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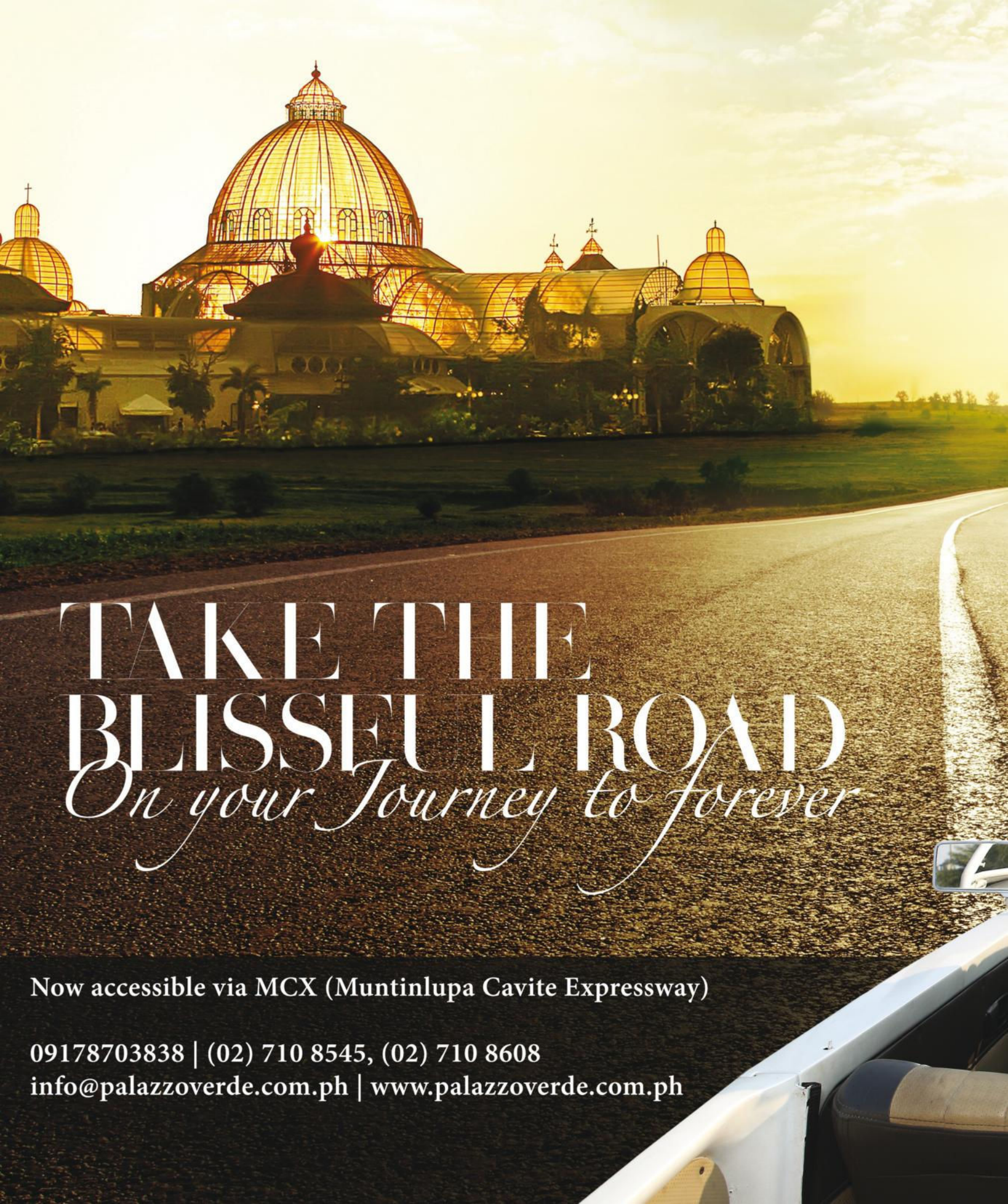
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# FINDING YOUR UNIQUE STYLE...

Style has evolved so much in the past 10 years that I have had the wonderful privilege of working with the best of the best in the wedding industry. We've seen elegant formal affairs take centerstage to be put on the back burner when softer, outdoor, vintage weddings became the trend, and then DIY became popular and we were treated to a whole new world of beautiful craftiness. And don't even get me started on wedding gowns. The wide variety of styles, cuts, fabrics, and silhouettes throughout the years has been both breathtaking and mind-boggling. What I will always appreciate about weddings is that no matter how long you are around them, you will never be bored. Each couple is always new and exciting and despite having similar themes and color palettes on occasion, a couple's unique individual style still shines through.

For our first issue this 2016, we decided to focus on beautiful wedding style. Style encompasses so much of the wedding from the gowns, to the reception look, to the overall feel and look of the whole event. I can't stress enough how much I love looking at wedding photos and seeing so many different beautiful styles. And of course, we couldn't do a style special without talking to the quintessential style makers in the wedding industry today. See what their favorite trends are on pp. 86-95.

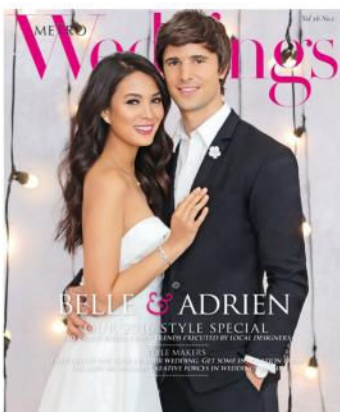
We highlight some of the most sought after designers and their creations in bridal editorials featuring the latest bridal trends of cosmopolitan glamour and ethereal elegance, plus see how you can make beautiful bridal headpieces work for you on pp. 61-62.

And of course, no issue is complete without a beautiful cover bride and no one is more perfect for our style issue than the stylish and gorgeous Isabelle Daza. We're so excited because she appears on our cover with her handsome and dashing fiancé Adrien Semblat. This is a first for Metro Weddings and we couldn't be more thrilled to have this perfect (and oh-so-sweet) pair as our first featured couple ever! Read all about their swoon-worthy love story on pp. 78-85).

It's another super sweet, wonderfully stylish, and romance-filled issue. As always we had such a wonderful time putting it together and we hope you enjoy it just as much!

Best wishes!

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With the recent trend of having two completely different looks during the wedding proper and the reception party, finding the perfect bridal makeup look has become tedious. But transitioning your aura from church to reception is easier than you think—all you need is to find the right palette to soften or deepen your looks, and combine it with the right products. Here's how to do it:

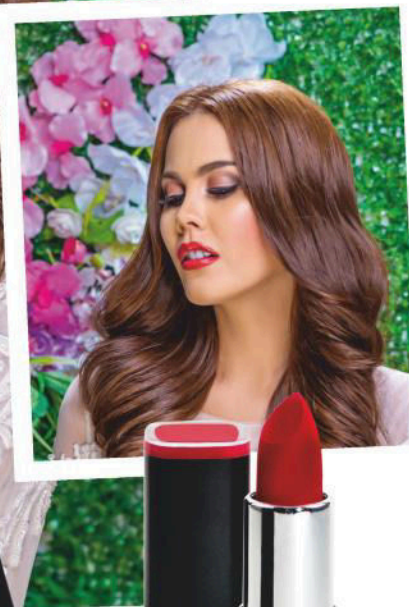
## NATURAL BEAUTY

Change looks effortlessly by choosing to touch up only one part of the face. If you're coming from fresh, bridal makeup, consider highlighting the eyes. Start with a fresh face; choose a foundation that feels light but has great coverage. **Ever Bilena Pro Flawless Finish Foundation** (P180) glides and blends well on the skin to give you a smooth, radiant finish. It's also enriched with Vitamin E so your skin gets enough moisture throughout the day. For the eyes, choose matte colors in a neutral palette like **Ever Bilena Eyeshadow Palette in Brown** (P155), which has coordinated shades that you can easily blend and match according to your preference. This is also



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perfect if you want to go for a classic bridal look. Finish with a liquid liner like **Ever Bilena Liquid Dip Liner** (P160) to define your eyes—the fine applicator allows you to make thin, short strokes so your eyes still look naturally enchanting. And don't forget your blush! A nice, earthy shade like **Ever Bilena Cheek Blush in Earth** (P175) gives you an instant facelift, since the deep browns can be used to contour the cheekbones. To keep your color palette neutral (and on trend), try a brown-red hue on your lips. **Ever Bilena Matte Lipstick in Siennas** (P165) has a pigmented matte finish that keeps the lips soft and moisturized.



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## A BOLD SWEEP

After the exchanging of vows comes the after party! You now have the freedom to swipe a bold red on your lips and be a standout on your special day. But first, make sure that the rest of your face stays muted—a strong lip color must be complemented with clean skin. **Ever Bilena Matte Two Way Cake** (P150) provides flawless, picture-perfect skin, and can be used for on-the-go touch up, makeup setting and spot coverage. It feels weightless and the natural matte finish lasts all day. For your eyes, start with perfect brows using **Ever Bilena Matic Brow Liner** (P180). This long-wearing liner glides easily, has a good color payoff, and keeps the brows looking thick but real. Then choose soft shimmer on the lids, like **Ever Bilena Eyeshadow Palette Pink** (P155), which looks great for an evening makeup look. Finish it off with **Ever Bilena Matte Lipstick in Love that Red** (P165), a matte formula with a vibrant hue that radiates elegance. It's the perfect red that brings out your pearly whites so your smile looks perfect in every shot!



