

Pink Peony Perfection



MARGARET LAI MAKEUP & HAIR provided makeup application and hair styling services for the occasion.

Binh wore custom made formalwear by THE TUX STORE.

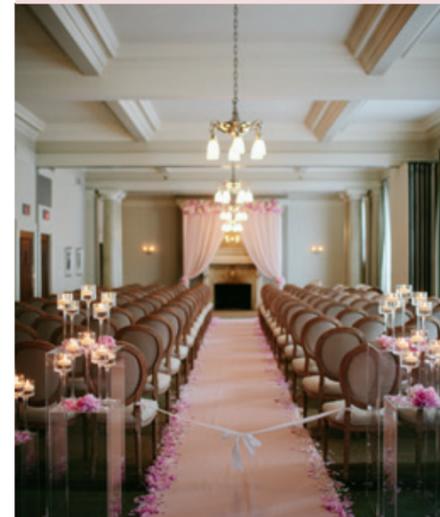
FIONA and BINH

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LOVE BY PHOEBE designed a stationery suite featuring a hand-painted peony motif. Envelopes were lined with a hand-painted floral paper and finished with a seal of the couple's custom monogram, which featured two elephants kissing—a symbol with special meaning for the couple.



Fiona wore a Vera Wang gown from BLUSH BRIDAL.

Evan of FLOWERZ created a bouquet comprised of over 65 fragrant peonies.

FIONA CHANG AND BINH TRAN FIRST MET IN 2007 AT A MUTUAL FRIEND'S HOUSE, NEITHER EXPECTING THE MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP THAT WAS ABOUT TO TRANSPIRE. INITIALLY, THEY BUILT A FOUNDATION OF A STRONG FRIENDSHIP ROOTED DEEPLY IN RESPECT BEFORE THEIR RELATIONSHIP SLOWLY DEVELOPED into something romantic. The couple had been dating for approximately seven years when Binh proposed during an intimate, cliffside candlelit dinner to celebrate Fiona's champagne birthday (her 26th birthday on the 26th of October).

The overall design of the wedding was inspired by Fiona's favourite flower, the peony. When she met with her event planner, Alicia Keats of ALICIA KEATS WEDDINGS + EVENTS (who provided full-service planning and design assistance), Fiona shared her single request, that her wedding be filled with the lush, fluffy flower. To execute a wedding abundant in stunning peonies, they enlisted Evan Orion of FLOWERZ to design all of the flowers for the wedding, with over 10,000 peonies used in all of the floral arrangements!

Fiona and Binh were wed on June 11, 2016, at THE VANCOUVER CLUB's University Room while a trio from MUSICAL OCCASIONS performed. "I don't think there was a dry eye in the house," shares Fiona.



The bride wore Christian Louboutin heels purchased from **NORDSTROM**.



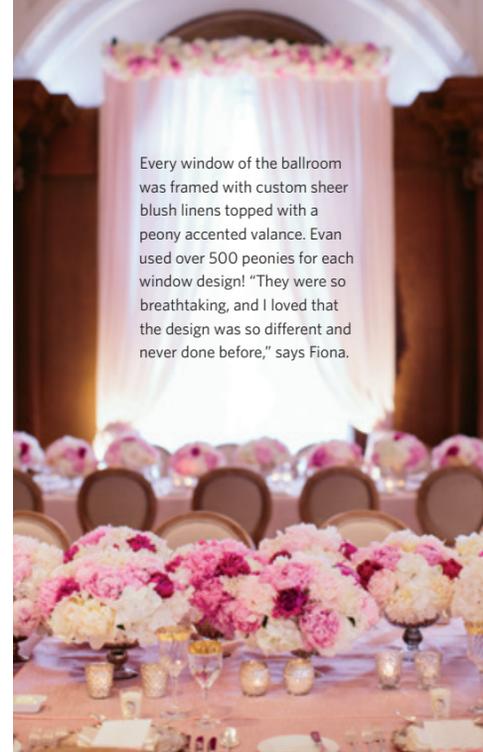
LOVE BY PHOEBE hand painted an ornate vase on canvas to accent the escort card table. To complete the design, Evan added real peonies to the painting to create the illusion of a vase overflowing with flowers.



