

“Behind all of the beauty and glamour of our day, the most important aspect of all was to be saying my vows and beginning a new chapter in life with my soulmate and best friend.”—DAVID



Paul was dressed in a classic black Armani tuxedo from HARRY ROSEN. David wore a black tuxedo and custom-made white dress shirt from GARRISON BESPOKE. David later changed into a midnight blue dinner jacket, also from Garrison Bespoke.

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DAVID and PAUL

A MODERN, BLACK-TIE WEDDING INFUSED WITH OLD HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR



DAVID KELLY AND PAUL MAGIS MET THROUGH AN ONLINE DATING WEBSITE IN 2009. On their first date, Paul invited David over for dinner and the two spent the night getting to know one another over a bottle of wine. “Our ‘dinner date’ led to us spending the entire weekend together and the rest, as they say, is history,” shares David. After four years of dating, the couple were engaged in December of 2013. Paul purchased the engagement ring and then hid the ring box in the home he and David shared, as he plotted the proposal plans. Although Paul originally wanted to pop the question in New York’s Central Park, an impromptu proposal took place in the couple’s living room after David stumbled across the ring! “We were in our pajamas along with Paul’s sister who was in town for the weekend. It was not as romantic as originally desired, but it was certainly funny and memorable,” shares David.

David and Paul were married on November 29, 2014 at the **GARDINER MUSEUM** in Toronto. Shealyn Angus of **BLISS EVENTS** provided event design and full-service planning for the wedding. David had a strong vision for the day and worked closely with Shealyn to bring the elegant, black-tie event to life. “Shealyn completely ‘got me’ and helped bring the vision in my mind to reality,” David shares. “The biggest priority when planning this wedding was to ultimately make Paul happy and proud. I wanted it to be an event that truly reflected who we are as individuals, and now as a couple.”

The couple’s wedding rings were custom-made by **JOCKHECK JEWELLERS**. David’s friend Madeleine served as his “maid of honour” and wore a black, floor-length gown. Paul’s brother stood beside him in a custom tuxedo from **STONEY CREEK TAILORS**.

Laura K Beuparlant of **LAURA K INVITATIONS** designed the wedding stationery, including the invitation suite printed on black suede cardstock with gold foil and white accents which set the tone for the stylish event. The colour scheme of the invitation was carried across the day-of stationery and wedding decor.

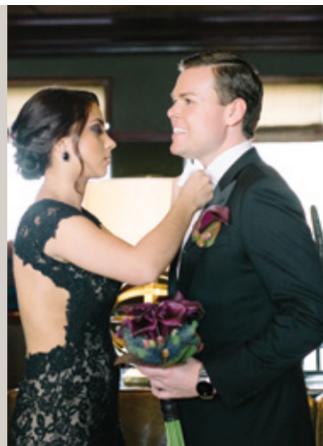


The ceremony took place in the Terrace Room at the **GARDINER MUSEUM**. A black industrial-style shelving unit was filled with rows of candles and served as the ceremony backdrop. David and Paul exchanged personal vows on a round white rug surrounded by their nearest and dearest. "It was important to us that the ceremony was non-denominational and incredibly lighthearted and casual in its approach," says David.



Mirrored stands topped with giant, chrome and glass lanterns beautifully lined the aisle.

Todd Kjargaard of **JACKIE O** produced all of the floral for the event, including the couple's simple yet stunning boutonnières that were both made with a single deep purple calla lily and bound with black leather. For contrast, David's boutonniere was accented with pine cone buds while Paul's featured blue thistles.



"We were overwhelmed with how original and beautiful the arrangement was," says David. "Who gets to dine underneath a plethora of gorgeous phalaenopsis orchids?"

BLACK-TIE PARTY

Shealyn Angus of **BLISS EVENTS** and Todd Kjargaard of **JACKIE O** collaborated on the design of the reception. Three long communal tables were set up in the space and covered with sleek black linens from **AROUND THE TABLE**.

Guest tables were paired with white Pierre chairs, while the head table was paired with black Victoria Ghost chairs from **CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE RENTALS INC.** that were enhanced with gold vinyl stripes from **DANCE FLOOR DÉCOR**. A breathtaking, suspended floral arrangement with white orchids and wisteria wood

was the focal point of the head table, designed by the team at **JACKIE O** to resemble a "white orchid cloud." Place settings featured gold charger plates from **FOS DECOR CENTER** topped with personalized black and white menus designed by **LAURA K INVITATIONS**. In lieu of wedding favors, the couple made a donation to **THE PRINCESS MARGARET CANCER FOUNDATION** on behalf of all of the guests. The donation was noted on the bottom of the personalized menus. "Everything was black, white, or gold—it was all very streamlined and thought out. Each element was artfully put together to create a completely cohesive look," says David.



DECADENT DETAILS

JAMIE KENNEDY KITCHENS catered a memorable three-course meal that began with a starter of beet salad with puy lentils and crumbled feta. “The food was incredible,” says David. “Jamie Kennedy sat down with us and built out the perfect locally sourced, seasonal menu to serve to our guests.”

For an added dose of old Hollywood ambience, **THE SUSAN DUNSTAN JAZZ QUARTET** serenaded guests throughout dinner and DJ Jason from **NTH DEGREE ENTERTAINMENT GROUP** had the dance floor packed later in the evening.

Nadia Colella of **NADIA & CO-** created a spectacular sweet table that echoed the elegant, black-tie theme of the wedding. The black industrial-style shelf from the couple’s ceremony was used to showcase the different varieties of desserts that included mini éclairs, French macarons, lollipops, cupcakes, and meringues. “The makeshift ‘sweet shop’ was one of our favourite design details. It was such a fun idea,” recalls David.

David and Paul tell us they wouldn’t change anything about their wedding. “The day flew by so fast, like some wonderful dream, yet was long and emotional all at once,” says David. The newlyweds will be travelling to the Mediterranean on their honeymoon later this year. The couple currently reside in Toronto where David works in public relations and Paul is a business executive/entrepreneur.



NADIA & CO- created a mini wedding cake for the couple that featured a monogram of their initials and sugar flowers with gold detailing.



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