitt Meadows, British Columbia. Hasti Maloufi of LA VISTA EVENTS provided full event planning services in the three and a half months leading up to Samira and Rahmtin's nuptials. As per the Bahá'í Faith, the couple only had 95 days in which to get married after becoming engaged. Despite the time crunch, the couple, along with their planner, were able to pull off a spectacular, elegant wedding rife with blush and crystal accents.



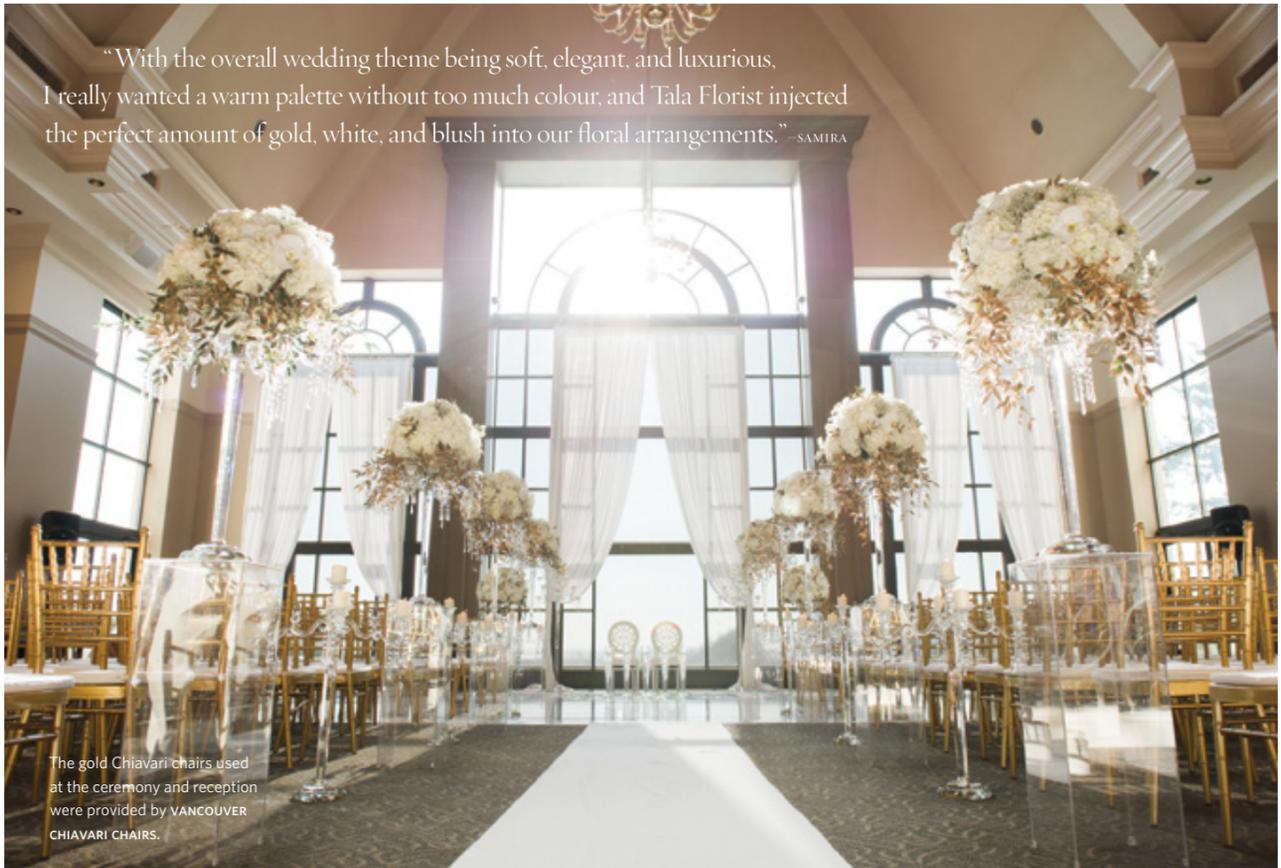
# SAMIRA & RAHMTIN

Samira paired her dress with white chiffon Christian Louboutin heels.



Samira travelled to southern California in the hopes of finding her dream wedding gown, which she considered to be the most important part of planning her wedding. "My friends are always looking to me for fashion advice, so I knew when planning my wedding that I had to find the perfect dress. I wanted my dress to be the talk of the year, and I created my whole wedding theme and vision around my gown," she shares. In the end, Samira chose a custom-made wedding dress designed by Demetrios in Los Angeles, handmade in Europe.

Samira accessorized with a sparkly headpiece from NORDSTROM, custom-designed earrings from a boutique jeweller in Los Angeles, and a simple veil that had been passed down to her from her aunt.