A ROMANTIC RECEPTION

The custom made blush-coloured aisle by Evan Orion of **FLOWERZ** and **KONCEPT EVENT DESIGN** was delicately lined with scattered fresh petals and lit candles to create an air of romance in the room. For an elegant focal point, Evan created a draped canopy composed of blush linens and bunches of pink and ivory peonies. After a long courtship, it was especially sentimental for their family and friends to see the pair become husband and wife in such a dreamy setting. After the ceremony, the couple and their guests moved into the Ballroom, where their dinner reception was held. When entering

the ballroom, guests walked through a peony-covered arch designed by Flowerz and Koncept Event Design, who also provided all of the beautiful floral and decor design, rentals, and uplighting. Guests dined at long tables from **A&B PARTYTIME RENTALS LTD.**, which were covered in blush shantung linens from Koncept Event Design. Gold rimmed glassware from **UPRIGHT DECOR** added a subtle touch of sparkle to each place setting. Peony-filled gold vases from Koncept Event Design were grouped together down the centre of each table, creating a bountiful floral runner effect.



Every window of the ballroom was framed with custom sheer blush linens topped with a peony accented valance. Evan used over 500 peonies for each window design! "They were so breathtaking, and I loved that the design was so different and never done before," says Fiona.



A cotton candy cart from **PETITEPUF** added a touch of sweetness to the occasion!



END NOTES

Guests were treated to a delectable five-course meal catered by **THE VANCOUVER CLUB**, presented with exceptional fully synchronized, white-glove service. The one moment that Fiona will never forget was Binh's speech during the reception. "He dedicated parts of the speech to our families, our friends, and to me. He said parts in Chinese, parts in Vietnamese, and parts in English. I loved how thoughtful this was—it was such a heartfelt and warm moment, and it definitely had me in tears," recalls Fiona fondly.

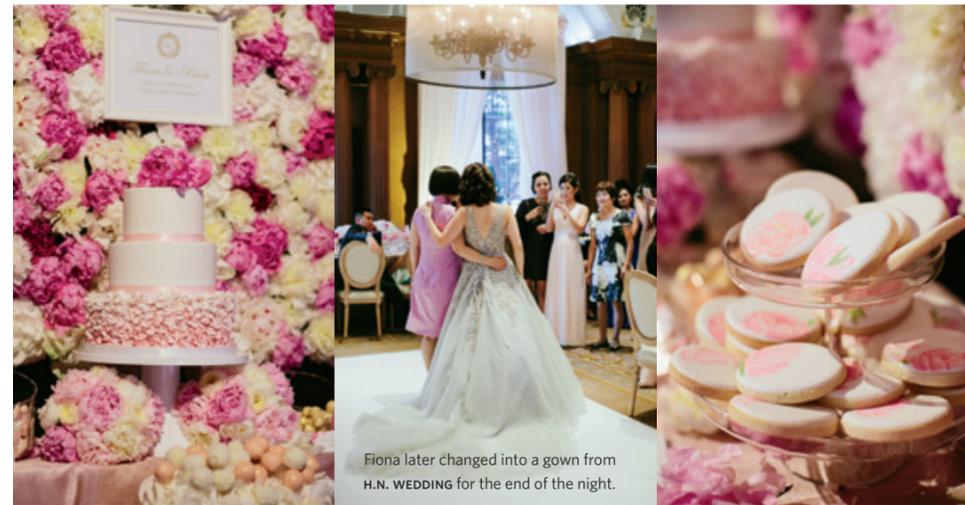
After dinner, guests were invited to indulge in sweets from a decadent dessert table that was placed in front of a spectacular floral wall composed of 700 peonies. **CAKES BY NICOLE** designed the couple's cake, which featured a bottom tier decorated entirely in pink ombre sugar petals. Hand-painted cookies from **LETTERPRESS BAKERY**, and candy from **KARAMELLER CANDY SHOP INC.** and Sugarfina at **NORDSTROM** completed this delightfully sweet, pink presentation.

The Vancouver Club provided a midnight Chinese buffet that kept guests satisfied and energized for more dancing. Once the **FAMOUS PLAYERS BAND** started performing, guests continued partying on a white vinyl dance floor designed by **KONCEPT EVENT DESIGN**. Naturally, in addition to custom made, peony scented candles from **YUMMI CANDLES**, each guest went home with an armful of fragrant peonies! It was the perfect takeaway from this peony-packed celebration.

For their honeymoon, the couple plans on travelling to Europe to visit Croatia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Greece, and if time permits, Italy. "Binh loves spending time at the beach and I love discovering new places," shares Fiona, "so visiting Europe gives us the perfect mix of both!"



For the reception, Fiona wore a red dress designed by **LOVER**.



Fiona later changed into a gown from **H.N. WEDDING** for the end of the night.



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