



Allison Kam provided hair styling and Joan Huang of AGLOWBYJOAN provided makeup services.

Jordan wore formalwear from GARRISON BESPOKE for the occasion.

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SARA and JORDAN

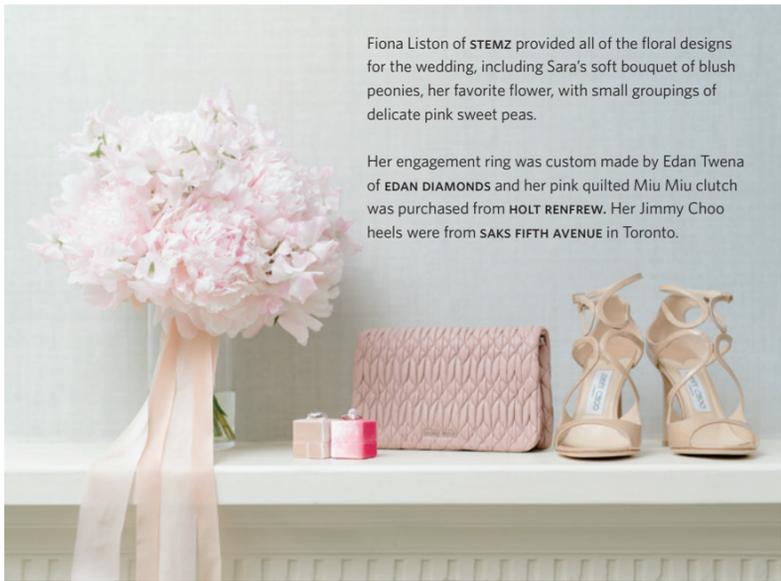
An All-White Wedding Filled with Cherry Blossoms and Pops of Peonies



PALETTERA CUSTOM CORRESPONDENCES designed the couple's invitations, which when opened resembled a blooming flower. They featured a custom illustrated, blind debossed, floral pattern inspired by Sara's gown.

SARA BANK AND JORDAN TANNENBAUM WERE BROUGHT INTO EACH OTHER'S LIVES ON MAY 25, 2010, ON JORDAN'S 20TH BIRTHDAY. ALTHOUGH Jordan had long been a good friend of Sara's sister, he and Sara had never crossed paths before. Sara attended the birthday celebration with her sister and she and Jordan quickly hit it off and spent the entire evening together. Five years later, in Trinity Bellwoods Park, on a quiet fall day after a quick stop to pick up coffee and macarons from **NADÈGE PATISSERIE**, Jordan asked Sara to be his wife.

Sara and Jordan were wed on June 26, 2016, at the **FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK** in a celebration that resembled a modern daydream. Sara enlisted Melissa Baum of **MELISSA BAUM EVENTS** to provide full-service planning and design assistance for the event. "She planned and executed the most spectacular wedding, which completely exceeded our expectations, and we were so grateful to her," shares Sara. "From the beginning, she made us feel like family rather than clients." Having to plan an event for 350 people was no easy feat, but with Melissa's help, they were able to create a wedding that celebrated Sara's love of flowers and floral patterns, all grounded in a colour palette of dove grey, ivory, blush, and rose gold.



Fiona Liston of **STEMZ** provided all of the floral designs for the wedding, including Sara's soft bouquet of blush peonies, her favorite flower, with small groupings of delicate pink sweet peas.

Her engagement ring was custom made by Edan Twena of **EDAN DIAMONDS** and her pink quilted Miu Miu clutch was purchased from **HOLT RENFREW**. Her Jimmy Choo heels were from **SAKS FIFTH AVENUE** in Toronto.



The bride wore a Monique Lhuillier gown from **WHITE TORONTO** paired with David Yurman pearl drop and diamond earrings from Holt Renfrew.



Cherry blossoms were featured prominently in the design of the wedding.

