



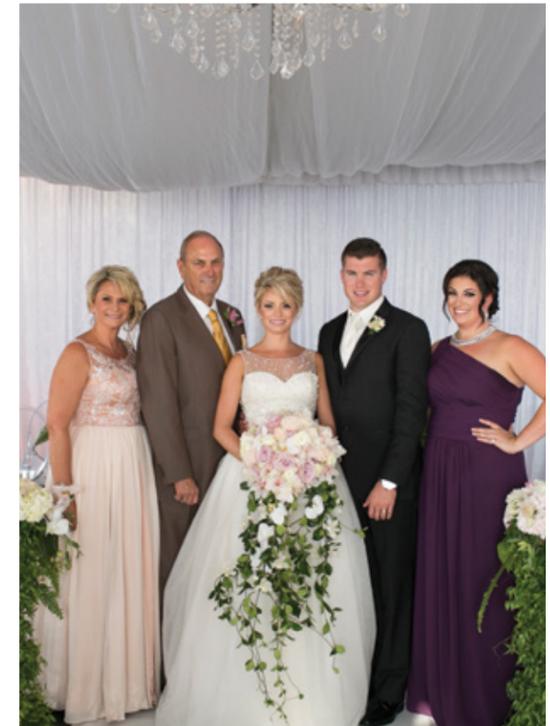
JAYNA MARIE MAKEUP + HAIR styled Samantha's hair and makeup.

Spencer was dressed in a Calvin Klein suit from THE TUX STORE.

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# SAMANTHA SPENCER *and*

“A JOURNEY INTO THE CLOUDS” AND A LOVE OF FAMILY  
ARE AT THE HEART OF THIS FAIRYTALE-INSPIRED MOUNTAINTOP WEDDING



SAMANTHA TRELIVING AND SPENCER CROMIE WERE INTRODUCED BY TWO OF THEIR CLOSEST FRIENDS IN 2011. The pair met at a Vancouver pub-lounge and romantic sparks flew, just as their friends had predicted. “It was one of the most memorable nights of my life,” recalls Samantha. “I will never forget how Spencer took my breath away, as we danced all night into the early morning. I felt like I was floating on cloud nine.” On a wintry night in December 2012, Spencer proposed to Samantha while the pair were enjoying a walk in Samantha’s favourite park. On the evening of the proposal, Spencer convinced Samantha to take a walk with their dog Dexter despite the frightful weather outside. “Dexter loves the snow, which was a foolproof plan on Spencer’s part,” says Samantha. During the walk, Spencer started reciting a heartfelt poem that he wrote. “As he was reading his poem, I started to understand what was happening. He then got down on bended knee and the last line of the poem was, ‘If I only had one wish in my entire life, I would wish for you to be my wife,’” remembers Samantha.

The couple were married on August 23, 2014 at **GROUSE MOUNTAIN RESORTS**. Sandy Pandher of **DREAMGROUP PRODUCTIONS** was hired to provide full-service planning and design assistance for the wedding. “Sandy is my wedding angel. She truly helped my fairytale vision come to life by placing together the perfect team for our day,” Samantha shares.

Family is hugely important to Samantha and Spencer. With this in mind, they ensured their loved ones were involved in all decisions surrounding the wedding. Samantha credits both her mother and her grandfather—Canadian business mogul and star of CBC’s *Dragons’ Den*, Jim Treliving—with helping make their wedding day dreams come true.

Suzane Lee of **GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST** produced all of the floral designs for the event, including Samantha’s oversized bouquet. In remembrance of her grandmother, Samantha attached a locket to the bouquet containing her photo inside.

The couple had their “first look” on the rooftop patio at the **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL VANCOUVER** and were legally married there during a private, intimate ceremony. Immediately afterward, they headed to Grouse Mountain where a second ceremony and the celebratory festivities took place.



Phoebe Tsui of LOVE BY PHOEBE designed the couple's custom monogram and wedding stationery.



The maid-of-honour and bridesmaids wore floor-length dresses in different shades of purple from Vancouver's FROCKS MODERN BRIDESMAIDS.

