

Symbols of Good Fortune

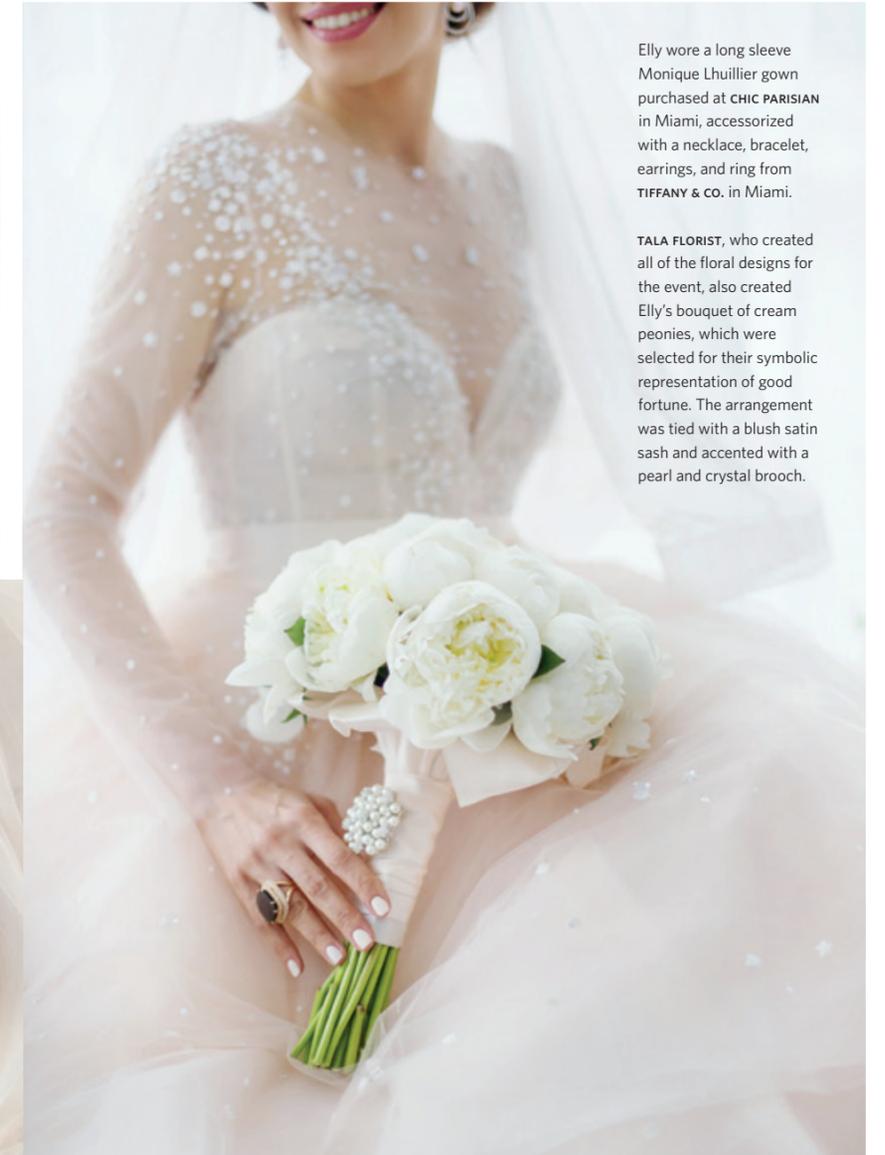


MAKEUP BY HALEH provided makeup application, and Cameron Martens provided hair styling services for the occasion.

Ioan wore formalwear by Hugo Boss.



The bride wore Manolo Blahnik heels purchased from SAKS FIFTH AVENUE in Los Angeles.



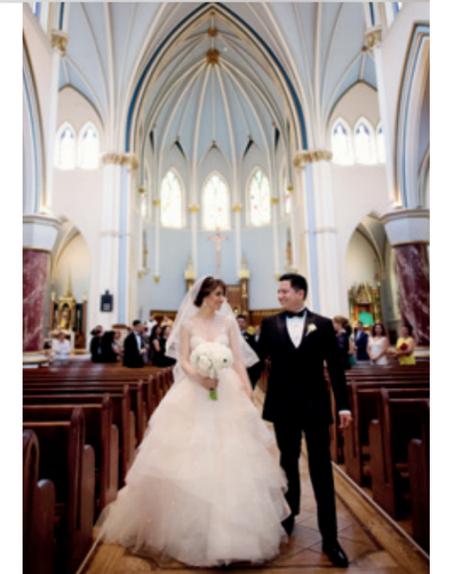
Elly wore a long sleeve Monique Lhuillier gown purchased at CHIC PARISIAN in Miami, accessorized with a necklace, bracelet, earrings, and ring from TIFFANY & CO. in Miami.

TALA FLORIST, who created all of the floral designs for the event, also created Elly's bouquet of cream peonies, which were selected for their symbolic representation of good fortune. The arrangement was tied with a blush satin sash and accented with a pearl and crystal brooch.

ELLY JALALI AND IOAN PABLO PALACIOS FIRST CROSSED PATHS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT'S SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE ON JULY 2, 2012, THEIR FIRST DAY OF ORIENTATION AS DENTAL RESIDENTS. WHEN IOAN FIRST SPOTTED ELLY SITTING A FEW ROWS IN FRONT OF HIM, HE ADMITS HE COULDN'T TAKE his eyes away from her. At that moment, he promised himself that he would win her over and he indeed followed through on that promise. They soon began spending time with one another and every day Ioan would surprise Elly with notes on her locker door, under her windshield wipers, and at her work station in the Radiology department. It quickly became evident to Elly how effortlessly happy she was when they were together and since then, they've been by each other's sides. Ioan proposed three years later on December 29, 2015. The couple was walking along Coal Harbour in Vancouver when, just as the sun was setting, Ioan fell to one knee, took Elly's hand and asked if she would let him see her beautiful smile for the rest of his life. Through her tears, Elly didn't hesitate before agreeing and letting Ioan place the ring on her finger.