Bridesmaids were outfitted in blush-hued gowns of their choosing from White Toronto, **KLEINFELD HUDSON'S BAY**, and Saks Fifth Avenue in Boston. Sara's sister (and maid of honour) wore an Amsale gown with a crystal belt from White Toronto. They all carried petite bouquets of white peonies.



"The height of the lush chuppah was spectacular. It was modern and romantic and looked so grand and beautiful in the ballroom." —SARA

AN ETHEREAL CEREMONY

The couple exchanged their vows in the ballroom of the **FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK** beneath an ethereal chuppah designed by Stemz, which was constructed using thousands of cherry blossoms and branches that complemented the curved, opulent ceiling. Tall lucite pedestals filled with pillar candles and roses lined the white carpeted aisle from **REZNICK CARPETS**, leading to the grand structure. The

ceremony began with an instrumental rendition of Dave Matthews Band's "You and Me" and as Sara walked down the aisle towards Jordan, Marla Joy Cohen of **SOLE POWER** sang Josh Groban's "You Raise Me Up," inciting goosebumps in everyone in attendance. "Walking down the romantic aisle to my handsome, soon-to-be husband was a moment I'll never forget," recalls Sara.





A life-size pink cherry blossom tree greeted guests as they walked into the reception. A mirrored table from **DETAILZ COUTURE EVENT RENTALS** displayed place cards designed by Paleterra Custom Correspondences.



As Jordan is a cocktail aficionado, it was only natural for the couple to enlist specialty bartender Kyle Hillman from **CLOCKTOWER BAR** to create and serve four signature cocktails for the occasion.



Crystal cut chargers from **CHAIR-MAN MILLS** completed the place settings and were chosen specifically as not to compete with the rest of the show-stopping decor.

WHITE WONDERLAND

Following the ceremony, guests were ushered into the Concert Hall of the **FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK** where they were welcomed by a white cherry blossom oasis. The windows of the space were covered with custom made window treatments by **STEMZ**, who also provided decor design services. Tables alternated between towering white arrangements of cherry blossoms and low peony, garden rose, and sweet pea-filled centerpieces. **SOLE POWER** provided lighting for the event to achieve the warm, enchanting ambiance Sara and Jordan had in mind. Glowing candles of varying heights were placed on dining tables in between centerpieces to create a dramatic floral runner effect. To incorporate a subtle, glittering pop of metallic, rose gold votives from Stemz were also integrated into the table design.

Tables were covered in pleated silk linens from **HAVE A SEAT INC.** and guests were seated on white Grace chairs from Detailz Couture Event Rentals.

PALETERRA CUSTOM CORRESPONDENCES designed the couple's sleek dance floor showcasing their monogram and a floral pattern, which was then produced and installed by **EVENT GRAFFITI**.





Dessert was a top priority for Sara. She selected Christina Wong of **TRUFFLE CAKE & PASTRY** to design a five-tier ivory cake with textured floral embroidery, clusters of blush sugar peonies, and a double band of brushed gold fondant around the bottom tier. In addition to the cake, Christina also created a 12-ft long colour-coordinated sweet table with miniature doughnuts, cupcakes, macaron towers, and so much more. "It was almost too beautiful to eat and somehow tasted even better than it looked!" says Sara.



Ballet slippers from **ETSY** were provided for guests who wanted to change into dancing-friendly shoes.



The wedding meal ended with a dessert trio created by the Fairmont Royal York.



END NOTES

The **FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK** provided a delectable catered meal for the event of beef tenderloin, arctic char, and vegetable strudel, which was topped off with an indulgent late-night delivery of **MCDONALDS**. The evening culminated in a dance party with music from **SOLE POWER. BIG TICKET PRODUCTIONS** was on hand to capture the momentous day on film for the newlyweds.

The evening after their wedding, the couple embarked on their California honeymoon, first flying to San Francisco, from where they drove a Mustang convertible to Napa Valley, ending their trip with a tour through the historic wineries of the region. The pair resides in Toronto where Sara is a preschool teacher and Jordan is an investment banker.



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