



NADIA ALBANO STYLE INC. provided hair and makeup styling services for Natasha and her sister, who acted as matron of honour for the day.

Khalid wore a Tom Ford suit and Ermenegildo Zegna shirt from HARRY ROSEN, with Prada shoes.

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NATASHA *and* KHALID

A CONTEMPORARY DECO-GLAM INDIAN WEDDING



ON MARCH 26, 2016, NATASHA AND KHALID CELEBRATED THEIR NUPTIALS WITH THEIR NEAREST AND DEAREST AT THE FAIRMONT PACIFIC RIM HOTEL IN VANCOUVER, BC. BASED IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, NATASHA ENTRUSTED her Vancouver-based mother and sister with the responsibility of planning an “Indian deco-glam” celebration. “It gave us the chance to relax and enjoy our engagement,” shares Natasha. The family’s first step was to enlist Soha Lavin of COUNTDOWN EVENTS PLANNING & DESIGN to provide full-service planning and design assistance. “Working with Soha Lavin was the best decision we made,” notes Natasha. “Soha and my family truly planned the day of my dreams.”

The invitation and stationery suite designed by CECI NEW YORK featured a vibrant deco-glam design in pink and seafoam, with hints of gold foil and laser-cut detailing.

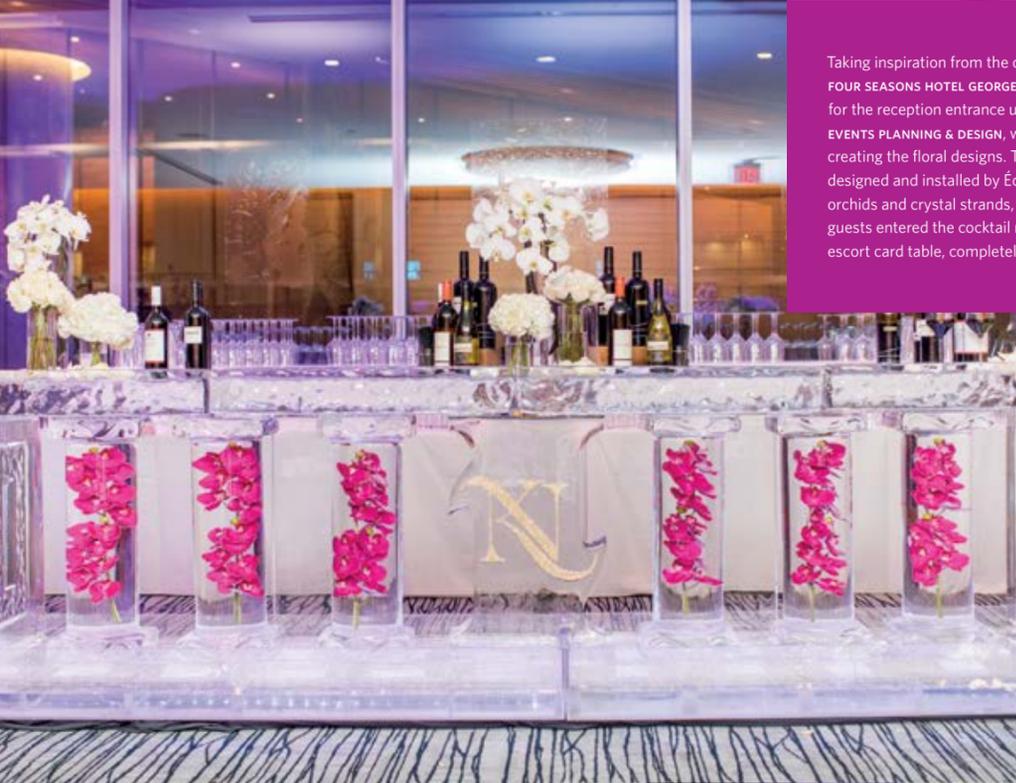
The festivities took place in the Star Sapphire Ballroom at the Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel. With most of the design and decor details kept under wraps from the couple, Natasha and Khalid were extremely eager to see what Soha and her team had produced.

“We were absolutely speechless and it took our breath away; the room was completely transformed,” says Natasha. “Soha must have been telepathic because she incorporated so many of my favourite things even though I hadn’t even told her about them!”

CECI NEW YORK designed a custom monogram, which was carried through from the invitations into the reception, where it was projected onto the entrance wall, and applied to the charger plates, and the dance floor, which was produced by ÉCLAT DECOR.

