

CARRIE & PATRICK

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Carrie Woodworth and Patrick Tomasi first met through mutual friends in 2008, but it wasn't until five years later that they began dating. In September of 2013, Carrie was helping set up for a friend's birthday party when Patrick walked in. "He walked right over to me to say hello and gave me a big hug. I got butterflies in my stomach. We had an instant connection," she shares. They talked throughout the party, touching on topics like movies, specifically *Under the Tuscan Sun*. The next morning, Carrie woke up, turned on the TV, and there was *Under the Tuscan Sun*. "I couldn't believe it. This was the universe giving me a sign." After that fateful party, the two began talking on the phone every night, which eventually led to their first date at a Canucks game followed by dinner at **THE FLYING PIG** in Yaletown.



Carrie's Legends by Romona Keveza gown was purchased from **BISOU BRIDAL**. She accessorized with Christian Louboutin shoes, a pearl and crystal art deco-inspired belt from **PROMISE BRIDAL**, and a Swarovski crystal hair vine, earrings, and a bracelet, all designed by Elsa Corsi and purchased from **JEWELLETTE**.

Patrick wore an Ike Behar tuxedo from **THE TUX STORE**.

Makeup application services were lovingly provided by **THE GLAMOURY**, the owner of which is the bride's sister (and co-maid of honour), AJ. Hair styling provided by **ALI RASMUSSEN**.



LOVE BY PHOEBE designed the couple's black, gold, and white invitations, which were inspired by the bride's love of clean lines and the art deco era.



Carrie + Mr. Big

Patrick planned the ultimate proposal. One morning, he convinced one of Carrie's friends to take her on a spa day under the guise that he was spending the day golfing. Rather than heading to the course, Patrick drove to Carrie's parents' house where he asked them for their permission to marry Carrie. Of course, they said yes. Later that day when Carrie returned home, she found the living room aglow with flickering candles and Patrick dressed in a suit standing next to the fireplace, holding a bouquet of long stem roses and a card. On either side of him were their beloved pugs, Kona and Surfer. He handed her the "beautiful, heartfelt" card, asked her to read it, and when she was finished, he got down on one knee and proposed. After catching her breath, Carrie happily said, "YES!" and the two enjoyed a romantic engagement dinner at **LA PIAZZA DARIO**, the same restaurant where Patrick's parents celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

The couple were wed on June 3, 2017 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Geneve McNally of **DREAMGROUP PRODUCTIONS INC.** provided full event planning services. "Geneve was an amazing planner for us. She did an absolutely outstanding job from start to finish. I cannot thank her and her team enough for all that they did for me," says Carrie.

Carrie and Patrick were wed in a candlelit ceremony at **THE VANCOUVER CLUB** officiated by Marilyn Knipp. Patrick walked down the aisle to "Kashmir" by Led Zeppelin and Carrie walked in to "Sweet Child O' Mine" by Guns N' Roses, both performed by a string quartet from **MUSICAL OCCASIONS**. "Our ceremony was a mix of true love and emotion, amazing energy, and humour. Marilyn touched on God, finding true love at any age, and loving the life you make on this journey together," shares Carrie. She even presented the couple with a beautiful glass heart that was then passed around to their guests as a way of transferring love, blessings, and positive energy to the bride and groom.

The bridesmaids wore black floor-length gowns from **NORDSTROM**, paired with Elsa Corsi bracelets and earrings from **JEWELLETTE**.



The couple's signature drinks were aptly called "Mr. Big" (an Old Fashioned) and "Carrie" (a custom-made cocktail with white rum, fresh lime, prosecco with bitters, and a hint of maple syrup).

Cocktail cards by **LOVE BY PHOEBE**.



FLOWERZ provided all floral for the wedding, including the bouquets. Two smaller bouquets were attached to Carrie's and presented by the bride to her mother and Patrick's mother at the ceremony.



Ceremony decor featured two 8-ft tall gold vases overflowing with fresh white florals from Flowerz, along with pillar candles. Similar arrangements flanked the altar, in front of sheer black draping from **KONCEPT EVENT DESIGN**. The couple exchanged vows while standing on a custom-monogrammed vinyl medallion floor sticker, while guests sat in gold Grace chairs.





