



Suzane Lee of GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST created all the floral for the wedding, including Denise's bouquet. Granville Island Florist also designed a floral swing to be used as a backdrop for portraits, which is where the couple also enjoyed their 'first look' moment. Rose petals were scattered around the swing to complete the dream-like setting.

MAKEUP BY NILOU provided both hair and makeup styling services.

The groom was dressed in a J.Crew suit and a Hugo Boss bow tie.

photography by
LIFE STUDIOS INC.

DENISE and JONATHAN

A STORYBOOK WEDDING WITH FAIRYTALE ELEMENTS



DENISE MAK AND JONATHAN WU FIRST MET ON DECEMBER 26, 2011, THROUGH A MUTUAL FRIEND WHEN THEY ALL ATTENDED A CONCERT AT THE VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE. JONATHAN ACTIVELY PURSUED DENISE, AND AFTER SIX MONTHS OF PERSISTENCE, THEIR LOVE STORY BEGAN. WHILE TOURING THE WINERIES OF Kelowna with her family, Jonathan surprised Denise with 150 roses (delivered by his parents who had driven five hours to be there!). "I saw Jon holding a big bouquet of flowers and it was his birthday, so I thought someone had bought him flowers, despite them looking so pink and feminine. As I walked towards him, I asked, 'Why do you have those flowers?' and it was at that moment that he knelt down on one knee and asked me to marry him," remembers Denise. "It was so sweet of him to propose in front of my whole family because he knows how much my family means to me."

Jenny De Jong of COUNTDOWN EVENTS PLANNING & DESIGN provided full-service planning and design assistance. Working within Denise's vision of romantic, whimsical, and elegant characteristics, a dreamy fairytale theme began to evolve. With a guest list of 550 attendees, the priority was throwing an enjoyable event for a large number of family and friends. "We went into the planning process knowing that we wanted to throw a party that we would want to attend," says Denise.

FLOURISH BY COLLEEN WINTON created the couple's letterpress invitations, which featured the branches of two large willow trees interlocking, reflecting story-book inspiration.



Denise accessorized with an Elsa Corsi headpiece from JEWELLETTE and earrings, a necklace, rings and a bracelet custom-made by CHRISTINE JEWELLERS LTD. Her heels of choice were a pair of Jimmy Choo pumps from HOLT RENFREW.



The bride wore an Allure gown from LISA'S BRIDAL, as well as a crystal dotted veil. Bridesmaids wore blush chiffon dresses from EVER NEW and each wore a gold bow bracelet from KATE SPADE NEW YORK.



PHOENIX TENT RENTALS provided the outdoor ceremony tent.