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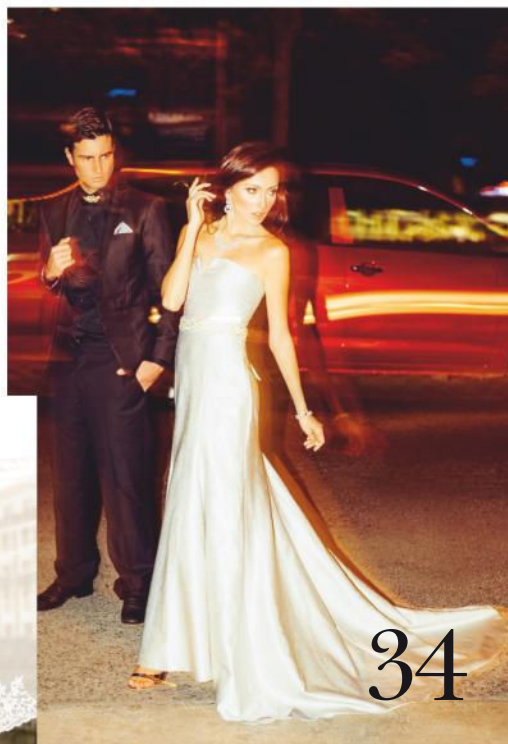
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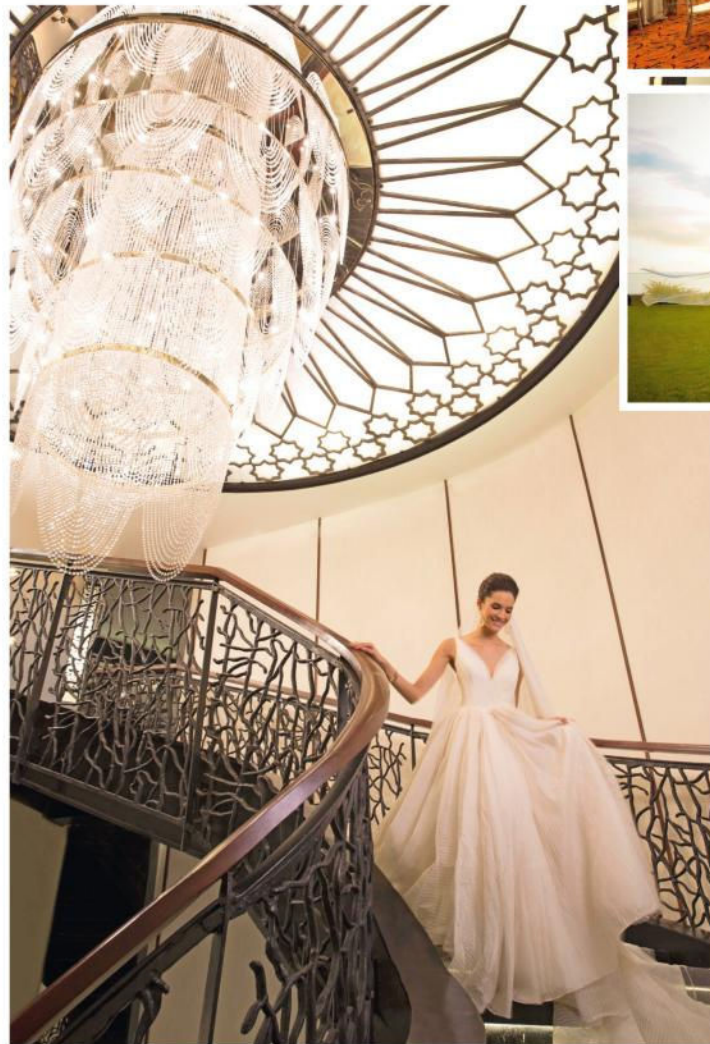
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For more information on the 2016 collection, visit [www.rosaclara.es](http://www.rosaclara.es) and [www.airebarcelona.com](http://www.airebarcelona.com), check out the Facebook page [Rosa Clará Philippines](https://www.facebook.com/RosaClaráPhilippines), and follow [@rosaclara](https://www.instagram.com/rosaclara) on Instagram.

To book your appointment with a Bridal Consultant at the Rosa Clará showroom, email [rosaclara@trimarkholdings.net](mailto:rosaclara@trimarkholdings.net) or call (02) 238-1310. The Rosa Clará showroom is located at The Residences at Greenbelt, Tower III.



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The Barong Tagalog is a uniquely Filipino cultural icon that represents the elegant style and lofty ideals of our national identity. Preserving this heritage and making it relevant to today's generation is a commitment held dearly by **EN Barong Filipino**. For more than 50 years now, this Filipino family-owned company has built its name on creating authentic barong apparel cut only from the finest materials and sewn by experts at the craft.

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# I DO, IN CHOO!

Jimmy Choo is known for being a global favorite of celebrities and fashion forward lovers of shoes. This season, Jimmy Choo launches its newest bridal collection with an exclusive Made-To-Order (MTO) service.

The Jimmy Choo 2016 Bridal Collection features a variety of heels, sandals, pumps, and flats adorned with an array of ethereal feathers, Swarovski crystals, lace, beading, and other glitter finishes. Bridal evening bags complement the collection including sleek clutches, jewel encrusted minaudieres and elegant wristlets.

For MTO bridal shoes, the service offers a suite of custom made signature styles with a variety of color options, textures, and finishes. For an added personal touch, brides can also personalize the soles of their shoes with the addition of monogram initials and/or a time plate creating a beautiful bespoke memento of her special day.

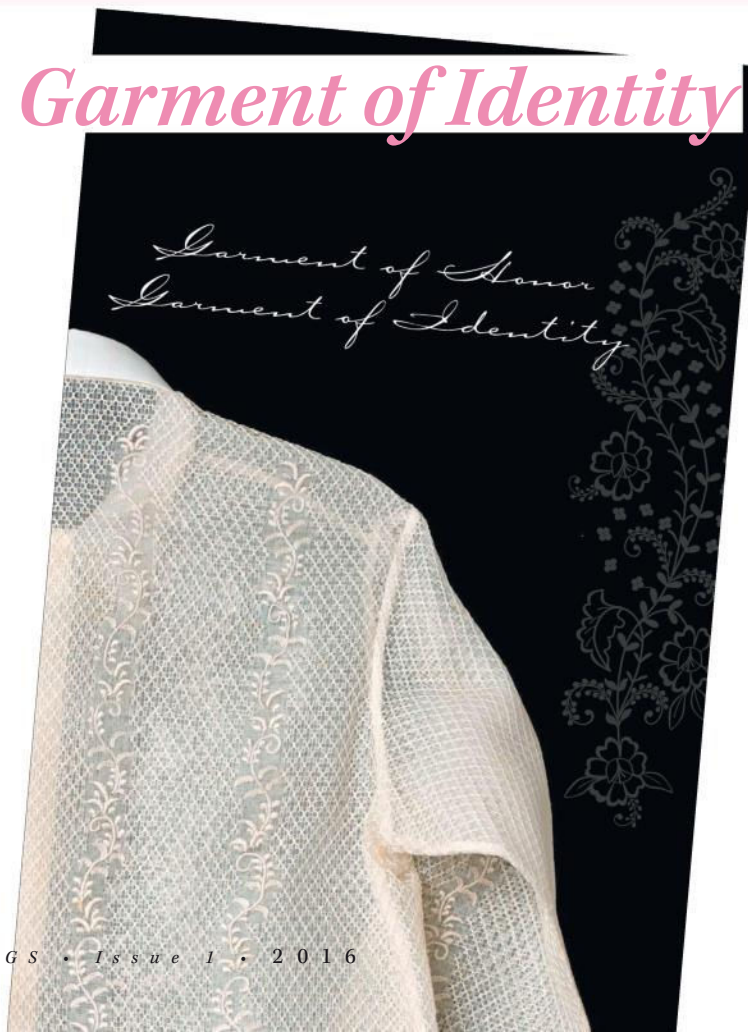


## Garment of Honor, Garment of Identity

A perfect mix of visual beauty and stimulating intellectual content is what you will find in the pages of *Garment of Honor, Garment of Identity*. The visual beauty as seen through the lens of the renowned Neal Oshima, whose photographs transport us from the appreciation of the pleasing countenance of the Barong as seen from afar to the fascinating world of the microscopic symphony of threads weaving themselves into the intricate embroidery of the garment.

The rigorous historical expertise on the barong we owe to Felicidad Nadres, founder of En Barong Filipino who shared her knowledge to the writers, Maria Corazon Alejo-Hila, Mitzi Marie Aguilar-Reyes and Anita Feleo. Designed by Felix Mago Miguel, the journey through the photographs and the texts is made pleasant and unified.

The book uncovers to its readers, the what, when, where, who and why of the Barong. It opens with a curious legend that theorizes on a philosophically-inspired ideological origin of garment and then proceeds to the actual historical account of where it came from. It also gives the reader a glimpse of where the Barong is headed with a review of the trendy designs that it has evolved into. The last chapter is a treat, embellished by a collection of the latest En Barong designs modelled by the band, Parokya ni Edgar.