COCKTAIL HOUR

The cocktail hour and after-party were both held in The Grill at **THE VANCOUVER CLUB**. All furniture used during the cocktail hour, in addition to candles, candleholders, and linens, were provided by Konzept Event Design.



Tableware was provided by The Vancouver Club.



"I found my Mr. Big and Patrick got Carried away! And we got to celebrate that with a night we will never forget!" —CARRIE

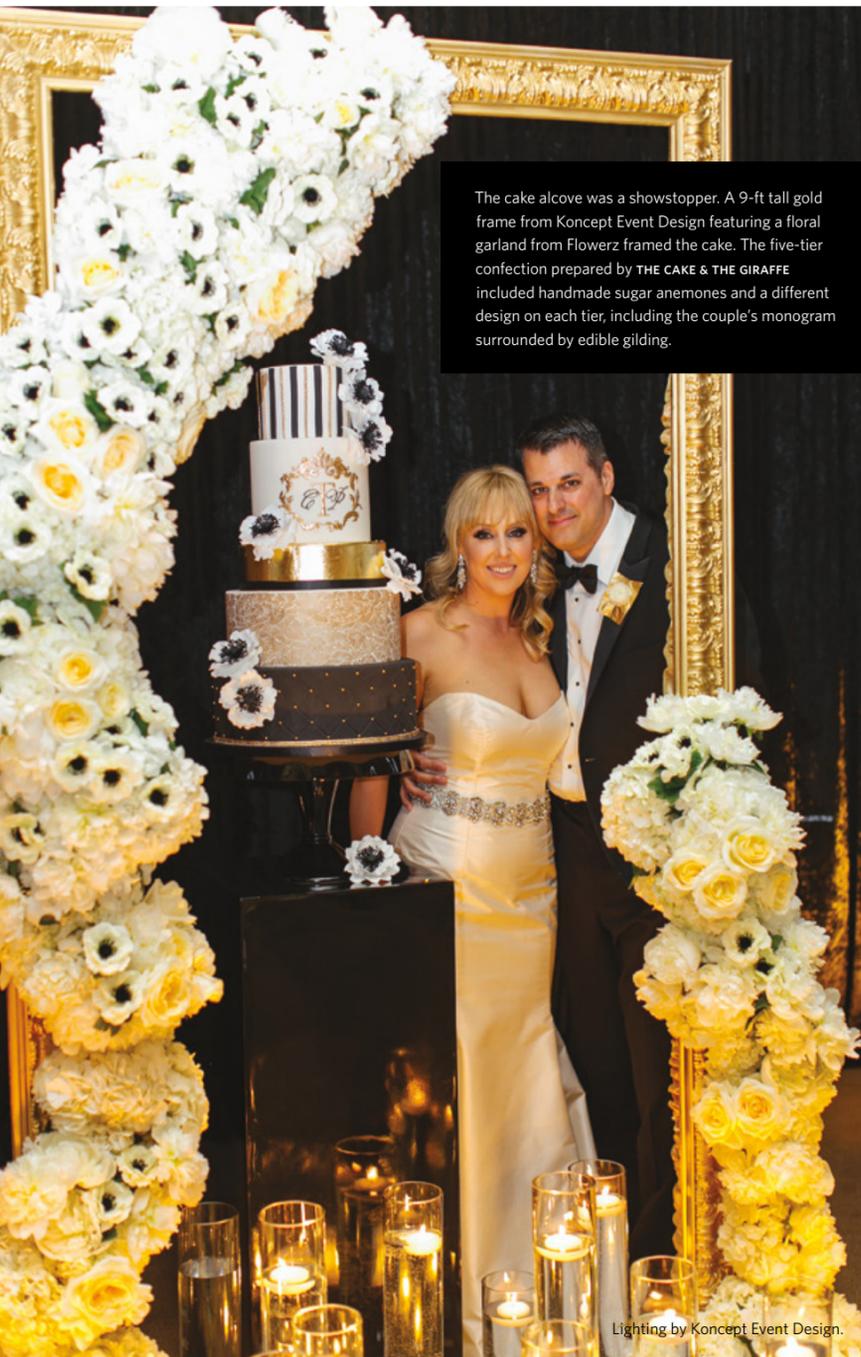
A NOD TO SEX AND THE CITY

Carrie and Patrick's gold, black, and ivory colour scheme was perfectly in tune with their wishes for a glam, black tie affair, but also served as a nod to *Sex and the City*. The newlyweds even made their grand entrance at the reception to the show's popular theme song. "We wanted to have some fun because my name is Carrie and it's one of my favourite shows, not to mention that my husband has been told a number of times he looks like Chris Noth," explains Carrie.