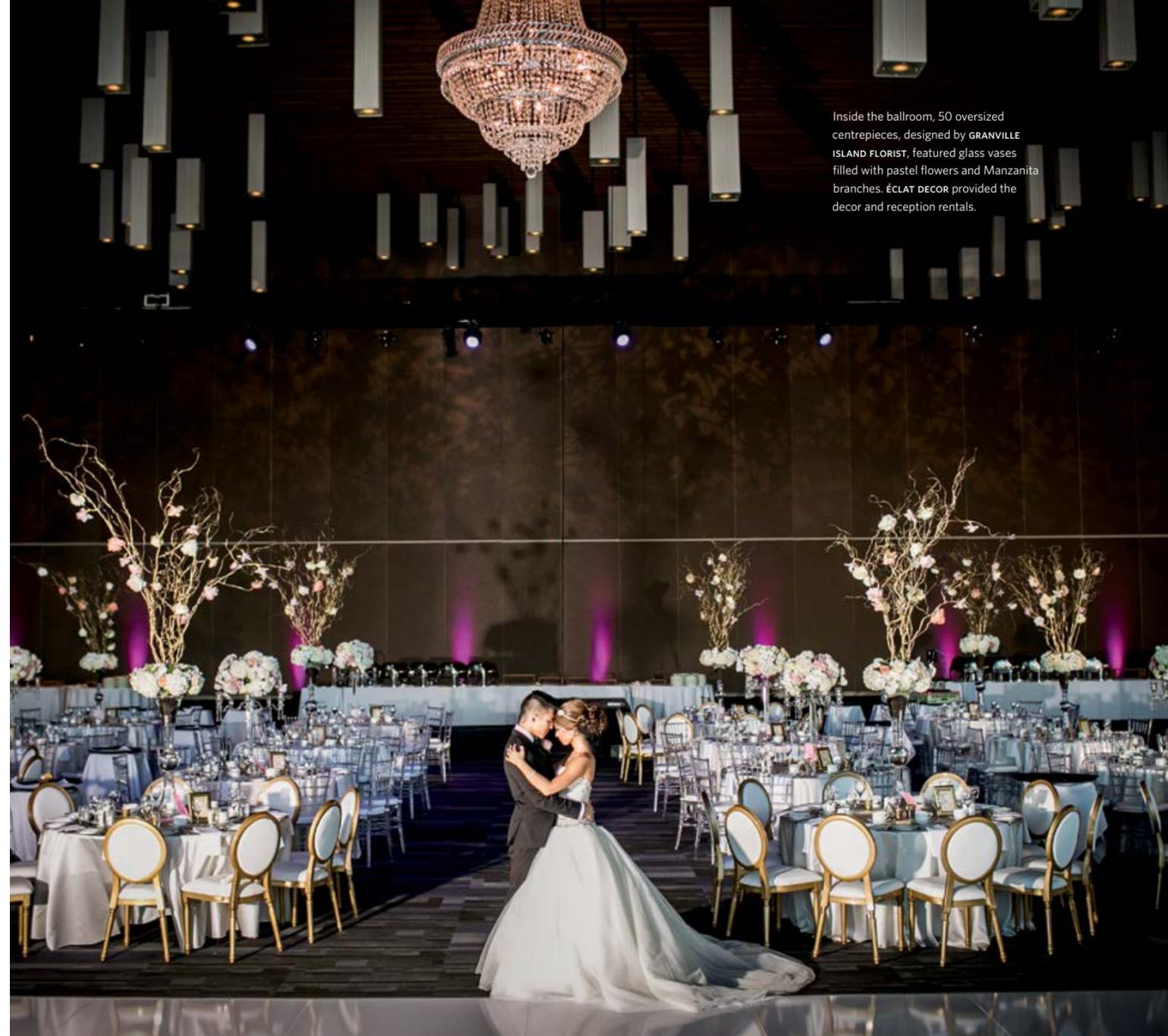


A FULL-CIRCLE CEREMONY

Denise and Jonathan were married on August 22, 2015, in an outdoor ceremony at the VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE in the exact spot where they first met! A string quartet from MUSICAL OCCASIONS performed while guests waited for the ceremony to commence. The couple exchanged personalized vows, officiated by YOUNG HIP AND MARRIED, below a beautiful floral arch produced by GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST.

FLORAL FAIRYTALE

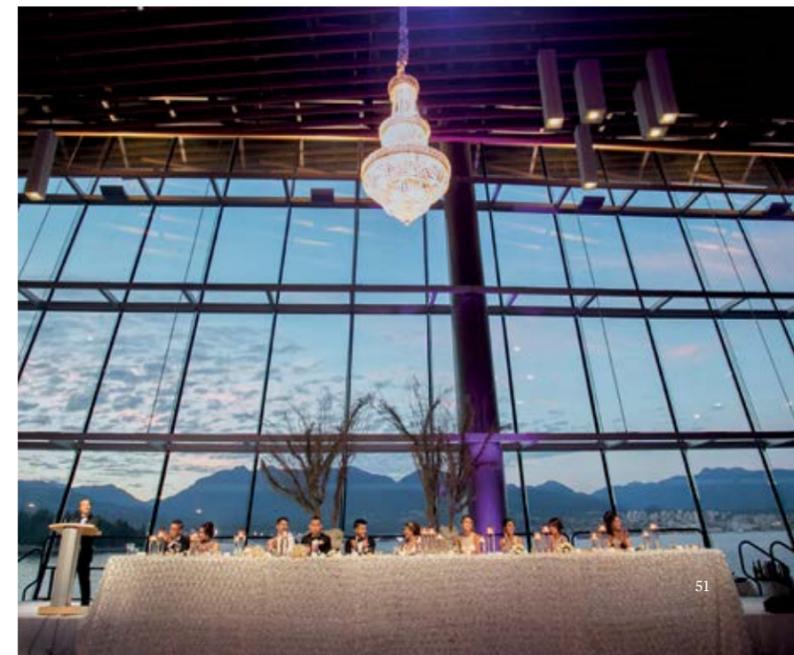
The reception was also held at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Guests made their way into the reception ballroom, first stopping for photos in front of a floral boxwood wall installed by REEL SILKS and decorated with blooms by Granville Island Florist.



Inside the ballroom, 50 oversized centrepieces, designed by GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST, featured glass vases filled with pastel flowers and Manzanita branches. ÉCLAT DECOR provided the decor and reception rentals.

“We had floor-to-ceiling glass windows with a beautiful landscape backdrop of West Vancouver. During the speeches, the guests were able to watch the sun setting behind the head table.” –DENISE

The couple's table numbers created by Jane Kim of ILLUSTRATIONS AND THINGS were designed to look like a chapter out of a fairytale book.





END NOTES

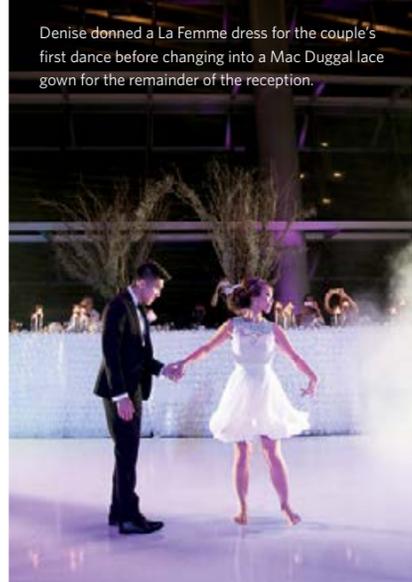
Anna Elizabeth of **A. ELIZABETH CAKES** designed the five-tier chocolate raspberry-flavoured wedding cake.

LIFE STUDIOS INC. captured the day on video for the couple. **PHOTO BOOTH VANCOUVER** took black and white portraits of the guests and **FLIPBOOK ENTERTAINMENT** printed the Flipbooks for guests to take home with them.

The couple plans to take a three-week-long Maldives and Bali honeymoon to celebrate their union.



One of the couple's favourite elements from the wedding was the uplighting provided by **INNOVATION LIGHTING**. "It made such a big difference to the space and set the mood during the reception," recalls Denise. The leaf-like light pattern that was cast onto the walls and changed colours as the evening progressed made an already special first dance all the more magical.



Denise donned a La Femme dress for the couple's first dance before changing into a Mac Duggal lace gown for the remainder of the reception.



Life Studios Inc is a boutique Cinematography and Photography Studio comprised of an international award winning team of artists. Bringing a cinematic approach to storytelling, our job is to think outside the box, and develop and execute a creative vision that would otherwise be out of reach. From Iceland to Africa, from helicopters and hot air balloons to underwater creative wedding shoots, our goal is to embrace our couple's passions and meet the challenge of telling their unique story.

LIFESTUDIOSINC.COM | 604.568.5538