



*Katie AND Matt*  
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SPECTACULAR START

Matt's proposal to Katie was a spectacular start to an equally spectacular wedding day.

"Both of our families came down to our beach house in the Bahamas for New Year's Eve. We went to a royal ball that evening and after a delicious elegant dinner, we all gathered together on the dance floor dancing to, 'When a Man Loves a Woman.' The count down began and Matt then whispered in my ear, 'You know how much I love you, right Kate?' I replied, 'I love you too.' Then he got down on his knee, in front of the entire ball opening a beautiful shiny ring box and he nervously asked, 'Then will you marry me Kate?' We went back to the penthouse Matt's parents were staying at and ended our New Year's engagement gazing up at the fireworks while sipping champagne," recalls Katie.

DRAMATIC DETAILS

The couple's August 7, 2010 wedding was a magnificent affair planned by *Sarah Shore* of **DREAMGROUP PRODUCTIONS**. The ceremony and reception took place at the couple's own home in Vancouver.

Katie wore a *Jim Hjelm* ivory silk taffeta gown with flower details on the shoulder from **ISABELLE'S BRIDAL**. Her shoes were the classic *Manolo Blahnik* Mary Janes in nude patent leather. Her seven carat, princess-cut canary diamond engagement ring was worn on one

hand with her grandmother's rare antique blue diamond ring on the other. Her 'something new' was a gift from her twin sister. "My sister gave me ivory pearls and it was an honour to wear them on my wedding day as we share a wonderful bond together."

Her lush, oversized cascading bouquet of white phalaenopsis orchids hung from her hands all the way down to the floor and weighed over thirty pounds.

Katie's six bridesmaids wore butter-yellow silk taffeta gowns and each carried a bouquet of white orchids with trailing orchid garlands.

The ceremony tent was a floral wonderland. An archway of white branches covered in white blooms created a dramatic canopy over the aisle. Two life size floral peacocks were created out of hundreds of orchids and greenery. All floral design was by **GRANVILLE ISLAND FLORIST**.





*Working* with Colin from Upright Décor, Suzanne Lee from Granville Island Florist and Sarah Shore from DreamGroup Productions was indescribable. We all had fairytale in our minds and we created all the images together. They touched my heart in every way.”

-Katie

**ENCHANTED EVENING**  
After the ceremony, guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres catered by **CULINARY CAPERS** in the lounge area, while the tent was transformed into the dinner and dancing portion of the night.

When they re-entered the tent, guests entered a white dreamscape complete with crystal chandeliers hanging from the elegantly draped tent over long white gallery-style dining tables. The tables were set with silver charger plates and sparkling glass stemware. Tall crystal candelabras were topped with more opulent white orchids. Silver frames with table numbers were placed at either end of the tables. **PAPER QUEEN STATIONERY** created the name cards that were tucked into the white linen napkins topped with a circle crystal buckle.

Each guest received a personalized stamp wrapped in a silk pearl organza bag.

The decadent five-course dinner menu, created by **CULINARY CAPERS** featured fresh summer ingredients. Highlights included butter poached lobster with a melon salad served along a shot of chilled lobster soup as one of the first course options. The second course was a choice of Granville Island katsu black cod served with seasonal vegetable jewels and a miso broth or BC chanterelles mushrooms with confit of house-made chicken ravioli with piave cheese. For their main entrée, guests could choose between beef tenderloin with arugula salad or grilled Japanese eggplant. Mango coconut tart provided a sweet finish.



**CULINARY CAKES** created a beautiful confectionery masterpiece that Katie describes as, "Incredible! It was a five-tier miraculous display of very detailed candied peacocks, orchids and white vine spirals. It was all-over butter yellow with such defined detail. Silk was wrapped around the bottom, pinned with beautiful ivory pearls which gave it such a soft elegant feel. The taste was indescribable—a delicious summer-fresh light raspberry lemon cake."



**EVENING BLISS**

A custom monogram was placed on the dance floor as the couple danced the night away with their guests to the music of one of Vancouver's most popular cover bands—**DR. STRANGELOVE**.

For those with late-night appetites, **CULINARY CAPERS** also created a midnight snack of miniature burgers with smoked cheddar, miniature margherita pizza and caribbean spring rolls.

The pair honeymooned in Los Angeles at the **BEVERLY HILLS WILSHIRE HOTEL** followed by "a peaceful romantic journey" to Tahiti, Bora Bora. ☺

**ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER**



**Jeff Ow**, one of the principals of [stu-di-o] is an international photographer who has documented weddings in North America, Asia and Europe. His signature style stems from combining strong client connections with a passionate photojournalistic approach in telling the story of each wedding.

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