# VOWS OF ELEGANCE



**R**ita Neri Events Planners and The Makati Shangri-la Hotel partnered to present Vows of Elegance, A Grand Wedding Fair. The bridal fair was a unique concept put together just for Shangri-la Makati, which brought together some of the most sought after wedding suppliers in the industry today. Rita and her team of wedding specialists carefully curated all the suppliers ensuring guests that they were getting the very best of the best.

The majestic Riza Ballroom was the venue for Vows of Elegance and the perfect backdrop for showcasing the luxurious and elegant booths and setups of the suppliers. Soon-to-wed couples and guests could walk through the fair, meet suppliers, and see everything that the Makati Shangri-la had to offer. To date, Makati Shangri-la's signature weddings offer a variety of options and themes including Classic Romantic, Pristine Elegance, Oriental Dream, and Romantic Hues. Each theme has distinct details to fit each unique couple.

Some of the suppliers featured in the fair included renowned event stylist Robert Blancaflor, florist Pat Pastelero, cake artist Penk Ching, Philip Santos, and theatre artist and events director Raymond Lauchengco. On both days of the bridal fair, bridal fashion was highlighted in two stunning bridal fashion shows. The first featured the work of Michael Leyva while the second featured the collections of Vania Romoff, Maureen Disini, and Kristel Yulo.



# TRINITY & LOVE

## LOVE & AFFECTION

A delicate, precious gift to be layered, tied, or wound to reveal subtle glints of gold, studded with glittering diamonds.

## ESSENTIAL LOVE

This bracelet is distinctively Cartier. The flat bangle consists of two semi-circles joined by a line that become symbols of love. There is no clasp, nothing to interrupt the line or flow of the design.



## EXPRESS FOREVER WITH THESE TIMELESS CARTIER JEWELRY PIECES

The Trinity Ring and the Love Bracelet are two icons at the zenith of jewelry icons. These two timeless pieces are no longer categorized as modern or classic; they simply belong to the next level, where myth is formed, transcends time, and is passed on from generation to generation.

The Trinity Ring offers the potential to symbolize a personalized signature, while the Love Ring evokes wild romance. Over time, both pieces have emerged as cult objects.

These highly distinguishable forms have morphed into a range of, from the boldest, most creative versions to the most passionate of jewels, from the icon itself to the tiniest skin jewels. A signature in itself.

## LOVE TO THE POWER OF TWO

The icon revisited, dramatically strewn with precious stones. Golden sensations to be layered, one over another, lending a radical allure of bold glamour. As always, the screw symbol is engraved at regular intervals.



## RADICAL LOVE

Extra-wide ceramic cuffs, interlocking gold bracelets, and cuffs set with diamonds.



## SWEET TRINITY

The tender and refined version of the three bands, the sweet trinity collection curls up gracefully against the skin. Pink gold, white gold and yellow gold flow together, tied with a filiform chain. This miniature version of the three bands injects femininity and grace.



## TRINITY TWIST

A spectacular cocktail of draped sautoirs, black and white or colored variations, ceramic and diamond rings, and dappled panther pieces. The icon is extravagantly and inventively revisited, reflecting a personalized signature.



## ORIGINAL TRINITY

The original, timeless classic three bands, to be passed on from generation to generation. An essential piece of jewelry, a grand classic in grey gold, pink gold and yellow gold. This circular phenomenon is above all elegant, and therein lies the secret of its longevity: the roundness of the band, its generosity, its colors, tenderness in filigree.



# THAT WEDDING GLOW

*Turn heads as you walk down the aisle in these new bridal beauty musts*

## EB Advance Blush Duo - P220

Designed to add depth to your look and emphasize your features with its easy to use silicon brush applicator.



## EB Advance 5 Shades Eyeshadow - Php 120

An eyeshadow set of five vivid colors that can take your look from day to night. This product comes in a lightweight compact case in complementing colors such as Blue happiness, Sunset Café, Amazing Pink, Smoky Blast, and Rainbow Blaze. We recommend Sunset Café for a simple yet glamorous look.



## EB Advance Liquid Lipstick - Php 195

This new lippie comes in six new shades that glide smoothly on your lips with extreme fluidity yet sets in a perfect matte finish. For light sophisticated lips, try Pink Pearl and Soft Lace.



## EB Advance Studio Finish Foundation - Php 195

This cream-based foundation has buildable coverage that conceals blemishes, evens out the skin texture, and leaves a matte finish on the skin. It comes in Crème, Miel, and Beige shades that are also infused with moisturizers to keep the face hydrated and glowing.



## EB Advance Blushing Cheeks - Php 90

This intuitive cream-gel transforms into a perfect dewy flush of color on your cheeks.



GOWN BY ISABEL CELDRAN-KOA,  
EARRINGS BY CHRISTOPHER MUNAR,  
BRACELET AND NECKLACE BY  
DENOVO DIAMONDS, LACE POINTED  
D'ORSAY HEELS BY SOMETHING  
BORROWED FROM ZALORA.PH,  
COAT AND TIE BY ULYSSES KING



# MiRroR MiKroR

*Beautiful  
cosmopolitan  
bridal couture is the  
perfect combination  
of modern, sleek,  
and sparkly*

CREATIVE DIRECTION AND STYLING **ALEX LAPA**  
ASSISTED BY **VINCE CORIOSA**  
PHOTOGRAPHY **NOEL SALAZAR** ASSISTED BY **ARNEL MONTINOLA**  
MAKEUP **RAE SALAZAR** HAIR **NHOT BITUIN**  
MODELS **JULIA** OF **RECO MODEL MANAGEMENT** AND **RAFAEL** OF **IM AGENCY**  
SHOT ON LOCATION AT **CRIMSON HOTEL FILINVEST CITY**  
SPECIAL THANKS TO **MICHAEL ANTHONY SAGARAN**

**TWO-WAY BEAUTY**  
*A gorgeous detachable lace train creates two looks for a stunning halter gown*

TWO-WAY HALTER GOWN WITH  
DETACHABLE LACE TRAIN  
BY REGINA YULO, JEWELRY  
BY CHRISTOPHER MUNAR,  
PUMPS WITH EMBOSSED  
HEELS FROM ZALORA.PH



STUNNING ELEGANCE

*Pair elegant modern geometric  
embroidered gowns with smoky  
eyes and sculpted cheeks*

SWAROVSKI EMBELLISHED GOWN

/ BY REGINA YULO, JEWELRY

BY CHRISTOPHER MUNAR



LUXURIOUS LACE

*A lace bodice is paired perfectly  
with a sleek and romantic skirt.*

GOWN FROM PRONOVIAS/MI  
SUENO BRIDAL, BRACELET AND  
EARRINGS BY CHRISTOPHER  
MUNAR, DIAMOND RING BY  
DENOVO DIAMONDS



#### MIX AND MATCH

*A low neckline short gown is recreated with the addition of a longer detachable skirt*

GOWN BY ISABEL CELDRAN-KOA,  
EARRINGS BY CHRISTOPHER MUNAR,  
BRACELET AND NECKLACE BY  
DENOVO DIAMONDS, LACE-POINTED  
D'ORSAY HEELS BY SOMETHING  
BORROWED FROM ZALORA.PH,  
COAT AND TIE BY ULYSSES KING

GEOMETRIC PATTERNS

*Combine crystals and patterns for a modern and fashionable bridal bodice*

SWAROVSKI EMBELLISHED GOWN

BY REGINA YULO, JEWELRY

BY CHRISTOPHER MUNAR

SPARKLE AND SHINE  
*Add a stunning and sparkling  
neckline design and bodice  
to a shimmery silver skirt for  
perfect cosmopolitan flavor*

GOWN BY GIL GRANADO, EARRINGS

BY CHRISTOPHER MUNAR, AND

SHOES FROM ZALORA.PH

## SEQUINS AND FLOWERS

*A lace and sequined gown is modern yet still romantic paired with floral appliqué and a stretch taffeta skirt*

GOWN BY ARMAND NOI MARCO &  
OYAMA, JEWELRY BY CHRISTOPHER  
MUNAR, SHOES BY SOMETHING  
BORROWED FROM ZALORA.PH





**SPLENDID SHIMMER**  
*A beautiful evening wedding  
doesn't mean makeup needs  
to be heavy. A natural bridal  
look is still achievable  
enhanced with shimmery  
contour and well defined eyes.*

GOWN BY ARMAND NOI  
MARCO & OYAMA, JEWELRY  
BY CHRISTOPHER MUNAR,



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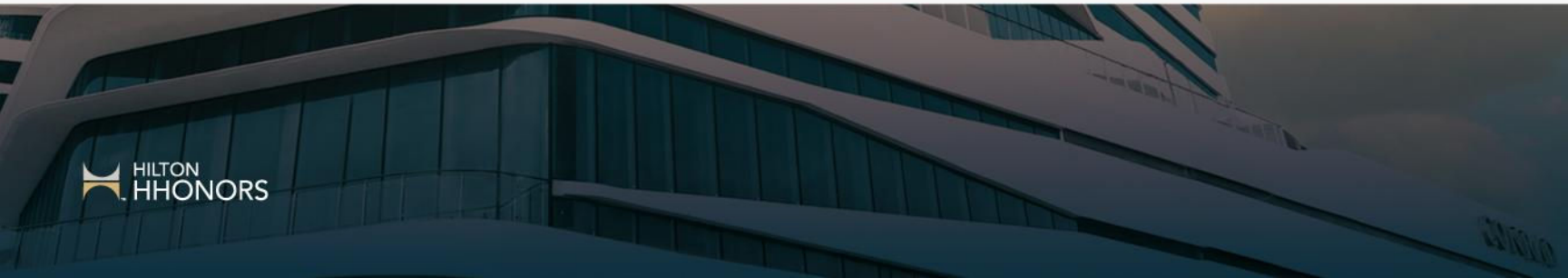