"They brought in a team of engineers, scaffolding crew, and flooring experts to build the complicated ceremony site. No one had ever constructed a tent in this particular location prior due to the grade of the slope." – SAMANTHA

### MOUNTAINTOP CELEBRATION

Samantha said "I Do" in an Amsale gown from **BLUSH BRIDAL & SPECIAL OCCASIONS** that was customized with crystal-embellishments and altered by **KATHRYN BASS BRIDAL**. Elsa Corsi of **JEWELIETTE** designed the bride's custom crystal and pearl jewellery. Spencer had Samantha's diamond engagement ring designed by a private family jeweller—who had previously designed wedding rings for his grandmother, mother, and sister as well.

Private valets were hired to greet each guest at the base of Grouse Mountain, before ushering them into the floral-decorated, private skyride. As guests stepped off the skyride at the top of the mountain, they received a refreshing drink, sunscreen, and bug spray!

Sandy Pandher of **DREAMGROUP PRODUCTIONS** worked with event designer Colin Upright of **UPRIGHT DECOR** and **PHOENIX TENT & EVENT RENTALS** to construct an elaborate outdoor tent on the side of Grouse Mountain for the "I Do's." Colin Upright and his team from Upright Decor draped the tent with white flowy chiffon and hung a crystal chandelier in the centre. "Colin was so accommodating to our vision. He, along with his team spent countless hours on the mountain, driving up and down to ensure nothing was missed," recalls Samantha. Guests were seated on Louis Ghost chairs from **LOUNGEWORKS**, while the couple's immediate family sat on dining chairs made of linen and oak. A white aisle runner with a monogram of the couple's initials (designed by **LOVE BY PHOEBE**) was lined with bountiful ivy, white orchids, and gardenias. Two floral panel backdrops made with tropical greenery and white blooms beautifully framed the ceremony area and evoked a rainforest element.

Samantha's uncle Brad (aka Brad Treiving, general manager of the *Calgary Flames*) walked her down the aisle and a dear friend of the couple served as officiant. After the pair were announced as husband and wife, a pianist from the **FAMOUS PLAYERS BAND** performed "Stay With Me" by Sam Smith.

Samantha dreamed of taking photos on a swing surrounded by flowers on her day and the couple's wedding dream team was able to make her wish a reality. **GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST** created the beautiful floral backdrop and **PHOENIX TENT & EVENT RENTALS** built the swing that featured an etching of the couple's monogram. "Spencer and I have taken the seat and made it into our entrance table," shares Samantha.



"Our guests felt like they were floating amongst the clouds."  
— SAMANTHA





Guests were greeted to the cocktail tent with the couple's signature drink; a blackberry thyme sparkler rimmed with golden sugar.



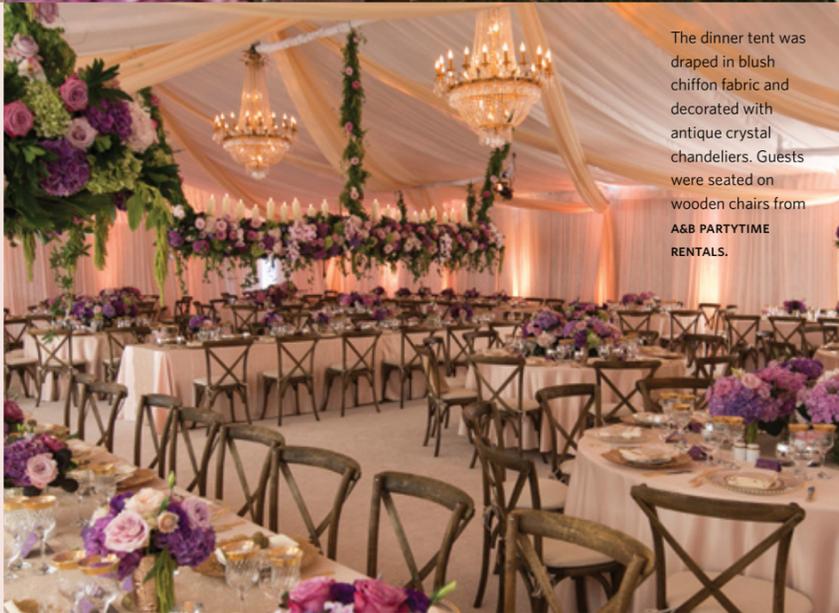
An oyster bar from CURIOUS OYSTER served guests throughout the night.