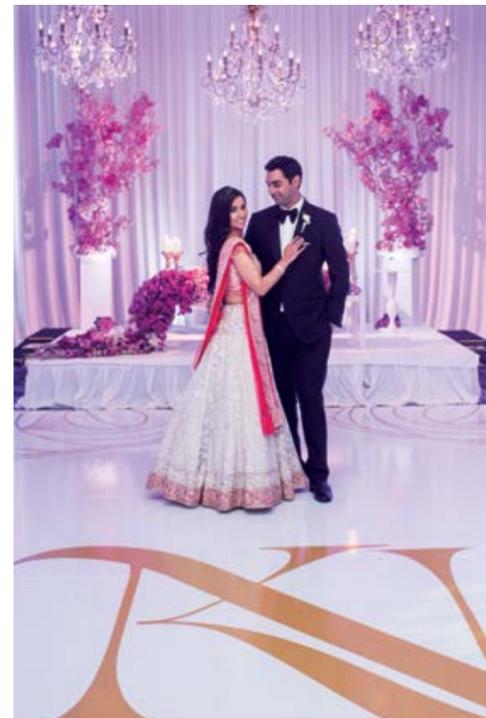


Taking inspiration from the contemporary floral arrangements seen at the luxurious **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GEORGE V PARIS**, the team created a stunning visual statement for the reception entrance under the design direction of Soha Lavin of **COUNTDOWN EVENTS PLANNING & DESIGN**, with Éclat Decor providing the decor and **TALA FLORIST** creating the floral designs. The entrance featured a custom, simulated marble floor designed and installed by Éclat Decor, decorated with rows of trees adorned with orchids and crystal strands, along with floral arrangements of varying heights. As guests entered the cocktail reception space, they were greeted with an arresting escort card table, completely covered in rose and orchid petals.



Inside the ballroom, a luxurious, custom-made ice bar from **ICE DECOR** featured vibrant, fully-bloomed orchids frozen inside of the bar!

Ceci New York designed the couple's signature drink signs that included a "Bourbon Bliss" for him, and a "French 75" for her.



The bride wore a traditional lehenga designed by Manish Malhotra.



The couple's sweetheart table was displayed on a platform at the front of the room surrounded by floral trees from **ART OF THE PARTY**. Three crystal chandeliers were suspended overhead for an extra dose of sparkle. **TALA FLORIST** enhanced the sweetheart table by placing ombré blooms across the table that cascaded onto the floor.



Attendees went home with gold boxes filled with salted caramel and champagne truffles from **THOMAS HAAS CHOCOLATES**.

The crystal Chiavari chairs were provided by **PEDERSEN'S EVENT RENTALS**.

Thousands of orchids were flown in specifically for the event. Using the imported blooms, **TALA FLORIST** topped the dining tables with tall centrepieces composed of orchids, hydrangea, and roses.



The bride's sister wore a pink sari designed by **Manish Malhotra**.



Guests enjoyed a traditional performance by an Indian dancer from **KATHAK 2.0**.

"We wanted the design to be elegant, yet full of bright colours and exotic flavours with a hint of glam seen in the gold and crystal elements." —**NATASHA**

8-ft tall floral tree arrangements with waterfalls of thousands of crystals decorated every other table. Each tree centrepiece took the team six hours to create. "They even worked all night to make everything happen!" shares **Natasha**.



END NOTES

THE GEOFFREY CASTLE BAND performed while guests were treated to a dinner of authentic Indian cuisine, based on a menu co-designed by celebrity Chef **Vikram Vij**, also known as one of the Dragons on CBC's hit television show *Dragon's Den*, along with Chef **Kishore** and Chef **Nathan Brown** from the **FAIRMONT PACIFIC RIM HOTEL** culinary team. "We really wanted our guests to enjoy themselves and so we had many different types of entertainment," notes **Natasha**. With that in mind, even dinner had a playful element; interactive serving stations were set up and the chefs plated the couple's favourite Indian delicacies right in front of their guests!

The couple's wedding cake, designed by **SOIRETTE**, was a hybrid of yummy confections. It had a traditional gold-brushed cake base topped with a tower of macarons, and was finished with delicate, cascading sugar flowers and petals. Bite-size servings of vegan chocolate *creme brûlée*, white chocolate blondies, and an East-meets-West *gulab jamun* cheesecake created by the Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel gave guests an additional dose of sweetness. Completing the spread were tall meringue towers created by **Soirette**.

Guests danced to music spun by DJ **Ace** from **DECIBEL ENTERTAINMENT**. In lieu of receiving gifts, the bride and groom offered their guests the option of making a direct contribution to one of their favourite charities, such as **Doctors Without Borders**, **Grameen Foundation USA**, **Cancer Research Institute**, and **The Hunger Project**. In addition to these charitable organizations, **Natasha** and **Khalid** also registered their wedding with the **I Do Foundation**, allowing any gift and wedding-related purchases through the registry to generate donations in support of their chosen charities.

The newlyweds tell us that the one piece of wedding advice they would give other couples is to enjoy the day, "it passes so quickly," **Natasha** shares.



The couple enlisted **PHOTOBOOTH VANCOUVER** to capture classic black & white shots of their guests, which were then artfully displayed on the walls.



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