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# *Into the woods*

*RUFFLES, TULLE, FUR, AND FERNS COMBINE  
BEAUTIFULLY TO CREATE RICH, LUXURIOUS,  
AND DRAMATIC WEDDING GOWNS INSPIRED  
BY STUNNING DECADENT STYLE*

CREATIVE DIRECTION AND STYLING **NIO MANZANO**  
ASSISTED BY **GIE VALENCIA** AND **JOHN SHERWYNN CHAN**  
PHOTOGRAPHY **SHAIRA LUNA**  
ASSISTED BY **VON LUNA**

MAKEUP AND HAIR **LOURD RAMOS** AND CREATIONS BY **LOURD RAMOS TEAM**  
MODELS **BRUNIA** AND **KAT** OF **ELITE MODEL MANAGEMENT** AND **ANDY** (FLOWER GIRL)  
SET DESIGN AND FLOWERS **JO CLARAVALL**  
JEWELRY **DE NOVO DIAMONDS** SPECIAL THANKS TO **EURI VAREN**  
SHOT ON LOCATION AT **SOFITEL PHILIPPINE PLAZA MANILA**  
SPECIAL THANKS TO **DEBBIE GALANG**



BLUSH GOWN AND VEIL BY BESSIE  
BESANA, FUR SHRUG BY JUNJUN  
ABLAZA, TIARA FROM FIRMA

## RICH SATIN

*Luxe fabrics and billowing sleeves combine rich and sweet in one beautiful look*

ON KAT: SATIN VICTORIAN GOWN  
BY JAMES REYES, FEATHER  
FAN FROM FIRMA, TIARA FROM  
AC + 632, ON BRUNIA: GRAY  
ORGANZA GOWN BY DAIRO,  
HAIR ORNAMENTS BY ALZANO



SHADES OF GREY

*A classic silhouette is given a beautiful boost with an elegant and stylish neckline and a unique combination of colors*

GRAY AND WHITE GOWN BY JAMES REYES, HEADPIECE BY ALZANO

PRETTY IN PEACH

*Subtle lace detailing and  
classic pleats are chic accents  
that are ultra feminine*

ON KAT: TULLE AND SATIN GOWN  
WITH PATCH LACE BY ROEL ROSAL  
ON BRUNIA: PEACH GOWN WITH  
BOX PLEATING BY ERWIN LEE TAN





ARTFUL CHIC

*Details hand painted  
directly on fabric make for  
a one of a kind gown that  
is literally a work of art*

PAINTED TULLE AND SATIN GOWN  
BY JUNE SAMSON PUGAT



LUCIOUS LAYERS

*Layers never go out of style. Whatever the fabric, adding layers to your skirt, gives it sweet feminine flair*

GOWNS BY REGINA YULO



UNIQUE COMBINATION

*Combining styles in one gown can add texture and drama. Just keep the palette simple and classic*

ON KAT: NEOPRENE GOWN BY ALBERT ANDRADA; ON ANDY: FLOWER GIRL GOWN BY HARVIC DOMINGUEZ; ON BRUNIA: GOWN BY ALBERT ANDRADA



DEWY PERFECTION  
*Luxurious and rich gowns  
are already a bold statement.  
Soften this look with natural  
dewy makeup and a nude  
and pearl color palette*  
FUR SHURG BY JUNJUN  
ABLAZA, TIARA FROM FIRMA

FABULOUS AND FLOWING

*Soft flowing cuts are made  
unique and exceptional  
with the addition of  
handpainted design*

ON KAT: HANDPAINTED GOWN BY  
JUNE SAMSON PUGAT; ON ANDY:

HANDPAINTED FLOWER GIRL  
DRESS BY JUNE SAMSON PUGAT





WEAR THE PANTS

*An unconventional pantsuit looks beautiful and feminine with flowing fabrics and intricate design*

SILK PANTSUIT BY JOT LOSA,  
FOX THROW FROM JUNJUN  
ABLAZA, CLUTCH FROM FIRMA



**SEEING DOUBLE**  
*Color blocking gray with white adds contrast and depth to a classic gown. Construct with two trains for some drama*  
GRAY AND WHITE GOWN WITH DOUBLE TRAIN BY JAMES REYES.  
HEADPIECE BY ALZANO



#### ACCESSORIES AND TEXTURE

*Add depth to your ensemble with fur stoles, intricate beading, flowing trains, and gorgeous headpieces*

ON BRUNIA: GOWN BY MARK TAMAYO

ON ANDY: FLOWER GIRL DRESS BY

REGINA YULO; ON KAT: GOWN BY HARVIC

DOMINGUEZ; HEADPIECE FROM AC+632



WOODLAND  
INSPIRATION  
*Create a fabulous  
woodland inspired  
cake to perfectly  
match your theme*

BLUE BIRD RED VELVET  
CAKE BY MICHELLE  
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# CROWNING glory

*Bridal headpieces can easily change, enhance, and complete your bridal look. Whether it's flowers, tiaras, or headbands, don't forget the final element of your wedding day ensemble*

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MODEL (LEAD PHOTO) **KATE BAUTISTA** OF  
PRIMA STELLA MODEL MANAGEMENT

**U**nadorned wedding hair is beautiful in its own right, but bridal headpieces have the power to pull your entire look together. A sparkling tiara can make you feel like a real princess, while a floral crown might be just the thing to complete your rustic and romantic style. The best part about bridal headpieces is that there are so many different designs perfect for every kind of bride. Whether you want a large wedding fascinator or you prefer something small and sweet, here are some tips on choosing the perfect wedding headpiece for your special day.

**CONSIDER YOUR WEDDING STYLE** – The style of your headpiece will be largely determined by the overall look and theme of your wedding. A birdcage fascinator will work splendidly with a 40's themed event while a floral crown is perfect for a rustic outdoor garden affair. Be sure to match your chosen headpiece to your theme and style.

## RECEPTIONS | RECEPTIONS



**KNOW WHAT YOUR HAIRSTYLE WILL BE IN ADVANCE** – Your hairstyle will also help determine with bridal headpiece will work for you. If you are doing chignon or loose and flowing waves then you might need a specific style. Certain headpieces work better with other hairstyles than others. At the end of the day you don't want something that will over power you.

**VIEW YOUR ACCESSORY FROM ALL ANGLES** – As a bride you'll be viewed from every single angle – front, back, and both sides. Be sure to choose a bridal headpiece that looks good from every angle and you'll look beautiful in all your wedding photos.



**TAKE IT FOR A TEST SPIN** – Wearability is still an important factor in choosing your bridal hair accessories. It might look beautiful but if it's not comfortable to wear or if you find yourself wanting to tear it out immediately, then maybe you need to reconsider. Anything large and intricate especially should be test driven before the actual wedding.

**ADJUST, ADJUST, ADJUST** – Adjustment can easily change a bridal headpiece. The accessory can look different depending on if you place it flat against your head or lift it up at the crown. As a general rule of thumb, the higher you place it, the more dramatic it will look. This applies to every type of clip, tiara, and crown. If you keep accessories closer to your face they stand out more top.



## CELEBRITY BRIDES HEADPIECE PICKS



**Heart Evangelista-Escudero**  
Heart chose timeless elegance with a lace headpiece that perfectly matched her gorgeous gown



**Kitchie Nadal-Lopez**  
True to her bohemian rustic theme, Kitchie chose a stunning autumn color inspired floral crown



**Karylle Tatlonghari-Yuzon**  
Karylle was a vision in classic lace. She paired her gown beautifully with an intricately designed stunning veil.



**Bianca Gonzalez-Intal**  
Beach bride Bianca glowed in a floral crown highlighting beautiful and unique tropical flowers

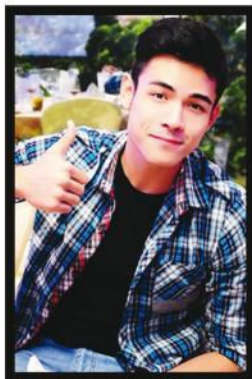
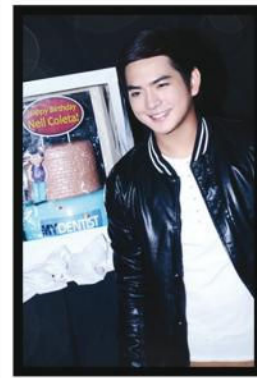
### ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

*When it comes to choosing your own headpiece, the possibilities are endless. You can do handcrafted combs, flowers, veils, jeweled headbands, tiaras, sparkly crowns, and fascinators, just to name a few.*



HANDCRAFTED FLORAL COMBS, JEWELLED HEADBAND, AND ROSE ORGANZA HEADPIECES BY ALZANO

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A man with dark hair and a light beard is sitting on a dark, ornate metal bench. He is wearing a maroon suit jacket over a light-colored, button-down shirt. He is looking off to the side with a serious expression. Behind him is a large, multi-paned window that lets in bright light. To the right of the window, there are several potted plants, including a large one with white flowers and green leaves. The overall scene is bright and elegant.

