



Van Tun from FLHAIR STUDIOS provided hair styling services. Jasmine Hoffman provided makeup application services. The groom wore a Canali suit from HARRY ROSEN.

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# DORA *and* JAMES

ROYAL WEDDING VIBES ACHIEVED WITH REGAL PINK AND GOLD DESIGN



**I**N 2012, ACCOUNTANT DORA SZE MET FINANCIAL ANALYST JAMES REID AT THE DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER CHARTERED ACCOUNTING FIRM WHERE THEY BOTH WORKED. THE PAIR DATED COVERTLY FOR SIX MONTHS BEFORE THEY WENT PUBLIC WITH THEIR RELATIONSHIP, AFTER JAMES LEFT THE FIRM. IN DORA'S WORDS, "THE INITIAL SECRECY WAS EXCITING, BUT NOTHING COMPARED TO BEING ABLE TO TELL EVERYONE ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP."

In January of 2015, the couple was walking home from a lunch date along with Dora's best friend and her husband when James got down on one knee in the rain and proposed. Their friends had been informed of the proposal plans in advance and were able to snap some great photos of the special moment! Little did Dora know that another surprise was waiting for them at home. James had flown in Dora's mom, along with his family, so they could all celebrate the engagement together.

Dora and James were married at the FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER on November 21, 2015. Dora planned the festivities herself, but brought on Aurora Buchanan of ALICIA KEATS WEDDINGS & EVENTS for same-day coordination. "She understood everything that I needed on the day and did an amazing job of keeping everything running smoothly."

WEDDING PAPER DIVAS designed the couple's opulent invitations with gold foil trim, gold foil lettering, and pink and gold wrap-around labels.



The bride wore a Monique Lhuillier gown and veil from **BISOU BRIDAL**. She accessorized with crystal teardrop earrings from **BLUE RUBY** and a 2.65-carat diamond necklace, which was a gift from her mother, custom-made in San Francisco.

Dora's bouquet, designed by Evan Orion of **FLOWERZ**, featured roses in various shades of pink with a satin trim around the stems.



Dora wore silver Sergio Rossi heels from **SAKS FIFTH AVENUE** in Bal Harbour, Florida.



Evan Orion of both **FLOWERZ** and **KONCEPT EVENT DESIGN** provided floral and full-service decor and design services for the wedding. A design focal point of the ceremony was a series of tiered tables and pillars, which were topped with gilded candelabras and bowls filled with overflowing pink and white blooms. With the ornate decor of the space and the soft flowers used in the designs, Dora's vision of a majestic wedding was brought to life.



Dora's six bridesmaids wore pink Grecian-inspired gowns from **DAVID'S BRIDAL**.



The reception was lit in soft pink and guests were seated on gold Grace chairs. "Evan transformed the space into a fairytale palace," notes Dora. Gold chargers from the **FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER** and blush pink linens from **KONCEPT EVENT DESIGN** topped the tables. Full arrangements of cascading orchids wrapped around alternating candelabras. For a dynamic floral runner effect, petite centerpieces were placed in between each of the candelabras. The beautiful chandeliers and high ceilings in the ballroom were enhanced by the spectacular floral designs.

"My jaw dropped when I walked into the reception and I saw how beautiful the room looked!" —DORA

Koncept Event Design provided lighting and **BEYOND SOUND** provided AV services.



The escort cards were ordered from MINTED.



The FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER catered the delectable three course meal.



For the reception, Dora changed into a blue feathered Tony Bowls gown.



Guests were treated to a performance from the groom's sister, Emily Reid, a rising country singing star.

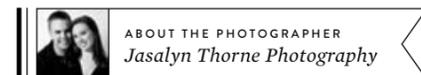


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The pale pink, four-tier wedding cake with gold filigree detailing was designed by A. ELIZABETH CAKES and topped with pink sugar peonies.

After dinner, guests danced the night away to music spun by Jordan Zwicker of BEYOND SOUND, who orchestrated a heated dance-off between the guests. "At one point our friends even hoisted us up on their shoulders!" shares Dora. THE COLLECTIVE YOU was on hand to take portraits of guests for a special keepsake.

The couple followed the event with a whirlwind honeymoon around the world with stops in Paris, Prague, Dubai, Tokyo, and the Maldives, where they stayed in an idyllic overwater bungalow.



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