Mirrored black gallery tables from **KONCEPT EVENT DESIGN** were intermixed with round tables with black velvet linen. Sheer black draping from Konzept Event Design hung behind and in front of a cake alcove, reaching almost 20-ft tall.

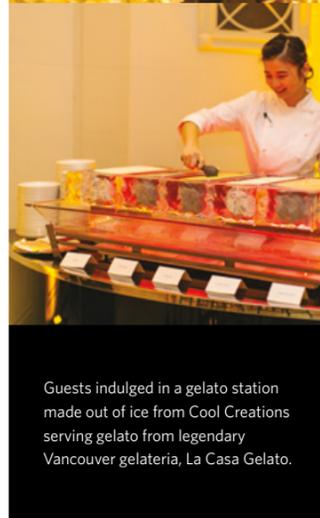


Gold charger plates and black silk napkins from Konzept Event Design and white menus with gold and black detailing from **LOVE BY PHOEBE** completed each place setting.



The cake alcove was a showstopper. A 9-ft tall gold frame from Konzept Event Design featuring a floral garland from Flowerz framed the cake. The five-tier confection prepared by **THE CAKE & THE GIRAFFE** included handmade sugar anemones and a different design on each tier, including the couple's monogram surrounded by edible gilding.

Lighting by Konzept Event Design.



Carrie and Patrick had their first dance to a mashup of "Ain't That A Kick In the Head" by Dean Martin and "Teenage Dream" by Katy Perry.

Bar provided by **LOUNGEWORKS FURNITURE RENTAL AND DECOR**.

Guests indulged in a gelato station made out of ice from Cool Creations serving gelato from legendary Vancouver gelateria, La Casa Gelato.



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END NOTES

One thing's for certain, guests were well fed at Carrie and Patrick's celebration! As self-professed foodies, the food (and wine) kept on coming! First, there was a four-course Italian dinner prepared by **THE VANCOUVER CLUB**. Then, there was an Italian-inspired dessert bar designed by **FLOWERZ** and **KONCEPT EVENT DESIGN** that sat in the main lobby. It included sugar buns (which also happens to be a cute nickname for the bride) from the **FAIRMONT PACIFIC RIM'S GIOVANE CAFÉ + EATERY + MARKET**, as well as macarons, mini tiramisus, lemon tarts, truffles, biscotti, and fruit and cheese platters, all prepared by The Vancouver Club.

There was also a mobile barista station with **JJ BEAN COFFEE ROASTERS** coffee and espressos, a grappa and limoncello bar, and a gelato station made out of ice from **COOL CREATIONS** that served gelato from legendary Vancouver gelateria, **LA CASA GELATO**. Finally, fresh pizzas straight from the pizza ovens at The Vancouver Club were served at the after-party as a late-night snack. According to the bride, "Patrick and I very much enjoyed planning all of these special treats for our guests. We really had fun wine tasting and food tasting at the Club to get to create the perfect variety for our special day."

DJ Pri from **GIRL ON WAX** provided her services throughout the reception and after-party and **LIFE STUDIOS INC.** provided their cinematography services to capture all of the festivities. **ADAM AND KEV PHOTOGRAPHY** provided a portrait studio, the photos from which were put into a book and given to the bride and groom as a keepsake. In addition, a photo of each couple taken in the portrait studio was framed and gifted to guests as wedding favors.

The couple is in the midst of planning a month-long honeymoon to Italy and currently resides in North Vancouver, where Carrie is a healthcare administrator and Patrick works at a car dealership.



ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER
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Lori Miles has been documenting fabulous weddings for over 18 years. Her passion for capturing authentic moments has become her signature style, resulting in classic, elegant and timeless images. "I love that my job allows me to connect with people and feel honoured that my clients choose me to document on of the most important days of their lives."

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