# CLASSIC & *Chic*

*STUNNING SILHOUETTES, FEMININE  
CUTS, LAYERING, AND JUST THE RIGHT  
AMOUNT OF EMBELLISHMENT AND LACE  
CHARACTERIZE JOE SAN ANTONIO'S LATEST  
BRIDAL GOWN COLLECTION*


PHOTOGRAPHY **METROPHOTO**  
STYLIST **GIDEON HERMOSA**  
MAKEUP AND HAIR **GERY PENASO**  
SHOT ON LOCATION AT **VERSAILLES**





SPLENDID SKIRT

*A sleek lace embellished bodice is given a flirty feminine feel with a flowing cascading ruffled skirt*

A woman with dark hair is standing on a white balustrade, leaning her right arm on it. She is wearing a white wedding dress with a strapless bodice covered in small white beads and a full, flowing skirt. The background is a light-colored wall, and the scene is decorated with various green plants and flowers in pots. The lighting is soft and warm.

DRAPERY AND BEADS  
*Stylish serpentine cuts with  
an embellished structured  
bodice is softened  
with subtle draping*

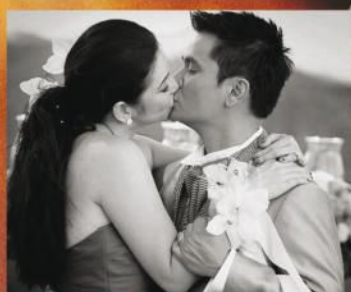
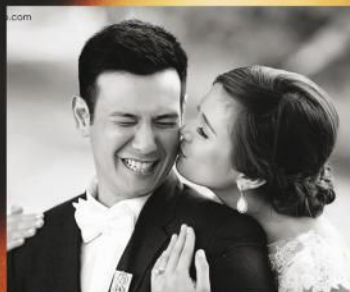
**SMOOTH AND SLEEK**

*A fashion forward sleek sheer bodice is paired perfectly with a long silk skirt and train for some traditional bridal glamour*



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# NEW BEAUTY

HERE ARE THE LATEST  
BEAUTY PRODUCTS  
BEING OFFERED  
IN THE MARKET

## LUSH in London

Everybody's favorite destination for natural and delightfully-scented cosmetics, Lush Fresh Handmade Cosmetics, has made a new home at Europe's busiest shopping street, Oxford Street. Promising a shopping experience like no other, their new flagship store and largest branch in the world spreads over three floors and across 9500 square-feet.



## Happy Skin Turns 1!

**HAPPY SKIN**, the country's breakthrough brand of makeup that cares for the skin, recently celebrated a milestone as the brand turned one! Held at Vanilla Cupcake Bakery at Bonifacio Global City, it was a sweet celebration as founders Jacque Yuengtian-Gutierrez and Rissa Mananquil-Trillo reminisced their first year – how they started with five counters which have now grown to fifty, and how all their key products have bagged beauty awards in the brand's first year.



## Perfect Pout

**REVLON MATTE LIPCOLOR**

helps you create beautiful, vibrant, and luminous colors for your lips. Choose from a wide variety of hues and shades for that pretty perfect pucker.



## The GOODY NEON

**GRIP** features a soft chevron-pattern grip that isn't only pretty to look at, but also easy to hold. It has a cushion head for added comfort and ball-tipped bristles for smooth detangling and combing.



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Beauty shines in you

## THE NEWEST LIQUID CONCEALER

Sunshine Cruz is wearing Ever Bilena Liquid Concealer in Light shade.



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*Sunshine Cruz*  
SUNSHINE CRUZ  
Model/Actress

**NEW!**

## NOTHING TO HIDE

Get ready to unveil flawless skin with the newest **Ever Bilena Liquid Concealer**. It helps minimize the appearance of minor skin imperfections with its light and blendable formula. Just dip, dot and blend.

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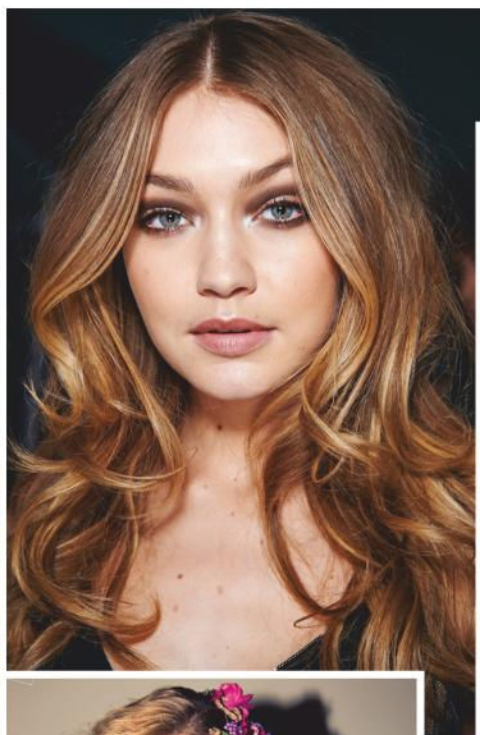
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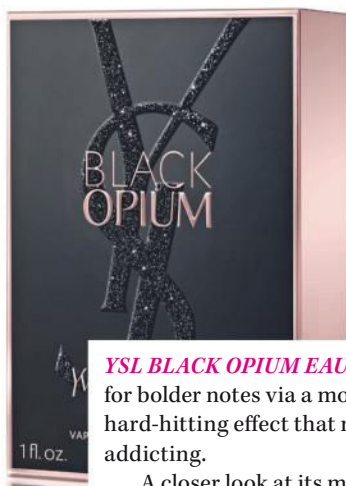
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## Platinum Strength

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# All eyes on you

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in varying matching  
hues and enhance  
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# PICTURE *perfect*

*In a first for Metro Weddings, a couple  
graces the cover as picture perfect bride  
Isabelle Daza reveals the intimate  
details of her upcoming nuptials to  
fiancée Adrien Semblat this September*

*By Elaine Carag*

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JEWELRY, WHITE 18 CARAT WHITE  
GOLD METRO OVAL PENDANT BY  
TIFFANY & CO., MIKIMOTO SINGLE  
STRAND PEARL NECKLACE, TENNIS  
BRACELET BY ROBERTO COIN

**I**t is late afternoon on a Monday, and Isabelle Daza is a vision in white. She is glowing, an ivory masterpiece draping her long and lean frame effortlessly. There is an almost palpable glow that keeps everyone's gaze transfixed on her.

Isabelle has always been quite the sight—beautiful almond eyes, perfect full lips, and endless to-die-for legs. There is just something about the 28-year-old that floors you. This is no surprise, of course, considering she is the eldest daughter of the very first Filipina to win Miss Universe. And while Belle clearly looks every bit the beauty queen in her own right, this lovely lady is carving her very own path and blazing her own trail. And tonight she dons a gorgeous gown for a different reason altogether.

### **'It was our moment'**

"Isabelle Daza is engaged!" all the headlines went in early February. While the 'it' girl has evaded her would-be Facebook status for almost half a year, she has actually been happily betrothed to French boyfriend Adrien Semblat since the end of August 2015. Her fiancé, the country manager of a popular sportswear brand in the Philippines, proposed to her during a vacation

in picturesque Cappadocia, Turkey—and, there, under the bright Turkish sun, hot air balloons in the sky, Adrien knelt down on one knee to profess his undying love for Isabelle. If a love story is anything like theirs, who can fault a woman for wanting to bask in the *kilig* for a while longer?

“It was nice to keep it a secret, I wasn’t ready to Instagram it right away,” Isabelle laughs as she recalls the reason she did not reveal the great news as it happened. “Nowadays, being in the public eye, everything’s on social media. Sometimes, you just want to keep things to yourself. I just wanted to enjoy that moment without being interviewed or questioned over and over. It was our moment.”

As soon as they returned to Manila, they regaled the story with loved ones over an intimate dinner where they officially announced their engagement. “A lot of our friends cried, actually,” she reveals—as expected, especially from those who bore witness to their six-year relationship.

### **‘I knew he’d be significant in my life’**

By now, everyone has heard of the often-told tale of the way Isabelle and Adrien became an item, but it is a story that you will never tire of hearing.

They first met in December 2008, when he was new to Manila and a common friend introduced them during a night out. He immediately took a liking to her. Her? Not quite. At the time, she was coming out of a long-term relationship, so getting into another one was the last thing on her mind. Months passed before he was able to get a “yes” to his invites, but it was ultimately their mutual love for sports and travel that brought them together. A few months into 2009, Isabelle and Adrien became official.

“When he came to a European trip I planned with my friends,





GOWN BY KRISTEL YULO, VEIL BY  
ALZANO, EARRINGS AND DIAMOND  
RING BY ORO CHINA, 18 KARAT BOW  
BRACELET BY TIFFANY & CO.

I knew he'd be significant in my life," Isabelle reveals. During their appearance on *Kris TV*, she shares that she had this epiphany in the middle of a concert she attended with her *barkada*. As Adrien rested for an early flight and she danced to Bloc Party, she realized she was just not having as much fun as she should be. She ended up bailing on the group to rendezvous with her man—and they have been inseparable ever since.

## 'Life doesn't end after the wedding'

Eight years later, Isabelle and Adrien are nine months into their engagement and seven months into wedding preps. After their momentous trip to Turkey, the couple wasted no time upon arriving back to Manila where they began working and saving for their happily ever after.

