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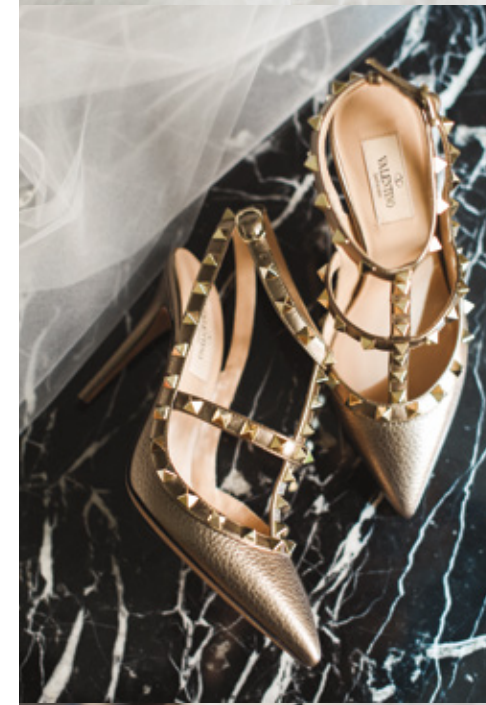
Hair styling and makeup application services provided by THE LOVE TEAM MAKEUP AND HAIR.

Adam wore an Ermenegildo Zegna tuxedo with a custom monogram from HARRY ROSEN. Accessories included Burberry cufflinks and Salvatore Ferragamo shoes, also from Harry Rosen.

ARIEL & ADAM



The maid of honour wore a fitted black gown by Katie May, purchased from NORDSTROM.



A Classic Wedding Designed by the Bride

Ariel Chiu and Adam Steele first connected online on a dating site in June 2012. Multiple coffee dates turned into four years of on-and-off dating until they finally started their relationship anew in January 2015. Within a few short months, they had moved in together and one year later, they co-purchased their first home. When it came to the proposal, Ariel admits that given her profession (she is the owner and lead event planner of **WONDERSTRUCK EVENTS**), Adam certainly had his work cut out for him! Luckily, the groom enlisted the help of Ariel's future wedding coordinator and friend, Nargess Tabrizy of **FLEUR DE LIS EVENTS**. Together, they concocted the perfect proposal. The first step was booking the York Room at **HAWKSWORTH RESTAURANT** in the **ROSEWOOD HOTEL GEORGIA** for November 18, 2016, the night he planned to propose. One week in advance, Adam invited Ariel to dinner at Hawksworth Restaurant and a comedy show, and also casually suggested she get a manicure. "Given that he had never suggested such a thing before, I immediately suspected that he was planning to propose," remembers Ariel. However, her hopes were then dashed when Adam mentioned that two of their friends would be joining them on their evening out. Despite this setback, Ariel continued researching venues and serendipitously came across the York Room at Hawksworth Restaurant. Since they were dining there on Friday night, Ariel figured she would reach out to schedule a tour before dinner. Friday night came around and Adam was noticeably flustered en route to the restaurant, but Ariel didn't think much of it. When they arrived, the hostess led them upstairs to the York Room. As they entered the event space, Ariel noticed a romantic table for two set in the corner and an aisle lined with candles. "It wasn't until Adam pulled me over to the stained glass window that everything began to sink in—he was about to propose!" Ariel was in total shock. The next thing she knew, Adam was down on one knee. Of course, she accepted and they enjoyed dinner while being serenaded by a solo guitarist, before heading to the comedy show. Shortly after they found their seats at the show, Adam got a call saying he'd left his credit card at the restaurant. The two popped back to Hawksworth Restaurant and upon re-entering the site of their proposal only a few hours earlier, Ariel was once again surprised, this time because she found all of their closest friends and family waiting for them. "With the help of Nargess, Adam had pulled off a surprise engagement party right after our proposal. Needless to say, we never did make it back to the comedy show, but instead, had the most wonderful evening with our friends and family as we celebrated our engagement."

The wedding took place on September 2, 2017 in Vancouver, British Columbia. As the owner of Wonderstruck Events, Ariel planned her own wedding. Nargess Tabrizy of Fleur de Lis Events was hired to oversee everything on the day-of.

Ariel bought her wedding dress no less than one week after her engagement! The Rosa Clara gown was purchased from **BLUSH BRIDAL**. She accessorized with Valentino heels from **HOLT RENFREW**, diamond drop earrings from **MINICHELLO JEWELLERS**, and a veil from Blush Bridal. Her bouquet from **SUNFLOWER FLORIST** consisted of white and cream roses, lisianthus, and greenery, tied with a classic ivory satin ribbon.



