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MATTHEW and JESSE

AN URBAN CELEBRATION INSPIRED BY A LOVE OF TRAVEL
AND THE CITY OF TORONTO



MATTHEW DJORSEV AND JESSE CAAMIC MET IN 2005 WHILE ATTENDING RYERSON UNIVERSITY, AND BECAME FAST FRIENDS. THE TWO SHARE A LOVE OF TRAVEL AND WERE VISITING THE CARIBBEAN TOGETHER WHEN THEIR friendship turned to romance! In 2014, after many years of commuting back and forth to each other's homes at opposite ends of Toronto, the couple moved in together. Matthew had a ring for Jesse and had been working on a proposal plan, yet was waiting for the perfect moment to present itself. On the day of their housewarming party he spontaneously presented Jesse with a photo book he had created, with a photo of a ring on the very last page. When Jesse arrived at the ring photo, Matthew took the actual engagement ring out of his pocket and proposed in front of their nearest and dearest!

The couple were married on August 8, 2015 at the **THOMPSON TORONTO**. The pair wanted their wedding to be a modern, ultra-chic celebration that reflected both their passion for luxury travel and their love of downtown Toronto. They turned to wedding planner Malvina Chevolleau of **FABULOUS OCCASIONS** to bring their vision to life.

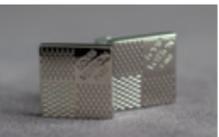
PALETTERA CUSTOM CORRESPONDENCES produced the wedding stationery, including the hardcover invitation that spoke to the event's travel theme and Toronto setting. The invitation featured airport codes of different places the couple have travelled to (along with YYZ for Toronto's Pearson International Airport) and included a personalized monogram of the pair's initials that was carried across the wedding.

Matthew wore a black Giorgio Armani suit from **HARRY ROSEN** and Christian Louboutin shoes. Jesse was dressed in a blue suit and black dress shoes from **HUGO BOSS**. The men both wore Louis Vuitton ties.

The women in the wedding party wore grey dresses in different styles and carried identical custom bow clutches designed by Kim Ironmonger of VALENCIENNE BRIDAL DESIGN. Kim also designed gowns for Matthew's mother and his sisters—Michelle and Shawna, who were both in the wedding party. The men were dressed in matching, black custom suits from ESCO and airplane-shaped cufflinks that fit the wedding theme.



Matthew's cufflinks were by Louis Vuitton and Jesse's cufflinks were designed by Tiffany & Co.



Matthew's wedding band was custom made at IXAM DIAMONDS, and Jesse's ring was designed by Bulgari. On the wedding day, Matthew's parents gifted him with a custom, 18-kt gold ring that was made with a Macedonian coin—the gift was meant as a start to a family heirloom.



Raviv Krikunets of R5 EVENT DESIGN produced the floral and decor, working closely with planner Malvina Chevolleau who also provided design assistance for the event.

LAVISH RECEPTION

The reception took place in the Wellington Ballroom where Raviv and his team from R5 EVENT DESIGN draped the room with custom made black satin draping panels (created to exactly fit the coves of the ceiling.) They also hand-strung over 1,000 glass candle "lanterns" to cover the entire ceiling. Guests were seated on clear Louis Ghost chairs from CHAIR-MAN MILLS at tables covered in pinstriped linens from SUSAN MURRAY INTERNATIONAL.

Exquisite floral arrangements were housed in black vases and included countless exotic flowers that were grown specifically for the celebration.

The THOMPSON TORONTO catered the entire event and served their famous mac & cheese as a late night snack.

Wedding guests had a red-carpet welcome at the THOMPSON TORONTO.



MODERN CEREMONY

The wedding ceremony took place in the lobby lounge of the THOMPSON TORONTO, renowned for its ultra-stylish interior design. The men exchanged personalized vows in front of the lobby's dramatic mural of the Toronto skyline. R5 EVENT DESIGN created a design focal point with a large, custom black frame accented with vibrant blooms.

Matthew and Jesse worked closely with officiant Christiane Bristow of CEREMONIES TO REMEMBER on the flow and script of the intimate ceremony. "We spoke about our personal life experiences, our current life, and the path to our wedding. Our guests were laughing and crying throughout the ceremony," the couple shares.



Place settings featured black charger plates topped with custom menus from PALETTERA CUSTOM CORRESPONDENCES.





The couple dined at a 16-ft long table decorated with a runner of tall floral arrangements with blooms in deep shades of red. The flowers were placed in custom-made black stands framed with a ring of lush floral around the base.

“Due to the quantity of exotic flowers, most of the (floral) farms had to grow them specifically for this wedding; giving literal meaning to the phrase from farm to table.” – MATTHEW



CAPTIVATING CAKE

Christina Wong of **TRUFFLE CAKE & PASTRY** created the couple's sleek and contemporary, 3-ft tall wedding cake. The black and granite-coloured cake featured chevron detailing and the couple's custom monogram. The cake was displayed on a spectacular floral swing designed by **R5 EVENT DESIGN**.

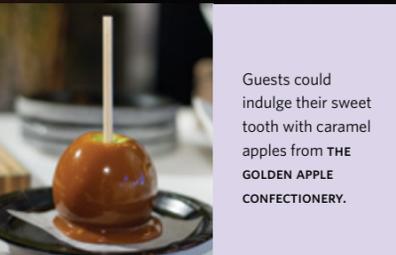
ROOFTOP PARTY

After dinner, the celebration continued on the rooftop patio of the **THOMPSON TORONTO** which boasts sweeping views of the city skyline. The stairs to the roof were lined with candles for the occasion.

Canadian actress Lani Billard (*Ready or Not*) from **J-STIXX LIVE** played bongo drums to get the party started. Next up was the lively Bahamas-based **JUNKANOO BAND**—a nod to the couple's favourite family vacation spot! “The band surprised the guests at 11:00 P.M. and paraded around the rooftop playing various instruments and dressed in authentic Bahamian costumes,” recalls Matthew. A DJ from **IMPACT ENTERTAINMENT** played later on into the wee hours of the morning.

A same-day edit film that included archived footage of the jet-setting couple on a Boeing 737-800 aircraft was produced by **SD ENTERTAINMENT INC.** and screened during dessert. From start to finish, Matthew and Jesse couldn't have been happier with their wedding day. “As over the top and luxurious as the wedding was, at the end of the day it was a celebration of love, family, and friendship,” the newlyweds note.

The couple plan to travel to Asia on their honeymoon next year.



Guests could indulge their sweet tooth with caramel apples from **THE GOLDEN APPLE CONFECTIONERY**.



Drinks were served at a custom-made ice bar from **ICE CULTURE**.



Krista Fox is a widely published and well-traveled visual storyteller. Fueled by her desire to wander from the beaten path, she photographs weddings from the heart, drawing inspiration from nature, fashion, light and love.

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