"I've always heard from people that planning is so difficult, so the first thing we did was to look for a location," Isabelle shares. They settled on a beautiful castle in Tuscany, Italy—a country they both fell in love with during their many travels. Isabelle did always want to marry abroad.

"When we decided on Tuscany, I flew there in October with my cousin Martine [Cajucom] who is like the 'creative director' of my wedding. She's the one helping me plan it," she recalls. "From there, we bought my wedding dress in Paris as well. All in one go." No fuss, no muss. Although, they did need to use their charms to secure the venue. "It was so funny because the place we booked in, they didn't have any slots anymore. But, after some sweet talking from Martine, they accommodated us." With her cousin's help, Isabelle emphasizes how planning has become a "girl thing," and "Adrien just has to show up."

Of course, the groom cannot *not* be involved. If there is one

## I Love A

*Metro Weddings stalks Isabelle Daza's Instagram to see their cutest snaps!*

### 1. (@isabelledaza)

"Stanning together in @adidasph" during one of their many travels together.

### 2. (@isabelledaza)

"Checking out the new @calvinklein store" in impeccable couple style.

### 3. (@isabelledaza)

"Remembering the sunset in Marrakech" during their dreamy pre-nuptial photoshoot.

### 4. (@isabelledaza)

"Ice trekking with my professional guide" looks so much fun!

5. (@isabelledaza) What a beautiful couple—Isabelle was "wearing @vaniaromoff for the Metrowear Luxe event."



thing that the bride-to-be learned about her fiancée in the process of putting their dream wedding together, it is that "he likes to stick to a budget!" she laughs.

"Adrien is a bit more structured and planned, I like to chill and go with the flow," she shares. Indeed, the groom sticks to a list and puts everything on an Excel sheet while the bride keeps the process free-flowing.

"It's stressful because Adrien

puts a budget on everything!" she teases.

"She can do anything she wants as long as it follows the budget. We defined the budget, agreed on what would be spent with the budget, and spend within the budget," he says in his heavy French accent.

"Did you hear how many times he said budget?" she laughs.

Admittedly, they initially

argued about it, but they also found a solution together. "We clashed a lot in the beginning, but we both agreed to meet in the middle," Isabelle says. "He always tells me that life doesn't end after the wedding."

Though Adrien has relegated most of the organizing to Isabelle—as long as she keeps to the budget!—he still has a hand in everything as they make a conscious effort of making



## Dress Diaries

*The bride-to-be shares the story of how she chose her wedding gown in less than an hour*

As an actress, host, model, and all-around 'it' girl, the 28-year-old *lives* style. Here, she reveals the secret to skipping the agony of choosing from a million pieces to finding the perfect one in 30 minutes.

### Who are you wearing on the big day?

Jenny Packham.

### How did you find the perfect one right away?

When you're so used to wearing gowns, when you're trying something on, you just know. It's because you know your body.

### When did you decide on the particular gown?

I tried three gowns on. On the fourth, I knew that *that* was it.

### How did your friends and family react to how you bought your wedding gown in less than an hour?

Of course, everybody was like, "Why did you buy it in one go?" But, I agree with the Frenchman who was in the store. It's very different when a woman knows her body and knows what she wants. He shared how they have customers who come three or four times yet they still don't know. *Natuwa siya sa'kin.*

### Can you describe your chosen design?

It's very simple, my style—nothing too big. Just something wearable.

### Can you also tell us about what your fiancée will be wearing?

He's wearing a custom-made morning suit by a Parisian designer. He really knew what he wanted, so I just helped him decide.

GOWN BY MARTIN BOUTISTE  
STUD PENDANT, PLATINUM DIAMOND  
KEY PENDANT, RAINBOW BRACELET BY  
TIFFANY & CO.  
TENNIS BRACELET BY ROBERTO COIN



GOWN BY VANIA ROMOFF  
CUSHION CUT YELLOW DIAMOND  
PENDANT AND BOW BRACELET BY  
TIFFANY & CO.

the planning collaborative. From sealing and sending out their invitations, tasting the gastronomic spread for the three-day gathering, and choosing Adrien's suit, they still make sure to work together. "She's very good at putting together events and entertaining people, so I trust her," he says.

"I want to plan everything ahead of time because I don't want to cram anything," Isabelle shares. "The more we plan, the more we can enjoy the wedding," Adrien adds.

It helps that the Big Day has become a family affair. "Everyone has a task to do, even my aunts and cousins are all so helpful contributing little details. Again, Martine is 'creative directing' while my sister Ava is taking charge of giveaways."

When it is normally friends and family who celebrate newlyweds, it is the opposite with Isabelle and Adrien. On throwing a bridal shower, she says, "I don't want my friends and family to spend any more than they have to since they will all be flying for the wedding," she shares. "Adrien's family will also be traveling, either driving or taking the train, from France." To show their gratitude to their loved ones for spending this special day with them, she and Adrien are actually planning "a small surprise for the guests"—a group of about 150 people—that they can all look forward to during the weekend of the wedding.

Now, all Isabelle can ask for is for Maroon 5 to show up in their reception to make everything more than perfect!

### 'Be happy every day'

While September 10 draws near, Isabelle and Adrien very much look forward to married life as they enjoy their last few months as boyfriend-girlfriend. "He still forces me to go hiking, I force him to go shopping," she jokes. "On Sundays, we try to cook a meal together."



When Adrien proposed, he said that Isabelle's love "fits him perfectly"—and there's no doubt in Isabelle's mind that Adrien's love fits her perfectly as well.

"We just complement each other," she continues. "Adrien teaches me a lot about finance—not giving in to my impulses; he tells me it's impolite to be late or to interrupt people when they talk, which I do," she laughs. "On the other hand, I force him to have a good time and detach from work. I always prepare food for him to make sure he eats."

Even if Isabelle believes that it is important to have a life outside of their relationship, it is doing these little things that the two hopes to maintain as a married couple. "I want us to remain the same. We'll just share bank accounts and credit cards now!"

she laughs.

Yes, her fans can breathe easy knowing that she will still be continuing her career in show business after marriage. Her new priority, however, is to be "100% hands-on in the peaceful and loving home she and Adrien will be building."

"To be happy every day" is the goal, according to Isabelle. "I laugh so much when I'm with him, I want that all my life," Isabelle muses. "I look forward to waking up next to him, sleeping beside him every day and every night."

It is a few hours later, and the couple are prepping for another outfit change. Isabelle sits back on the makeup chair for a touchup, while Adrien flits to the buffet table to grab a bite. "Babe, *après manger*?" she says in

## Wedding Reminders

Isabelle lists down her top three tips she has learned as she plans her wedding

**PLAN AHEAD.** She and Adrien did not lose any time after their engagement. They dove headfirst into putting the wedding together. "I don't want to be bridezilla!" Isabelle laughs.

**ENJOY THE PROCESS.** Though the bulk of organizing is Isabelle's, they collaborate on all the details.

**LEARN TO COMPROMISE.** "Nothing is worth it if it's going to make you fight. You'll just be unhappy," she says.

perfect French. He does not hear, but eventually joins his fiancée and sits beside her to eat. "Don't eat too much, babe, we're eating after," she says. *Après manger*. "Eating where?" he asks, as he bites into a sandwich. "This is good." And, just like that, they flit into a world of their own.

It is late evening on a Monday, and Isabelle Daza and Adrien Semblat are picture perfect. They have always been quite the sight—the gorgeous *morena* Filipina and the dreamy, sexy Frenchman. The bride-to-be stuns in different wedding gowns as the groom looks dashing in various suits. Tonight, they are playing dress-up, but it is the aisle—and forever—that they are both looking forward to in a few months.

# The Style makers

*CREATING YOUR WEDDING STYLE GOES FAR BEYOND THAN SELECTING A THEME OR CHOOSING COLORS. THESE DAYS, FINDING YOUR OWN UNIQUE FLAIR CAN BE QUITE CHALLENGING WITHOUT THE RIGHT GUIDANCE. WHOSE NUMBER SHOULD YOU HAVE ON SPEED DIAL? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED! WE'VE PUT TOGETHER STYLE SAVVY EXPERTS IN THE WEDDING INDUSTRY (FOR AN EXCLUSIVE INSIDERS' GUIDE TO CRAFTING INIMITABLE WEDDING STYLE)*

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## WEDDING COORDINATORS

*Wedding coordinators help you put together your big day from the very beginning. They can help you identify the overall theme and feel of your wedding and can go beyond just general ideas and down to the nitty gritty. Be sure to ask your coordinator to help you refine your style and pinpoint all your must-haves to be sure you get the nuptials of your dreams.*

### ERNEST PASCUAL – BESPOKE EVENTS

Ernest, through his company, Bespoke Events does wedding coordination but what sets him apart is that he helps the couple engage in all their wedding preps. He strives to help couples showcase who they really are at their wedding and helps them craft every detail with photos, pegs, and moodboards taking into consideration budget, feasibility, and finding the right suppliers. He makes sure every detail is flawlessly executed.

To help a couple find their own wedding style Ernest usually recommends they create a list of all the ideas they feel strongly about. He helps them streamline and tweak the list as needed based on all the variables. At the end of the day what is important is coming up with the couple's personal style and letting it shine through. What he is particular known for is creating personalized details and crafty decorations for his couples.