MAURELLE CALLIGRAPHY & DESIGN designed the couple's simple white and black invitation suite.





Floral design by
SUNFLOWER FLORIST.

ABOVE THE CLOUDS

The couple said “I do” in the very same spot Adam proposed nine months earlier, the York Room at **HAWKSWORTH RESTAURANT**. Ariel remembers being extremely calm on the day-of until it came to the moment right before walking down the aisle. According to the bride, “My dress was so big that I almost knocked over one of the pillars at the end of the aisle when I turned the corner! I stuck my tongue out at Adam at one point in the ceremony, and that made him laugh and calmed both our nerves.”

SUNFLOWER FLORIST created oversized arrangements for the ceremony that sat in front of ivory draping from **ART OF THE PARTY DESIGN INC.** Gold vases resting on clear pillars created a floating illusion in front of the backdrop. **ÉCLAT DECOR INC.** provided the gold candelabras, white aisle runner, gold pedestal bowls, and Louis chairs.



For the reception, **HAWKSWORTH RESTAURANT**'s York Room was transformed once again. The same gold and white Louis chairs from the ceremony surrounded two harvest tables and were complemented by gold leaf charger plates from **ÉCLAT DECOR INC.**, gold candelabras with white taper candles, and crystal candlesticks with white pillar candles. Ivory satin linens from **Éclat Decor Inc.** and clean black and white menus from **MAURELLE CALLIGRAPHY & DESIGN** adorned with the couple's custom monogram finished off place settings.

“Having planned many weddings, I had a pretty good sense of what I wanted for our wedding. I didn't want extravagance or to be current with the latest wedding trends, I wanted to go back to basics and create a wedding that was luxe but also elegant and timeless.” —ARIEL

END NOTES

Food was incredibly important to the couple, who are both self-professed foodies. Thus, Hawksworth Restaurant, one of the best fine dining restaurants in Vancouver, was the perfect venue. For the ultimate wedding favor, Ariel and Adam treated their guests to black and white portraits shot, edited, and printed on-site by **THE COLLECTIVE YOU**. The Collective You even produced a second set of portraits for guests to write well wishes on that served as the couple's guestbook. **LIFE STUDIOS INC.** provided their cinematography services.

Overall, Ariel and Adam's wedding was a dream come true for the bride. “As a planner, I really enjoyed designing the decor for my own wedding. It was great to know exactly which vendors I wanted to work with and to bring my industry friends aboard to help conceptualize my wedding design,” shares Ariel.

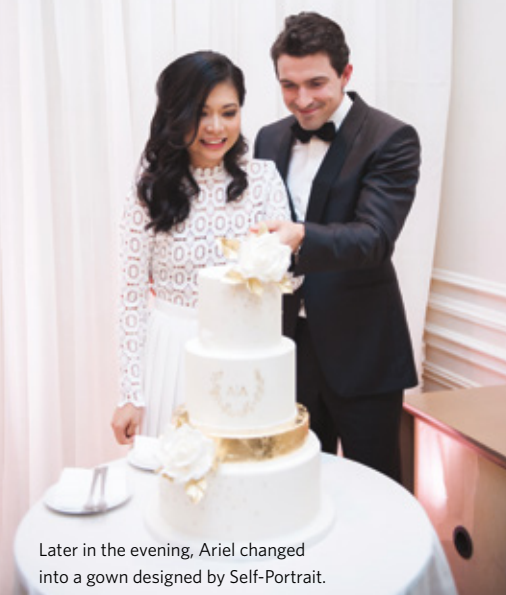
For their honeymoon, the newlyweds spent five weeks travelling Europe. Upon their return to Canada, the pair settled back into their daily routines, where Ariel is the owner of **WONDERSTRUCK EVENTS** and Adam is in internet marketing.



Cocktails served included his & her drinks: an Old Fashioned and a French 75.



Following the plated meal, guests indulged in a vanilla and salted caramel-flavoured wedding cake covered in sugar flowers and the couple's custom monogram, prepared by **A. ELIZABETH CAKES**.



Later in the evening, Ariel changed into a gown designed by Self-Portrait.



ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER
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Seeing the tears of joy and the fire in your soul when you first see your wedding photos is the reason Samineh left her studies in science and pursued a Fine Arts degree at the Emily Carr University of Art and Design. With an eye for detail and love for people, Samineh captures the most authentic, subtle moments in order to create memories to last for generations to come.

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