



BLO FOUR SEASONS VANCOUVER styled the bride's hair, and her makeup artist for the day was Sonjdra Deluxe of YouTube fame.

Vedad wore a suit from INDOCHINO, a Tom Ford dress shirt, Crockett & Jones shoes, and David Donahue cufflinks.

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NICKOE and VEDAD

A STYLISH WHITE WEDDING THAT SPEAKS TO THE COUPLE'S BAHÁ'Í FAITH
AND DESIGN AESTHETIC



NETHERLANDS-BORN NICKOE PEYMANI MET VANCOUVERITE VEDAD YADEGARI AT THE 2014 GRAND CANYON BAHÁ'Í CONFERENCE IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA. VEDAD INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO NICKOE AND THE PAIR INSTANTLY CLICKED. The following week, the couple spent over forty hours on the phone getting to know each other and planning their future lives together.

A few months later, Nickoe and Vedad's families met (per Bahá'í tradition) and consented to the pair's wish to marry. Since Nickoe is originally from the Netherlands, the pair decided to hold an engagement party there. On their flight to Amsterdam for the festivities, Vedad surprised Nickoe with news that their "stop" in Paris was actually a two-day stay where he had planned a quick romantic holiday—complete with a "fashion" photoshoot he had arranged for them to take part in. To Nickoe's delight, the two began exploring Paris' famed boutiques looking for the perfect dress for her to wear for the shoot! The following day, as the photographer (Audrey Neracoulis of **LE SECRET D'AUDREY**) was taking photos of the couple in front of the Eiffel Tower, Vedad took out a ring and officially proposed.

According to the Bahá'í faith, the time between the official public announcement of marriage and the wedding ceremony should not exceed ninety-five days, so the pair quickly started planning their wedding day! The couple were married on August 14, 2015 at the **ROSEWOOD HOTEL GEORGIA** in Vancouver—Vedad's hometown. Nickoe and Vedad assembled a talented team of Vancouver wedding professionals to bring their stylish, "pearl-inspired" event to life in just under three months. "We started making plans for our marriage the first week we met and we tend to work very well under pressure, so the opportunity to make decisions on essential wedding details together was enjoyable for us," the couple shares.

The simple yet elegant wedding invitation (designed by **DESIGN LOTUS** and purchased through **MINTED**) set the tone for the event.



TRADITIONAL CEREMONY
The traditional Bahá'í wedding ceremony took place in the Promenade of the **ROSEWOOD HOTEL GEORGIA**. The couple recited vows on a stage that was draped in white sheer fabric and decorated with bountiful, white floral displays on tall acrylic stands. A string trio from **MUSICAL OCCASIONS** performed throughout the ceremony.

ALL-WHITE OASIS
The couple worked closely with **TALA FLORIST** and decorator Neda Emami of **ÉCLAT DECOR INC.** to bring their beautiful reception vision to life. A mix of round and long dining tables were covered with rich, white linens. The tables were paired with white Louis chairs with modern, acrylic backs from Éclat Decor Inc.

WEDDING BANDS & CO. produced the couple's wedding rings, including Nickoe's diamond engagement ring that was designed with input from Vedad.

A traditional Persian dessert spread was presented after the ceremony and featured different types of authentic homemade sweets and pastries.



"When we saw the reception space we were absolutely speechless," remembers Nickoe. "It was exactly how I imagined my dream wedding to look like."

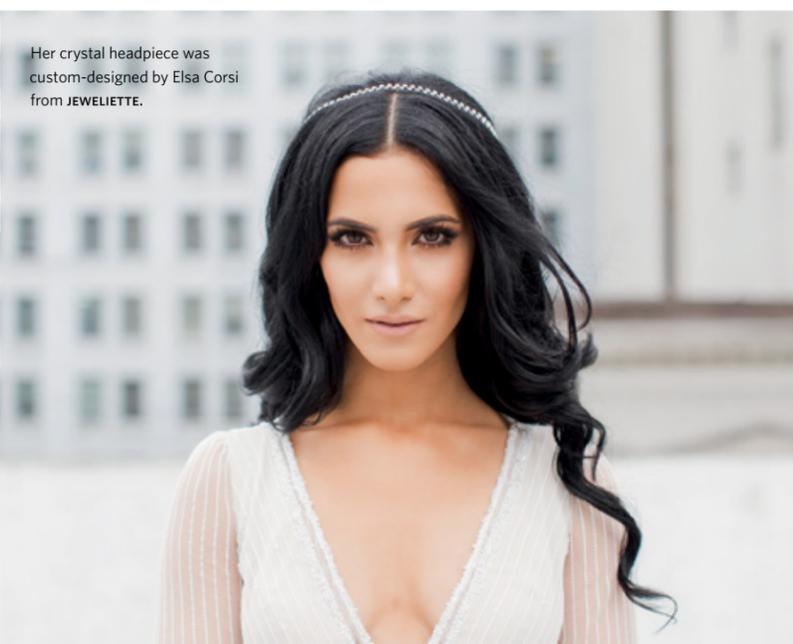


Nickoe wore a sultry, long-sleeved mermaid-style dress that was custom-made by Bulgarian designer Polina Ivanova. The bride's dress arrived from Europe only a few days before the wedding and alterations were quickly done by **AZI'S TAILORING** in West Vancouver. Her silver and crystal shoes were by Jimmy Choo.