#### **What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?**

I love that people are going back to basics. Playing with colors and personalizing details are also trends that will continue on.

#### **What are your favorite timeless wedding trends?**

I love the use of candles. They add such warmth and romance to a tablescape. I love monograms too. These touches create a more personal event.



## RITA NERI

Rite Neri of Rita Neri Event Planners (RNEP) is a name synonymous with beautiful weddings. A pioneer in the wedding industry in the Philippines, Rita has handled some of the country's most stunning nuptials and a wide array of couples spanning from the grand 1,000 guests affairs to the smaller intimate romantic rustic events. She is also known for planning beautiful celebrity weddings like the stunning celebration of former Metro Weddings cover bride Toni Gonzaga Soriano. She handles each wedding carefully ensuring every detail from conceptualization, refinement, and organization making sure every detail is attended to meticulously. Finally, RNEP efficiently handles the implementation of all the elements to perfectly execute a couple's dream wedding theme and style.

To help a couple refine their wedding style, Rita ensures that all the elements are aligned and cohesive. She also shares her vast knowledge of wedding trends and ideas with the couples seeing which works for them based on their personalities, their passions, and their vision as well as pairing them with the right suppliers to execute it perfectly.

### What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?

I still really like vintage for 2016, but it has to be reinvented. We need to infuse something new like a progression to vintage elegance - like shining crystal chandeliers. I also love a country setting wedding, very casual and down to earth.

### What is your favorite timeless wedding trend?

I love all white classic romantic weddings. Nothing can beat that trend.



## FLORIST/STYLISTS

*Florists and stylists play a big role in creating the wedding theme of your dreams. These suppliers are the ones that create the magic at your venue transforming hotel ballrooms into winter wonderlands and French summer gardens. Whether you just want a few flowers to freshen up the church or you want sweeping arches and floral walls, these are the suppliers who can make those dreams come true.*

### TEDDY MANUEL

Event stylist and floral designer Teddy Manuel is one of the most sought after stylists in the country. His amazing work creating wonderful dreamland weddings from scratch is both magical and mesmerizing. Teddy's team can take any venue and transform it with gorgeous flowers, accessories, and more. Even just the addition of silk ceiling swags or terrarium centerpieces can make a stunning difference in the overall wedding design. Some of his breathtaking events include the beautiful four season wedding of John Prats and Isabel Oli as well as countless editorials with the magazine and online blogs.

To help a couple come up with their wedding style, Teddy studies their personalities and their passions. His motto is simple: keep it personal and meaningful. Don't follow trends because they are popular, he advises couples to stay true to what is close to their hearts.

### What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?

I love luxe ceiling installations with a mix of silk and fresh flowers. It transports guests to another world.

### What is your favorite timeless wedding trend?

My personal favorite is a classic white wedding with luxe arrangements, crystal candelabras, and lots of candles.



### DYLAN GOZUM

Vatel Manila provides bridal and entourage flowers for weddings along with customized and unique boutonnieres, wedding cords and pillows, and even floral arrangements for the reception. They also often advise couples on how to put together their concepts and narrow down their ideas into one solid vision. What we love about them are their stunning bridal bouquets.

To help couples put together their wedding style, Vatel Manila always advises them to go back to who they are as a couple, what they like, what they enjoy doing together, and their hobbies. These can give couples insight as to what style would suit them best. After all, the wedding is really about sharing themselves and their love story with their friends and family.

#### What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?

We are happy to see more cutting edge laid-back weddings that employ more greenery than flowers – events that are more botanical. We're also very happy to see the return of classic white.

#### What is your favorite timeless wedding trend?

You can never go wrong with white.

### PATRICIA PASTELERO TANEDO

Pat of Spruce Floral Design or The Floralist (as she is known) has created some of the most beautiful and stylish wedding events. With her expert combination of flowers and design elements, she creates some of the most textured and beautiful tablescapes.

To help a couple find their unique style, Pat makes sure to get to know the couple. This way, she can help them conceptualize a theme that is unique to them and something they will remember for years to come.

#### What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?

I love the use of more greens and foliage in weddings now. I'd like to do something that is a bit more tropical themed - beautiful prints, unique foliage, and colonial style elements

#### What are your favorite timeless wedding trends?

Classic white is my absolute favorite followed by garden weddings.



### **GIDEON HERMOSA**

Gideon Hermosa is a name everyone knows when it comes to weddings and event styling. As an Events Designer he has styled and designed events for a wide range of couples and a roster of celebrity clients like Marian Rivera and Toni Gonzaga. His favorites though would have to be his beautiful destination wedding events. He loves styling destination weddings and is making a name for himself as one of the top destination wedding stylists in the Philippines.

Gideon is in charge of arrangement, decorations, and overall aesthetic feel for a wedding. He assists couples come up with or refine their desired style and look for their wedding. He helps curate each detail ensuring his clients flawless execution of the design plan and making a truly memorable experience for their big day.

### **What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?**

Trends will always come and go. Classic is still my favorite because it never goes out of style. I also am up for challenges and like trying new things and new ideas.

### **What is your favorite timeless wedding trend?**

My favorite is all white, crystals and structured arrangements with glass and mirrors. It's a marriage of classic and modern style.

## SET DESIGNERS/STYLISTS

*Alongside floral stylists there are also stylists who can create full wall-to-wall sets for your wedding day. If you want to create something from the ground up, these experts are perfect for you. They also work with flowers as needed but their expertise lay more in interior design and creating the perfect interiors for your wedding and reception based on the theme and feel you want to achieve.*

### **JUSTINE BUMANLAG**

A well known Set Designer for events, Justine's company SaSO Greenhouse Design Studio, can provide the furniture, sets, and backdrops for a couple's wedding. They also provide stage design and vignette set-ups as needed based on the couple's chosen theme and style. Known for her own keen eye and with experience in interior design, Justine can help create a feel and look for a wedding using key furniture pieces and additional prop elements. She enjoys injecting a personal feel to weddings with her styled lounge setups that encourage guests to interact and mingle.

SaSO also does furniture rentals so pieces can be rented for the day and infused in the existing event styling.

#### **What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?**

I would love to see more open-space outdoor styled weddings. Beautiful architecture as a backdrop would be exquisite.

#### **What is your favorite timeless wedding trend?**

For me, I really like the classic nude or white palette. Very clean and elegant.

### **CYNDI FERNANDEZ BELTRAN**

Cyndi and her company Moss Manila have created unique weddings and events for couples and brands all over the country. She is known for creating full scale set designs and styling from the ground up providing everything from conceptualization and refinement all the way to actual building onsite and ensuring a couple that their dream event is made into beautiful reality.

Moss Manila is extremely versatile and can go from full scale production (creating any type of wedding theme in any venue) to more subdued styling using furniture and installations to achieve a look. With her background in interior design, Cyndi guides her couples as to what would work and what might not when it comes to executing their chosen style.

#### **What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?**

Weddings that use little florals but substituted with greens, foliage, and other elements I think is one of my favorites trends of the season. I also like eclecticism in the tablescape - like patterns on patterns, or different show plates but all on a cohesive color palette is nice. I also like the "just picked" looking arrangements that suit even formal weddings now.

#### **What are your favorite timeless wedding trends?**

You can never go wrong with an all white wedding with touches of champagnes. I always like clean arrangements and decors that are put together and composed very well. I like using reflective materials for the tables or the vases because it adds elegance in the entire ambiance.

A woman with long dark hair, smiling, is seated in a white ornate chair. She is wearing a sleeveless green top with a draped front and a white skirt with a green hem. The background is a restaurant interior with warm lighting, including a large lamp and a framed picture on the wall.

## CATERERS

*These days caterers aren't just limited to creating the perfect menu, they can also help you create the theme of your reception by styling your individual guest tables. Style expert caterers can help your tables perfectly match your theme and can create a menu that matches it splendidly.*

### **MAJA MARTINEZ ANGELES**

Maja or Passion Cooks Catering is taking catering to the next level. Going beyond just providing a delicious meal for the wedding, Passion Cooks also helps contribute to the wedding's overall style and feel by creating beautiful tablescapes perfectly aligned to the couple's theme. They can also assist the couple in refining their theme by discussing the real essence of what they want to achieve.

Maja shares that Passion Cooks creates the perfect cohesive look for the wedding by discussing the style with the couple and creating tables that match. And of course they conceptualize a delicious wedding feast that matches the theme and style as well - for example an elegant sit-down menu for more formal affairs and a family style or buffet meal for more casual ones.

### **What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?**

I love that weddings are no longer bound by cookie cutter ideals. Couples are more open to exploring their own ideas. I personally love minimalist green weddings. The subtlety of green and earth tones seem to calm the body and relax the mind of guests. The minimalism of the aesthetic gives focus to the solemnity of the couple's union and the sharing of unforgettable moments between family and friends.

### **What is your favorite timeless wedding trend?**

I'll always love romantic and rustic events, they are

## FASHION STYLISTS

*Now you can get a fashion stylist to help you perfectly coordinate your wedding day ensemble. Other than just helping you put together your look perfectly from gown, shoes, and accessories, your wedding fashion stylist can also help coordinate your entourage gowns as well.*

### ALEX LAPA

As a fashion stylist or style professional, Alex helps brides and grooms determine the fashion look they want making sure it fits their style and personality. She makes recommendations about flattering cuts and silhouettes and discusses both classic looks and new trends. Sometimes couples have an idea in mind and are not quite sure how to execute it so Alex helps them turn their ideas into cohesive concepts and realities. To help couples define their style, Alex encourages them to create a scrapbook of looks they adore as well as their favorite hobbies, travel, and movies. Once she gets a feel of what they like, she translates this into fashion and tailors it into what is both fashionable and flattering.