### FAIRYTALE RECEPTION

Colin Upright of **UPRIGHT DECOR** designed the romantic, fairytale-like reception working in collaboration with floral designer Suzane Lee of **GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST** and planner Sandy Pandher of **DREAMGROUP PRODUCTIONS**. **PHOENIX TENT & EVENT RENTALS** erected a series of outdoor tents on the plaza at **GROUSE MOUNTAIN RESORTS** for the celebration. **LOVE BY PHOEBE** created a whimsical seating chart that was displayed on a bed of moss and framed with fresh flowers.

Gorgeous suspended floral arrangements were placed above some tables, including the couple's long head table. The incredible displays featured green amaranthus, blush and lilac-coloured roses, deep purple orchids and lisianthus, scabiosa pods, and vines. For an added touch of enchantment, pillar candles were placed on top of the hanging arrangements.



The dinner tent was draped in blush chiffon fabric and decorated with antique crystal chandeliers. Guests were seated on wooden chairs from **A&B PARTYTIME RENTALS**.



Place settings included gold charger plates topped with heartfelt thank-you notes from the couple wrapped in lace. The royal purple and gold place cards featured hand calligraphy by **LOVE BY PHOEBE**.



"When I walked into the tent, it was the perfect vision of opulence."  
— SAMANTHA



The bride and groom's chairs were decorated with charming signs that read 'My Darling Wife' and 'My Wonderful Husband.' "We included quotes and signage throughout the wedding, which held great meaning for me," shares Samantha.



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### NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

**GROUSE MOUNTAIN RESORTS** catered a delicious three-course meal that started with antipasti served family-style.

Nicole McEachnie of **CAKE BY NICOLE MCEACHNIE** created the rustic yet elegant wedding cake. She also created a mini 'groom's version' for Spencer that featured a replica of his beloved truck spinning mud atop the tiny cake clone!

Musician/vocalist **ANDREW JOHNS** performed during dinner, and **FAMOUS PLAYERS BAND** had the dance floor packed all night. "Even Spencer's eighty-nine year old grandmother brought her dancing shoes and danced the night away until 2:00 a.m.," recalls Samantha. The team at **CAPTURE THE MOMENT MEDIA** was on hand to document the entire event on film.

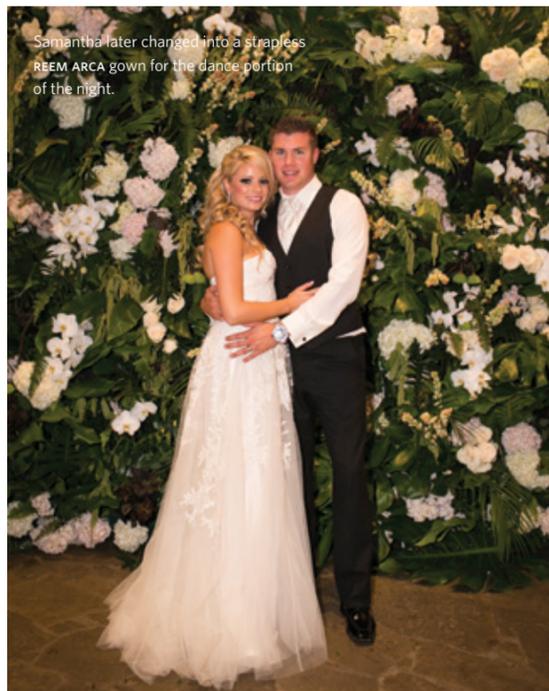
A photo booth from **THE COLLECTIVE YOU** produced personalized photos of each guest that were displayed at the end of the night. Guests took home succulent plants that were playfully labeled "Let Love Grow" and a collection of spice blends from **THE DIRTY APRON** created in collaboration with the couple.

Samantha's grandfather, Jim Treliving gifted the couple with a two-week honeymoon in French Polynesia. The newlyweds explored different islands, and ended their trip at the **FOUR SEASONS RESORT BORA BORA** where they stayed in a romantic over-water bungalow.



Samantha later changed into a strapless **REEM ARCA** gown for the dance portion of the night.

An old school, ice-cream sundae trolley serving the couple's five favourite flavours of ice cream was provided by **TIN CAN STUDIO**.



ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER  
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Lori Miles has been documenting fabulous weddings for over a decade. Her passion for capturing authentic moments has become her signature style, resulting in classic, elegant and timeless images. "I love that my job allows me to connect with people and feel honoured that my clients choose me to document one of the most important days of their lives."

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