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Willie's classic black tuxedo, shoes, bow tie, and pocket square were all purchased from **HUGO BOSS**.



A Classical Chinese Wedding
Inspired By European Opulence

Nothing could keep Coco Pang and Willie Wei apart—not even an entire country. The two met in 2012 while studying abroad at the University of Southern California (USC). For Coco, “the connection was instant,” while Willie knew that from the moment he saw her, he “simply couldn’t live without her.” Their courtship featured all that Los Angeles had to offer, including dreamy sunsets and beach strolls. Unfortunately the time came for Willie to return to Vancouver, at which point the two continued dating long distance. Despite the 2,000 kilometers between them, Coco and Willie’s love only grew stronger.

Roughly three and a half years later, Willie proposed to Coco on a quick getaway to Seattle just two days after Coco had graduated from USC. After strolling through the scenic Kerry Park, the two sat down on a bench surrounded by beautiful blooming spring flowers. Before she knew it, Willie was down on one knee asking her to marry him. Coco was overwhelmed and excitedly replied, “yes!” This intimate moment was shared by just the two of them, making it all the more special. Coco says the couple “will cherish that day for the rest of our lives.”

The wedding took place on October 29, 2016 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Nargess Tabrizy of **FLEUR DE LIS EVENTS** was hired as the event planner, working with the bride and groom during the four months leading up to the October ceremony.

Coco’s custom-made Vera Wang wedding dress was purchased from **BLUSH BRIDAL** in Vancouver, and featured a removable soft lace bolero jacket. The gown featured a crystal bodice, which was adorned with Swarovski crystals and peony lace. This lace floral detail was also used in creating Coco’s Vera Wang cathedral length veil. Her sparkly headpiece was also purchased from Blush Bridal.



Hair styling and makeup application services were provided by **DENISE ELLIOTT BEAUTY CO.**

COCO & WILLIE

Coco wore white Dior heels for the ceremony and later changed into a pair of black lace Christian Louboutin heels for the reception.



SUNFLOWER FLORIST provided all of the floral arrangements for the wedding, including a floral wreath which decorated a 1960 Bentley S3 from **TIME LIMOUSINE SERVICE**.



Invitations were designed by **ZING PAPERIE & DESIGN** and featured the monogrammed initials of the couple, a motif that extended to other aspects of the wedding, including the wedding cake and dance floor.



PSAV provided the audio-visual and rigging support which included installing the chandeliers, lighting fixtures, and gate that were part of the ceremony and reception, while INNOVATION LIGHTING illuminated the ballroom with laser cut, blush pink lighting.

“The gates were covered in orchids and it was truly the most romantic spot for a wedding ceremony. Surrounded by candlelight and sparkling chandeliers, the stage was pure magic.” –coco

SET THE STAGE

The wedding took place at the **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL VANCOUVER**. The couple exchanged vows at the end of a dramatic T-shaped stage inspired by a fashion runway, and said “I do” in front of an ornate silver gate provided by **ART OF THE PARTY DESIGN INC.**, with floral design by **SUNFLOWER FLORIST**. In addition to the main stage, the romantic, candlelit aisle was lined with 30 feet of baby’s breath and clear crystal vases containing white candles. Five show-stopping crystal chandeliers provided by **ÉCLAT DECOR INC.** emanated a warm glow throughout the entire room. In an effort to incorporate the bride’s love of European decor, the chandeliers were inspired by the Hall of Mirrors at the Palace of Versailles. A classical trio from **MUSICAL OCCASIONS** played throughout the ceremony.



MAURELLE CALLIGRAPHY provided two gold-framed mirrors that welcomed guests to the wedding, as well as the gold calligraphy found on the reception place cards, menu, and table settings.



The dance floor, produced and installed by Éclat Decor Inc., showcased a design by **ZING PAPERIE & DESIGN** featuring the couple’s monogram in gold lettering.

Coco’s favourite moment of the day was Willie’s speech. “His sweet words brought tears to everyone’s eyes,” she remarked. However, this intimate moment took a hysterical turn when the groom, along with his groomsmen, “performed a dance number that had everyone laughing and out of their seats.”



END NOTES

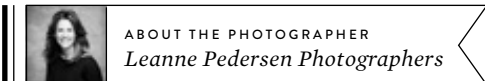
ÉCLAT DECOR INC. worked tirelessly to transform the Park Ballroom into a modern yet classical setting with traditional Chinese details. Gold Louis chairs, dining tables, linens, candleholders, and gold charger plates were all from Éclat Decor Inc. The couple and their families were seated at special tables with dramatic baccarat-style candelabras and hanging orchids. Centrepiece arrangements were created by **SUNFLOWER FLORIST**. The glass stemware was provided by the **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL VANCOUVER**.

Guests were treated to a customized seven-course Chinese meal. Created in collaboration with the head chef at the Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver, the menu showcased some of Coco and Willie’s favourite dishes and was intended to please the multitude of guests who had flown to Canada from Asia for the wedding.

Nearly every detail of the wedding held special significance for the bride and groom, including their five-tier wedding cake by **GANACHE PATISSERIE**. Butterflies and pearls were created in sugar and incorporated as both hold special meaning for the couple. In addition, the same peony lace pattern found on the bride’s gown and veil were design elements of the cake, along with their monogram.

Guests were gifted with a clear box containing one french vanilla and one rosewater macaron, prepared by **SOIRETTE**. Cinematography services were provided by **PREMIER LOVE**. Music was provided by **GIRL ON WAX**.

Though Coco and Willie have not yet embarked on their honeymoon, they have plans to visit Europe in the near future. Specifically, the couple hopes to travel to Monaco as that is one of Coco’s favourite destinations. The two currently reside in Vancouver where Coco is a homemaker and Willie is an entrepreneur.



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Later in the evening, Coco changed into a red Dior gown.