



An Amalfi Coast-Inspired Garden Wedding

Pearl Tang and Theudides Jr (T.J.) Almodovar first met at a bar in Vancouver in September 2013. They were each there with friends who were dating. It was love at first sight for one of them. "I was so enamoured with Pearl that I offered her a drink, which she turned down, along with the other three drink offers throughout the night," recalls T.J. "After that day, with the help of her best friend, I made every attempt to be present at every function Pearl would possibly be attending for the next several months. It was a persistent and sometimes hilarious chase that eventually led to the romantic and magical day which was our wedding."

Though T.J. waited to propose until almost three years later, he had been planning the moment for quite some time. After considering all his options, he settled on the perfect idea. While the pair were vacationing in Positano, he invited Pearl to a private dinner set in a secluded cliffside location overlooking Italy's Amalfi Coast. Just as the sun was setting, surrounded by dozens of candles, five hundred peonies (Pearl's favourite flower), and live mandolin players serenading them with an acoustic version of Sam Smith's, "Latch," T.J. asked Pearl to marry him.

The wedding took place on August 6, 2017 in Vancouver, British Columbia at **THE VANCOUVER CLUB**. Jenny De Jong of **COUNTDOWN EVENTS PLANNING & DESIGN** provided full planning services and according to the groom, "Everything was executed to perfection." Pearl donned multiple gowns on her wedding day. The first, her qipao-inspired dress, was custom-made at **MANUEL MENDOZA**. Her second gown was designed by Martina Liana and purchased at **LOVELLA BRIDAL** in Pasadena.



T.J. wore Tom Ford formalwear from **HOLT RENFREW**. He accessorized with a Tom Ford pocket square from **HARRY ROSEN**, cufflinks, and a watch, the latter of which was a wedding gift from Pearl.

Hair styling and makeup application services provided by **SONIA LEAL-SERAFIG**.

The co-maids of honour wore nude pink gowns from **ASOS**, while the bridesmaids wore dusty lilac gowns, also from ASOS. Groomsmen wore formalwear from **INDOCHINO** and bow ties from **H&M**.



The bride wore Christian Louboutin heels.



THE CEREMONY

THE FLOWER FACTORY created a colourful floral ceremony space with vibrant blooms and a crystal chandelier covered in fresh foliage. Fresh greenery and ivory orchids were affixed to clear Chiavari chairs along the aisle. Ethereal white draping from **UPRIGHT DECOR SIGNATURE EVENTS INC.**

Pearl and T.J. chose to forgo traditional wedding vows in lieu of personal letters they wrote to one another and read aloud.



Earrings from SWAROVSKI.

THE FLOWER FACTORY provided all floral for the wedding, including Pearl's colourful and whimsical bouquet comprising blue hydrangea, lavender, white roses, pink peonies and dahlias, and fresh greenery.



