Ana Sorys styled the bride's hair and **LUCKY MAKEUP** provided makeup services.

Andre was dressed in formal wear from **ARMANI.**

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NICOLE *and* ANDRE

A CREATIVE COUPLE WITH TIES TO THE TV AND FILM INDUSTRY CELEBRATE THEIR WEDDING WITH A ROCK MEETS ROYALTY-THEMED SOIRÉE

TELEVISION HOST/MUSIC WRITER NICOLE HOLNESS MET ANDRE BHARTI, FILM PRODUCER/PRESIDENT & CEO OF BHARTI CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, AT A BAR IN TORONTO'S YORKVILLE NEIGHBOURHOOD FOUR YEARS AGO. In 2013, the couple were engaged while enjoying a romantic holiday in Jamaica. Andre proposed during a private dinner on the beach and Nicole, of course, said yes!

Nicole and Andre were married on August 16, 2014 at the **BHARTI FAMILY CHALET** in Collingwood, Ontario. The couple wanted the wedding to reflect both of their personalities. Andre is rock n' roll to his core, while Nicole loves everything over-the-top and glamorous, so they naturally decided on a "rock meets royalty" theme! They sought out imaginative, creative professionals to bring their out-of-the-box vision to life. "Neither of us wanted an 'average wedding,' so finding people who 'got us' was a big deal," the couple shares.

THE FELDMAN AGENCY, owned by friends of the Bharti family, provided pre-wedding planning assistance, and Kim Miyama of **KIM MIYAMA EVENTS** was hired to provide partial planning and day-of execution.

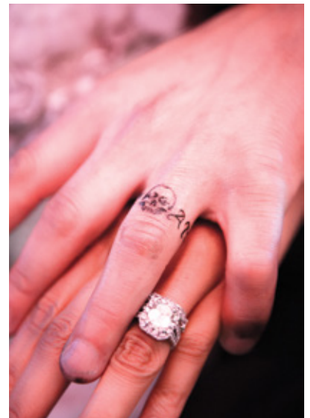
Nicole wore a mermaid-style gown by Israeli designer Oved Cohen. The lace bodice featured handmade flower appliqués along with crystal accents. She later changed into a second gown, also by Oved Cohen, for the late-night party. It was similar to her wedding dress, but with nude sheer fabric fully covered with handmade floral appliqués and crystals.

PALETTERA CUSTOM CORRESPONDENCES designed all of the stationery for the event, including the regal-with-an-edge invitation that featured a personalized family crest which was also incorporated throughout the wedding decor.

Nicole wore three different pairs of statement shoes; metallic leather cage sandals by Dolce & Gabbana via **NET-A-PORTER**, "Angel & Demon" heels by Alexander McQueen, and sculptural coral stilettos by Dior that were purchased at auction.

"The dress was originally released in 2011 and I had saved the photo for the day I was going to walk down the aisle," explains Nicole. "It turned out to be more beautiful than I had imagined."

Marta Urbanowicz, creative director at **FIFTH ELEMENT GROUP**, provided full-service floral design and decor for the event. She created Nicole's floral wrist corsage comprised of white orchids as a modern alternative to a bouquet.



OUTDOOR CEREMONY

The ceremony took place in a large outdoor tent constructed by **ADVANCED TENT RENTAL** (part of **THE EVENT RENTAL GROUP**). Clear Grace chairs from **DETAILZ COUTURE EVENT RENTALS** were set up over a custom, white plexiglass floor designed around the backyard's natural garden areas. The tent was draped in stark white fabric by **MICKI'S**.

The bride's mother walked her down the aisle. "The moment before we walked down, she and I caught eyes and she whispered 'I love you'," Nicole sweetly remembers.

The couple exchanged vows in front of a rock fountain with beautiful trees in the background. A string quartet from **FUSION EVENTS** played classical pop music throughout.

COOL TOUCHES

After the ceremony, **NORTH 44** served fresh shucked oysters and delicious seafood. Cocktails were served at a custom ice bar, etched with the family's crest by **ICECULTURE INC.** A perfume bar from **AROMACHOLOGY** was set up in the space for attendees to create personal fragrances which they could take home as wedding favors.

THE ROCK N' "RING" TENT

During cocktail hour, guests made their way into the aptly-named "Rock Tent," inspired by Andre's love of rock band Guns N' Roses. The space featured red draping, black carpet, stylish lounge furniture and white Moooi chandeliers provided by **CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE RENTALS INC.** Once inside the tent, Andre got a tattoo wedding band inked on his finger by his good friend and tattoo artist Steve Mack from **SMACK TATTOOS**. The tattoo features a skull with the words NIC (short for Nicole) on one side and Andre's initials on the other. The couple was surrounded by family and friends, as they anxiously awaited seeing the final piece of art. **POPBOX** provided a custom vinyl video booth with the rock theme in mind.

White, round guest tables from **CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE RENTALS INC.** were paired with white Louis XVI chairs from **DETAILZ COUTURE EVENT RENTALS.** Each table featured a single, stunning floral centrepiece composed of white hydrangea, roses, and orchids housed in a giant glass vase.

The long head table was decorated with a lavish floral runner made with all-white blooms and accented with candles. The couple sat on ornate, white Swarovski-studded chairs fit for a King and Queen.

The elaborate reception took place in a third outdoor tent designed by Fifth Element Group inspired by Nicole's glam tastes!

The tent featured purple uplighting from **ASHEN WHITE** and a series of hanging crystal chandeliers, including a giant fixture placed above the dance floor that was covered in orchids.

A custom floor, produced by **DANCE FLOOR DÉCOR**, featured the couple's personalized family crest.

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MEMORABLE MOMENTS

NORTH 44 catered a delectable four-course meal with an intermezzo of Meyer lemon sorbet.

WHITE CAKERY CO. created a cake that complemented the majestic reception decor. A pearl-inspired installation designed by **FIFTH ELEMENT GROUP** hung behind the cake, cascading down to the floor.

The **UNIVERSAL BOOGIE BAND** played in the evening and invited Nicole's sister, Karen Holness, on stage to perform a song for the newlyweds. **DJ PERRY GILMAN** kept the dance floor packed all night long.

Guests were gifted with French macarons from **MOROCO CHOCOLAT** and mini bottles of Moët & Chandon champagne—both decorated with the couple's personalized family crest.

Nicole and Andre tell us the only thing they would change about their wedding is the length—they would have had the party go on for another day if people's schedules would have allowed for it! "We loved getting the opportunity to hang out with friends and family from all over the world in one place. This is one of the only times in your life that this happens. It really was the most amazing celebration," shares Andre.

ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER

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T.H. Jackson Huang, Ikonica; In 2001 Jackson was awarded a doctorate from the University of Toronto for his research in Alzheimer's disease; but, rather than continuing on to a career in science, he chose to follow a different path and yield to the power that the photographic image held over him. Since then, his work has received many accolades and awards including the CEIA Best Wedding 2001 and 2002, and Applied Arts Photography and Illustration Annual 2006: Fashion and Beauty.

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