The couple were wed on July 2, 2016, in a 'Romantic Floral Glam' celebration, which they achieved with the help of Haleh Tafteh of **DETAILS BY HALEH**, who provided full-service planning and design assistance, and Sahar Sarband of **MODERN MINT EVENT COORDINATORS INC.**, who provided same-day coordination. The couple sourced their invitations from **PAPERLESS POST**, which were inspired by the couple's Latin and Persian cultures. Elly and Ioan selected invitations from Oscar de la Renta's line of stationery with the late designer's Latin background in mind, featuring an ikat and floral design.

As a nod to their respective Latin and Persian backgrounds, the couple first exchanged vows in a traditional Catholic ceremony at **HOLY ROSARY CATHEDRAL CHURCH**, where Reverend Pablo Santa Maria performed an impressive ceremony. "It brought tears of happiness to guests' eyes. He was very kind, patient, and insightful throughout the entire process," says Elly.



ELLY *and* IOAN

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FAIRYTALE FUSION

After the church ceremony, the newlyweds and their guests convened at the **FAIRMONT WATERFRONT HOTEL** for the Persian ceremony. Tall pillars with hanging crystals lined the aisle and showcased round arrangements of orchids, roses, hydrangea, and peonies. When guests entered the space, their eyes were immediately drawn to the spectacular peony-covered wall that was placed behind

the couple's Sofreh table. **DETAILS BY HALEH** designed the plexiglass Sofreh, and collaborated with Hassan Aghamooseni of **TALA FLORIST** on the clustered floral designs that decorated the table. Framing the couple were two umbrella-like arrangements comprised of orchids, roses, hydrangea, hanging orchid leis, and crystal strands. It was the embodiment of Elly's "floral glam" vision.

The couple's Sofreh programs were designed by Details by Haleh.



HANGING GARDEN

A reception in the ballroom followed, where a blush and white glimmering crystal oasis awaited guests. To create a multidimensional tablescape design, orchid and hydrangea centrepieces designed by **TALA FLORIST** appeared to float above tables, which created clear sight lines allowing guests to engage in unobstructed conversation. Crystal beads and glass bubbles offered an additional glittering effect, and a compact floral runner of lush hydrangea completed the mesmerizing design. Round tables were decorated with tall crystal candelabras accented with roses, orchids, peonies, and hydrangea with hanging crystal strands. During the reception, guests were seated on crystal Chiavari chairs with ivory cushions from **UPRIGHT DECOR**, who also provided the pink satin and sequin linens for the occasion.

Three oversized crystal chandeliers were suspended over the dance floor for additional ambient lighting. Tala Florist decorated these chandeliers with garlands of white orchids for a textured result. "They instantly gave a touch of opulence to the setting and offered the most ambient, magical lighting," shares Elly.



Yalda Shayesteh designed and produced the couple's dance floor.



The couple's five-tier wedding cake designed by **GANACHE PATISSERIE** could only be described as gravity-defying! The cake's design reflected the design of the bride's wedding gown and featured a pink fondant base, an intricate white stencilled design, quilted pattern, white ribbons, and edible crystals, with sugar blush peonies decorating the top tier. The cake was resting on a bed of fragrant roses, peonies, orchids, and hydrangea, which was suspended from the ceiling with crystal chains.



One of the couple's favourite moments was when the legendary **Andy Madadian** and his band surprised the couple with a performance arranged by the bride's parents.



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The design highlight of the venue was undoubtedly the backdrop behind the couple's head table. **UPRIGHT DECOR** draped the wall in ivory velvet fabric with a sheer overlay that featured a wall of pillar candles with a waterfall of orchids.



END NOTES

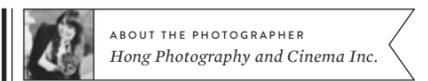
The **FAIRMONT WATERFRONT HOTEL** catered the wedding meal and **PSAV** offered AV services at the reception. In addition to photographing the wedding, **HONG PHOTOGRAPHY AND CINEMA INC.** provided cinematography services for the occasion.

"We were in love with everything and if we could go back, we probably would have just tried to enjoy every minute that much more!" shares Ely. The couple now resides in Miami and both work in the dental industry, helping other people smile as beautifully as they do when they are by each other's sides.

The newlyweds plan on visiting the Galápagos Islands in December of this year to celebrate their union and discover the incredible islands while seeing rare creatures and enjoying the white sand beaches.



Both the groom and the bride's cultures were represented throughout the reception in the Flamenco dancers from **KAREN FLAMENCO DANCE STUDIO** and the Turkish dancers from **CHICAKLAR DANCE GROUP** who performed a traditional Lezgi dance.



During **Andy Madadian's** performance, all of their guests surrounded the newlyweds on the dance floor and tossed flower petals on them. "The moment was truly indescribable!" recalls Ely fondly.

Ellen Ho is an international photographer who runs a top boutique-style-photography studio based in Vancouver, BC, Canada. With a background in art and fashion, Ellen incorporates her innate sense of design in her photography and gives something cosmopolitan, chic, and unique to her photos. A refined and polished boutique elegance has become her signature style. And while seeking to embody the very essence of haute couture and luxury, she also captures a person's unique personality and inner beauty.

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