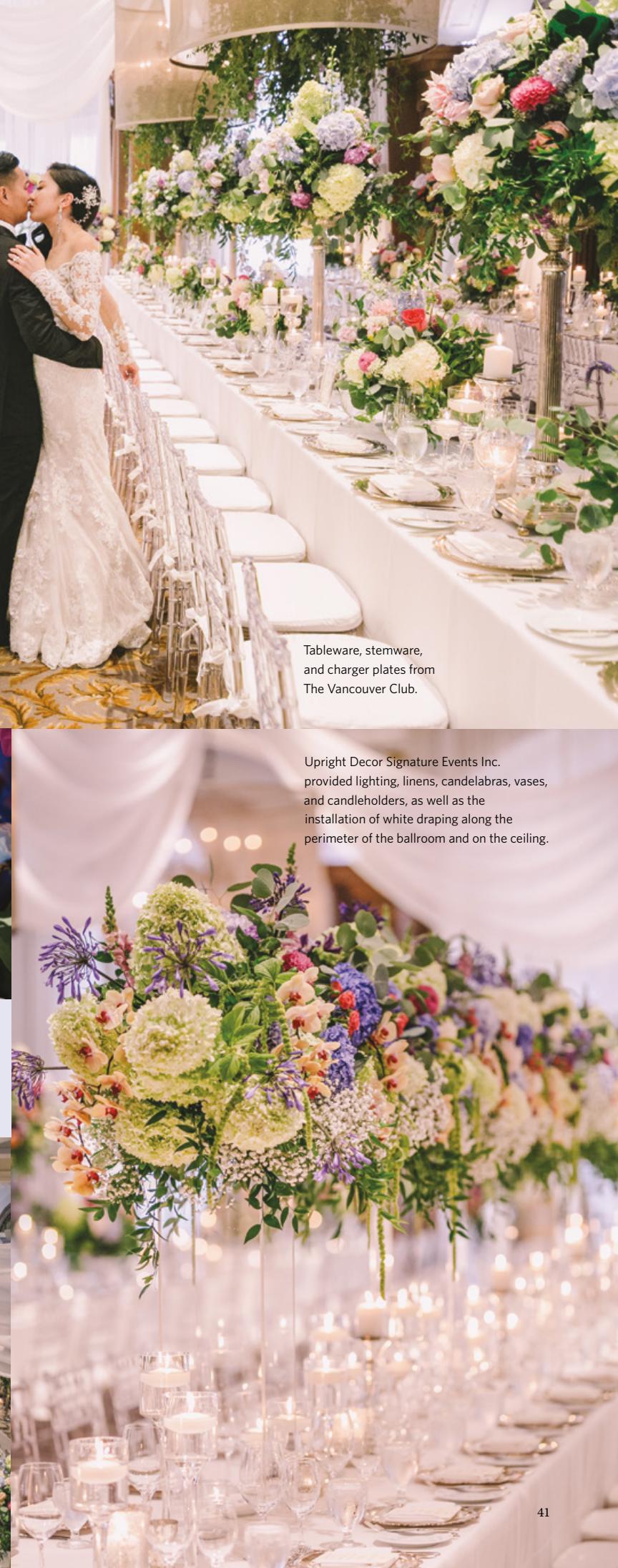
POSITANO DREAMING

THE FLOWER FACTORY and **UPRIGHT DECOR SIGNATURE EVENTS INC.** transformed **THE VANCOUVER CLUB**'s Grand Ballroom into an indoor urban garden inspired by the flora of Positano, the site of Pearl and T.J.'s engagement. Vibrant florals filled the room, the most dramatic arrangement of which hung above the centre gallery table like a cloud. Greenery cascaded down from each of the statement chandeliers and a variety of high and low arrangements containing bright pops of colour and loose, garden-like florals sat atop the remaining gallery tables.

Tableware, stemware, and charger plates from The Vancouver Club.



FLOURISH BY COLLEEN WINTON designed the escort cards, table numbers, and personalized menus. Small butterflies adorned some of the floral arrangements "to add to the fairytale, whimsical feel," shared planner Jenny De Jong.



Upright Decor Signature Events Inc. provided lighting, linens, candelabras, vases, and candleholders, as well as the installation of white draping along the perimeter of the ballroom and on the ceiling.



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END NOTES

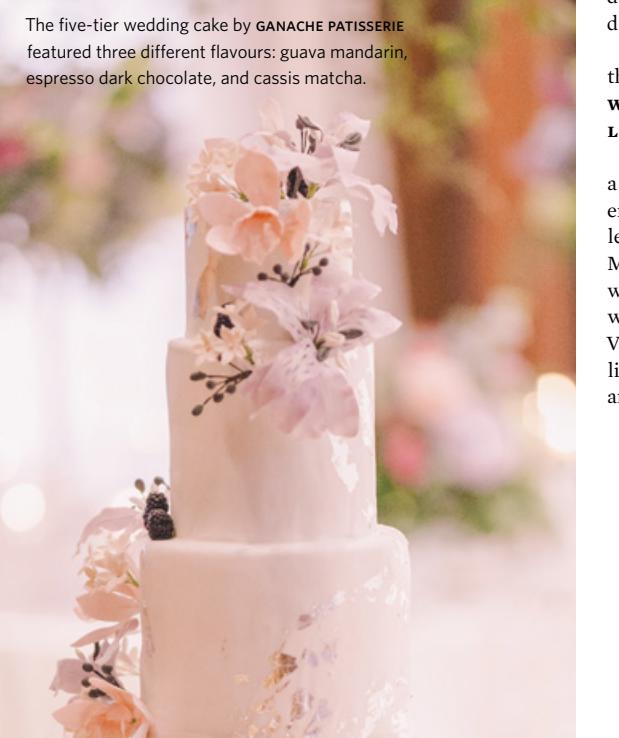
Guests were treated to canapés and signature cocktails (bourbon sours and mojitos) during cocktail hour, a plated dinner at the reception, and a late-night ramen bar containing noodles and fried chicken, all of which were provided by **THE VANCOUVER CLUB**. Despite the array of delicious food, Pearl and T.J. were most impressed by the florals and decor. Their favourite moment of the day was "walking in together and both being blown away by the amazing job the wedding team had done on the flowers and decorations. It was beyond dreamy," shares the couple.

The celebration ended with the couple dancing the night away to DJ Jay Raposki of **SIGNATURE WEDDING**. In addition to photography services, **LIFE STUDIOS INC.** captured video of the day.

On their wedding day, T.J. surprised Pearl with a fully-planned honeymoon to Europe. The two embarked on their romantic vacation in October, less than two months after the wedding, and visited Munich, Monaco, and Paris before making their way back to Positano's **IL SAN PIETRO DI POSITANO**, where T.J. proposed. Upon their return to Vancouver, the newlyweds settled back into daily life, where Pearl is a fine jewellery sales specialist and T.J. is a realtor.



Pearl's third dress was a glamorous gold sequin evening gown designed by Tal Medina.



The five-tier wedding cake by **GANACHE PATISSERIE** featured three different flavours: guava mandarin, espresso dark chocolate, and cassis matcha.



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