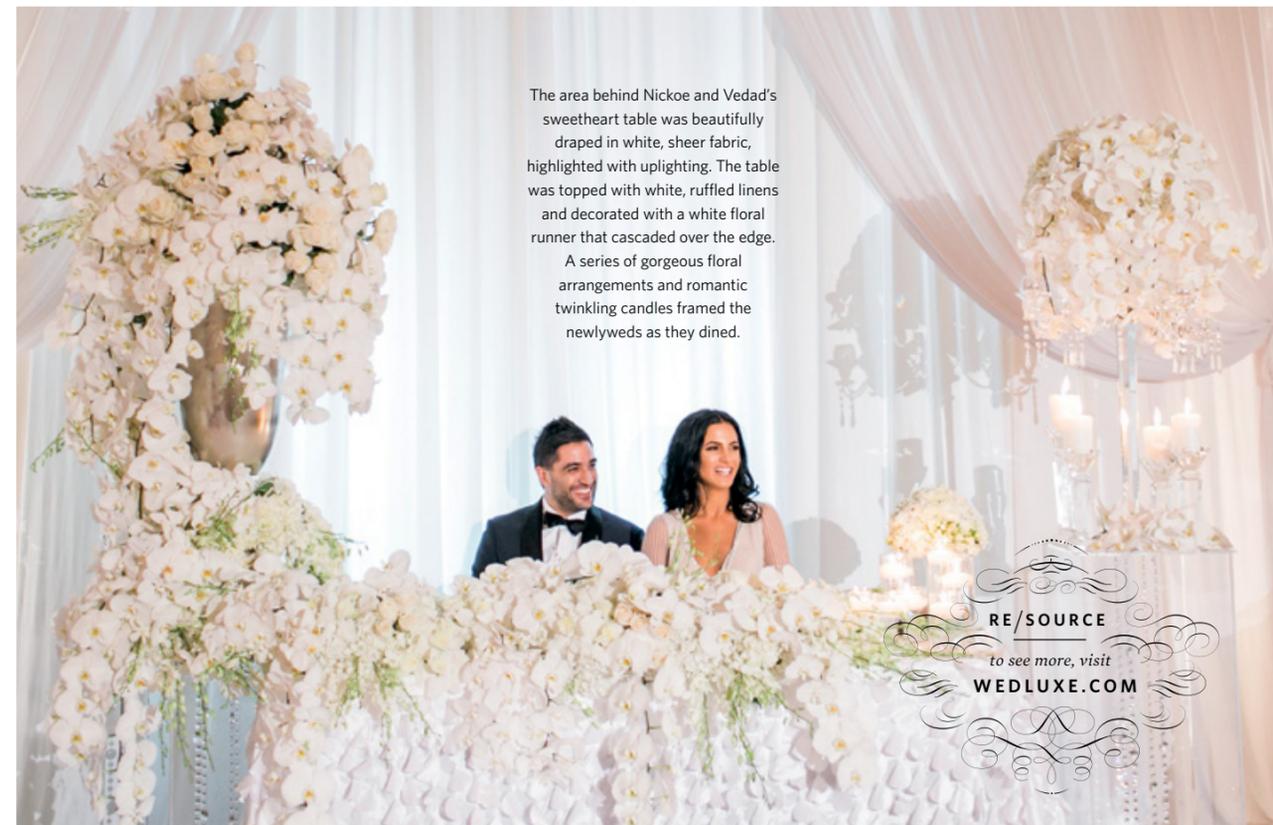
Tina and Hassan Aghamohseni of **TALA FLORIST** produced all of the floral designs for the event, including the bride's all-white bouquet that featured ranunculus and stephanotis with pearl centers.

Her crystal headpiece was custom-designed by Elsa Corsi from **JEWELLETTE**.





Two long tables in the centre of the room were decorated with unique, orchid-filled centerpieces accented with strands of pearls and crystals. The flowers were placed on tall acrylic stands that gave the illusion they were floating in air. Pillar candles in crystal holders and low floral displays also adorned the long tables, while the round tables featured crystal candelabra centerpieces topped with cream and white blooms.



The area behind Nickoe and Vedad's sweetheart table was beautifully draped in white, sheer fabric, highlighted with uplighting. The table was topped with white, ruffled linens and decorated with a white floral runner that cascaded over the edge. A series of gorgeous floral arrangements and romantic twinkling candles framed the newlyweds as they dined.

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One of the most memorable moments of the wedding was the couple's choreographed samba dance that kicked-off the reception. Nickoe and Vedad practiced their performance for over two months and couldn't wait to surprise guests with their dance moves. "The response we received from the audience was absolutely electric and something neither one of us will ever forget," recalls the couple. The performance took place on a custom white dance floor produced by ÉCLAT DECOR INC., and was captured on film by the team at MODERN ROMANCE.



END NOTES

Guests were treated to a decadent three-course meal catered by the **ROSEWOOD HOTEL GEORGIA** and a traditional Persian rice dish prepared by the couple's family. After dinner, DJ Sana Goldan had everyone on the dance floor.

"In the end, everything went even better than we expected" says the couple. "From the floral to the decor to our dance, our vision for the day was fulfilled."

LUXE HONEYMOON

The newlyweds followed the wedding with a honeymoon in Hong Kong and Thailand where they stayed at **THE RACHA**, a luxe resort located on a tropical island off Phuket. Similar to their engagement, Vedad planned the holiday and the travel destinations were a total surprise to Nickoe. The couple currently reside in Jacksonville Beach, Florida where they both work in the field of orthodontics.



ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER
Ophelia Photography

Lisa has spent the last seven years photographing weddings within Canada and around the world. Her passion is to create images that light the soul of her clients on fire. Working with fun loving people who want their stories to be captured in an authentic way is her purpose and passion.

LALEH BAKERY created the couple's white and cream marzipan wedding cake. The cake was topped with a white chocolate sculpture by **TEMPER PASTRY** and was displayed on an acrylic stand filled with thousands of white pearls.

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