

# SARAH and SCOTT

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## A FOCUS ON FAMILY SETS THE TONE FOR A BREEZY, PRIVATE ISLAND WEDDING IN MUSKOKA.

### » CALIFORNIA PROPOSAL

Sarah Bryant and G. Scott Paterson had known each other for over a decade before they reconnected in 2011 and started dating. The couple were engaged two years later in Los Angeles, California—one of their favourite cities and a frequent travel destination. Scott went to great lengths to ensure Sarah was surprised by the proposal, including hiring *Brink's* (a company that specializes in secure transportation) to courier the engagement ring across the border. "He was worried the airport security system would find the ring and ruin the surprise," Sarah says. While at dinner with friends, Scott sneaked the ring into Sarah's purse and proposed. "I was shocked when I opened my bag and he asked me to marry him," recalls Sarah.

Sarah and Scott were married at their private island ("Pat Camp") in Muskoka, Ontario on July 24, 2014.

Anne Anderson of *Anne Anderson Events* provided event design and full-service planning for the wedding.

### » COUTURE DETAILS

Sarah said "I Do" in a custom, blush pink *Ines Di Santo* gown. The dress featured crystal detailing and a detachable skirt that allowed the bride to transition to a new look for the reception. She paired her dress with a long, matching veil, also from Ines Di Santo, for the ceremony. Eduardo Mella provided hair and makeup styling.

### » BEACH CEREMONY

The ceremony took place outdoors on the couple's beach. Sarah walked down the sand joined by her daughters, nieces, and nephews; and two best friends. The girls wore white dresses and the couple's eldest daughters carried pretty bouquets made of pink roses. "We called it our modern wedding party," jokes Sarah.

Guests were seated at antique, wrought-iron benches with white cushions. Attendees were asked to wear white to match the decor and to subtly highlight the non-traditional colour palette of the couple's attire. The couple exchanged vows under a stunning, custom-made floral arch designed by *Frank Rea, Forget Me Not Flowers*. The rustic yet elegant structure was placed at the top of the beach beneath two trees and featured an abundance of pink spray roses.

Reverend Dale Rose officiated the ceremony which included a blessing of the couple's newborn daughter and some beautiful words in remembrance of Sarah's father. A violinist from *Wellington Music* played songs from Rush throughout, as Scott is a huge fan of the Canadian rock band.





Sarah's crystal studded shoes by Aruna Seth were purchased at *Kleinfeld Hudson's Bay*. Her rose gold jewellery was designed by *Tara Fava Jewellery*.



Sarah worked with an artist in New York to create a custom pair of Vans (Scott's favourite shoes) as a wedding gift. The shoes represented Scott's love for Muskoka, his cottage, and his passion for water skiing.



» BEACH CEREMONY  
Floral and event designer Frank Rea of *Forget Me Not Flowers* was hired to transform the couple's island retreat into a romantic, white and pink oasis for the occasion.



» SENTIMENTAL STEMS  
Sarah carried a loose, cascade style bouquet made with a variety of pink and white blooms. The bouquet was accented with heather, a plant believed to bring good luck, that was picked in Scotland fifty years ago and gifted to the bride by a friend.







#### » FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

The couple's biggest priority when planning their wedding was that their six children—Adeline, Catherine, Jack, Odessa, Max, and their eighteen-month-old daughter, Priscilla-Tia—felt included in the day. It was also important to Sarah that the wedding honour her father who passed away last year. "My father was my best friend and my rock, so it was important that he was there in some way," shares Sarah.



#### » CHAMPAGNE WELCOME

Upon arrival at the cottage dock, male servers dressed in all-white greeted attendees and offered mini bottles of pink Moët & Chandon champagne.

A canoe was transformed into a fun serving cooler for easy access to ice-cold beverages.



#### » ROSY RECEPTION

An outdoor reception followed on the tennis court of the property. *Anne Anderson Events* and *Frank Rea, Forget Me Not Flowers* collaborated to create the atmosphere of an elegant, garden party. The celebration was housed in a giant outdoor tent from *Advanced Tent Rental* draped in all-white fabric by *Eventure Inc.* Dining tables were covered with burlap table linens and paired with wooden chairs. Tables were adorned with custom trees comprised of knotted dragonwood branches draped in white wisteria and ruscus. The trees were decorated with hanging crystal chandeliers and loose floral arrangements around the base. Tables also featured low floral centrepieces filled with roses in different hues of pink and an array of candles. "There were pink roses everywhere," remembers Sarah.

Reclaimed, Muskoka wood chargers from *Exclusive Affair Rentals* were topped with ivory and taupe accented linen napkins at each place setting.







» PERSONALIZED MENU  
The couple chose *Daniel et Daniel Event Creation & Catering* to create a dinner inspired by family meals they often cook at their cottage. The meal included a starter of compressed watermelon salad with feta cheese, a perfect appetizer for a summer wedding. Daniel et Daniel Event Creation & Catering also created savoury pink macarons and soup monogrammed with an "S" (the couple's shared initial) for the occasion. It was a very personal touch," recalls Sarah.

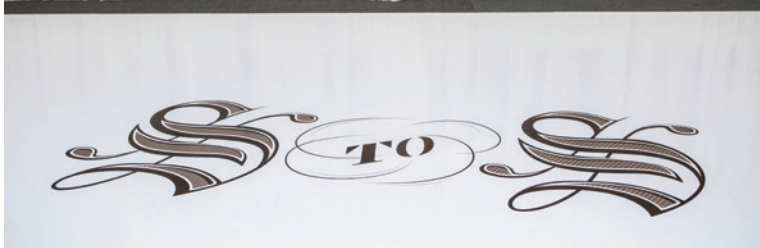
» PINK CONFECTIONS  
The couple's blush pink wedding cake with crystal accents was from *Bobbette & Belle*. The cake was displayed with matching pink meringues and French macarons that were also produced by the Toronto bakery.







A monogram of the couple's initials was printed on a white dance floor produced by *Dance Floor Décor*. The monogram (designed by a corporate supplier) was inspired by an antique, silver bowl that is a family heirloom on Scott's side and engraved with "S to S."



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Kevin O'Leary of ABC's *Shark Tank* was among the guests at the summer wedding.

#### » SURPRISE BAND

After dinner, guests were treated to a performance by the Canadian country rock band *Blue Rodeo*. The band started performing during the couple's first dance to the surprise and delight of guests. "We have been fans of the band for as long as I can remember, so it was a special and fun moment for Scott and I," Sarah shares. Nick Mirka at *Mitchell Reilly Pictures* captured the performance on film. Following the private concert, a DJ from *Sole Power Productions* kept the party going and the dance floor packed.

Sarah and Scott couldn't have been happier with how their wedding unfolded. "We're still talking about how much fun we had with all of our guests. The day goes by so fast, but we really took the time to enjoy it," shares Sarah.

The newlyweds are still deciding their honeymoon plans. In the meantime, they're enjoying married life and spending quality time with their family. "Our life is a honeymoon," Sarah gushes. The couple reside in Toronto where Sarah is co-host and co-producer of *Today's Talk* on Rogers TV (local Peel Region station) and Scott is a prominent technology and media venture capitalist. ~



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