“With the overall wedding theme being soft, elegant, and luxurious, I really wanted a warm palette without too much colour, and Tala Florist injected the perfect amount of gold, white, and blush into our floral arrangements.” —SAMIRA

The gold Chiavari chairs used at the ceremony and reception were provided by VANCOUVER CHIAVARI CHAIRS.

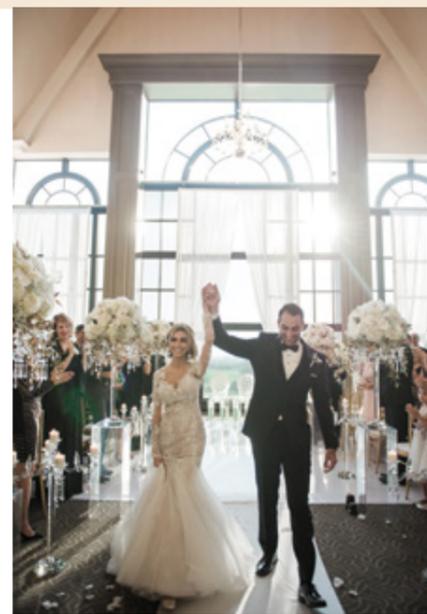
### SUN-KISSED CEREMONY

The couple were married in the Grand Ballroom at the **SWANESSET BAY RESORT & COUNTRY CLUB** in a short and sweet Bahá'í ceremony that consisted of three prayers, a short speech by a close family friend, and the couple's traditional wedding vows. Samira and Rahmtin declared their love for one another in front of grand, draped windows overlooking the golf course. Two white carved Louis chairs from **ÉCLAT DECOR INC.** sat beneath the sheer, white draping from **PARADISE EVENTS** which, along with the white vinyl-wrapped floor, floating candleholders, two extra large white floral

arrangements, and two 6-ft tall crystal candelabras, completed the setting. Floral arrangements with spray-painted gold leaves stood in tall crystal candelabras and lined the aisle while flickering candles provided additional ambience. A white aisle runner from the Swaneset Bay Resort & Country Club finished off the room's decor. A classical trio from **MUSICAL OCCASIONS** performed live as guests entered the venue and accompanied Samira as she walked down the aisle.



The bride's engagement ring was purchased from **LAUREN B JEWELRY AND DIAMONDS**, while her wedding band was purchased from **KAY JEWELERS** in Las Vegas. The groom's gold wedding band was purchased from **CARTIER** in Vancouver.



Each place setting was embellished with a unique element: a small pumpkin that had been painted gold. As they also served as wedding favors, a tag from Minted was printed in gold cursive and affixed to the pumpkin with gold and white ribbon.



### END NOTES

**TALA FLORIST** and **PARADISE EVENTS** worked tirelessly to create an enchanted setting at the **SWANESSET BAY RESORT & COUNTRY CLUB**, where both the cocktail hour and reception took place. Round guest tables were adorned with linens, napkins, and charger plates from **PARADISE EVENTS**, gold Chiavari chairs from **VANCOUVER CHIAVARI CHAIRS**, and gold table numbers and white and gold menus designed by **MINTED**. A mixture of luxe white and gold floral arrangements and crystal candelabras graced each table. The Swaneset Bay Resort & Country Club provided all catering for the reception.

The focal point of the reception was undeniably the white and gold, four-tier round cake from **GOLESTAN BAKERY**. This simple yet stunning cake was embellished with gold glitter at the bottom of each tier and was made of two different flavours: tiramisu and vanilla. Finally, white orchids that perfectly matched the bride's bouquet trailed downwards from the bottom of the cake. In addition to cake, wedding guests were treated to Persian pastries from **MINOO BAKERY** as per tradition.

Guests, along with the happy couple, danced the night away to the sounds of DJ Sana Goldan and his bilingual playlist of English and Persian tunes. Cinematography was provided by **CAPTURE PRODUCTIONS**.

Following their nuptials, Samira and Rahmtin set off for a romantic honeymoon in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. The newlyweds stayed at **THE ROYAL PLAYA DEL CARMEN**, in a luxury suite complete with ocean view, private swim-up pool, and balcony. The couple spent their time ziplining, ATVing, swimming in caves, and relaxing on the beach, before returning to Vancouver where Samira is a nurse and Rahmtin is a financial advisor and strategic partner.



Seeing the tears of joy and the fire in your soul when you first see your wedding photos is the reason Samineh left her studies in science and pursued a Fine Arts degree at the Emily Carr University of Art and Design. With an eye for detail and love for people, Samineh captures the most authentic, subtle moments in order to create memories to last for generations to come.

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