### What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?

I like the modern use of metallics that go beyond typical bling. Shiny, sometimes metallic matters and more Hollywood glam than disco diva.

### What is your favorite timeless wedding trend?

I love understated elegance and architectural pieces.

### NIO MANZANO

As a fashion stylist, Nio helps the bride and groom determine what to wear on their wedding day, sometimes also for their pre-wedding photo and video sessions. He helps couples look for designers, tailors, and even shoes, accessories, and jewelry. He also helps them decide on the feel or style of these components together. He makes sure to help the bride and groom combine their styles flawlessly and determine which styles best suit them and which might not work. Sometimes, he even helps them shop for the wedding. During the wedding, Nio ensures the couple looks impeccable. He is on-hand for minor alterations and edits that need to be done on the day itself such as sewing hems or gluing fabric together.

### What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?

I think technology will play a vital role in weddings in 2016. I'm excited to see laser cuts and digital prints on fabrics. I can imagine a bride walking down the aisle in a gown printed with the groom's love letters.

### What are your favorite timeless wedding trends?

I'm a romantic at heart and I always lean towards the 30s and 40s style trends. I love finger waves and bird cage fascinators.



## HAIR AND MAKEUP

*If you've carefully styled and put together your wedding ensemble you need to complete the look and put together a makeup and hair team who can follow the theme and give you that perfect wedding day look. The right amount of eyeliner or the perfect updo can really help showcase your wedding style.*

### JASMINE MENDIOLA

As a Beauty Strategist, Jasmine collaborates with the bride on the look that she would like to achieve on her big day. It's more than just applying her makeup on the day of the wedding, Jasmine includes a consultation with the bride to assess her skin and hair concerns when planning the bridal look. The gown style and bouquet also come into consideration as does the overall theme and look of the event.

Jasmine is meticulous when it comes to being sure the bridal look is perfect. This includes a comprehensive makeup trial and a list of reminders for the big day including a detailed makeup and touch up (if applicable) schedule.

#### What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?

I love the glitz and shimmer of weddings this year as well as the bursts of metallic. I'm also a big fan of just-picked flower arrangements.

#### What is your favorite timeless wedding trend?

I love rustic outdoor weddings and lovely garden and pastel-colored affairs.

### GEORGE ALIBEN OF KIEHL'S STYLIST SERIES

George helps brides (and grooms) achieve their perfect wedding day hair. This includes him helping conceptualize the look like collecting pegs and photos so he can get an idea of how they want to look taking into consideration the style of the event and the look of the clothes. He discusses with them the style as well as the color they want for the wedding and gives them hair care tips leading up to the big day.

#### What are your favorite up and coming wedding trends?

Braids have become a popular choice for brides over the years but the boho and soft waves look accessorized with fresh flowers is a beautiful big trend for 2016.

#### What are your favorite timeless wedding trends?

The classic chignon is a bridal hair style that will never go out of style.

# SWEET NOTHINGS

Get inspiration for your wedding day vows from these famous quotes on love.

"You know you're in love when you don't want to fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams."  
—Dr. Seuss

"There is no greater happiness for a man than approaching a door at the end of a day knowing someone on the other side of that door is waiting for the sound of his footsteps."  
—Ronald Reagan

"When you realize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible."  
—When Harry Met Sally

"WHATEVER OUR SOULS ARE MADE OF, HIS AND MINE ARE THE SAME"—WUTHERING HEIGHTS

I FELL IN LOVE THE WAY YOU FALL ASLEEP: SLOWLY, AND THEN ALL AT ONCE.  
—THE FAULT IN OUR STARS

"In all the world, there is no heart for me like yours. In all the world, there is no love for you like mine."  
—Maya Angelou

"Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of joy, you must have somebody to divide it with."  
—Mark Twain

"You make me happier than I ever thought I could be, and if you let me, I will spend the rest of my life trying to make you feel the same way."  
—Friends

"The groom always smiles proudly because he's convinced he's accomplished something quite wonderful. The bride smiles because she's been able to convince him of it."  
—Judith McNaught

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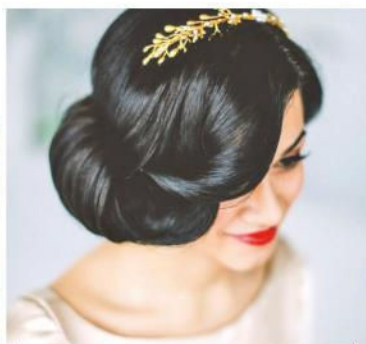


# *Pinspiration*

*Looking for some inspiration? Check out these beautiful bridal Pinterest boards!*



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Budget friendly beautiful bridal ideas



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Lists, checklists, and inspiration

# REAL Weddings



Artadi-Arcinas Wedding. Photograph by Den Llanos Dee

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# { RC and Marie }

RC and Marie's love story started Valentine's of 2003 when she received three peach roses from a secret admirer named "witchdoctor." They were friends at the time but she didn't know that the flowers were from him until 3 years after. It was Valentine's once more when he confessed that he was "witchdoctor" all along.

At the time they were both focusing on our careers, him as a doctor and her as a nurse. They were together in the Philippines for five years until she left to work in London. They spent the next five years in a long distance relationship and waited until they were both more stable and established..

RC and Marie wanted their wedding to be very personal and intimate and share their love story with only closest friends and family so they kept it intimate, sweet, and elegant.





The couple chose to have a celebration shared only with closest family and friends. The wedding was gorgeous and classic, with details in white, cream and gold highlighted with elegant touches.



**Church**  
Manila Cathedral  
**Reception venue**  
Blue Leaf Filipinas  
**Date of wedding**  
December 13, 2016  
**Wedding coordinator**  
Canaan Celebrations by  
Jets and Rhona  
**Photographer**  
Den Llanos Dee  
Photography  
**Videographer**  
Bob Nicolas Wedding  
Films  
**Invitations**  
Rocket Invites  
**Designer bridal gown**  
Patricia Santos  
**Designer entourage**  
Rosemarie Villabrille  
**Designer groom**  
Galang Tailoring  
**Florist**  
Vatel Manila  
**Set designer/stylist**  
K By Cunanan  
**Church choir/music**  
3rd Avenue  
**Priest**  
Fr. Julius Paul Factora  
**Giveaways**  
BC Fragrance  
**Cake maker**  
Hearts and Belles  
**Hair and makeup artist**  
Ericka Regino  
**Bridal shoe designer**  
Jimmy Choo



## {*Jeremy and Andree*}

**A**ndree and Jeremy first met in high school at Chaminade College Preparatory. She was a nerdy freshman and he was the football jock. They shared a Geometry class together, but never really talked.

Nineteen years later they found each other again through Facebook, but it wasn't until July of 2013 when things started heating up. Through Facebook Jeremy learned that Andree had finished her medical residency training in Nevada and was moving back home to Los Angeles. He offered to help her move and they reconnected again after a long day of packing boxes. Afterwards, they had dinner at Bachi Burger and shared a Halo-Halo from Jollibee. It was then that Jeremy started to feel that warm, tingly feeling inside, realizing that it wasn't from the burger but from his date. And the rest, as they say is history.





Audree wore a classic beaded gown by Maggie Sottero paired with a beautiful cascading cattleya orchid bouquet in the color scheme of the celebration





"It was an emotional day as my father and more recently Jeremy's mother and younger brother had passed away. It was a night filled with so much laughter and tears. Despite them not being there, we honored them in several ways, and their presence was definitely felt throughout the evening." - Audree

**Bride's Parents**

Atty. Jess I. Trompeta  
and Dr. Bellaflor V.  
Trompeta

**Groom's Parents**

Mr. Antonio R. Sisante  
and Dr. Ma. Lourdes R.  
Sisante

**Church:** St. Timothy's  
Catholic Church, Los  
Angeles

**Reception venue**

The Skirball Cultural  
Center, Los Angeles  
Getting Ready Venue  
(Bride)

Luxe Sunset Boulevard  
Hotel

Getting Ready Venue  
(Groom)

Hotel Angeleno

**Date of wedding**

July 11, 2015

**Wedding coordinators**

Darrel De Vera (Skirball  
Cultural Center), Valerie  
Mekki

**Photographer**

DPark Photography

**Videographer**

Lloyd Calomay of Red 5  
Studios

**Invitations:**

Printsonalities

**Designer bridal gown**

Maggie Sottero

**Designer bridal  
headpiece**

TRIA

**Designer groom**

Vera Wang

**Designer entourage**

Vera Wang

**Rings**

McClave Jewelers

**Florist**

Be Buds Florist

**DJ**

DJ Icy Ice of the World

Famous Beat Junkies

**Sound/Lighting**

Sound Illumination

**Ceremony/Cocktail  
Hour Musicians**

Aragorn and Olivia

**Officiant**

Father Ramon Valera

**Cake**

King's Hawaiian Bakery

**Photobooth**

Shake That Boothby

**Hair and makeup  
artist**

The Artform Studio and

Janet Avelino

**Gift registry**

Honeyfund.com

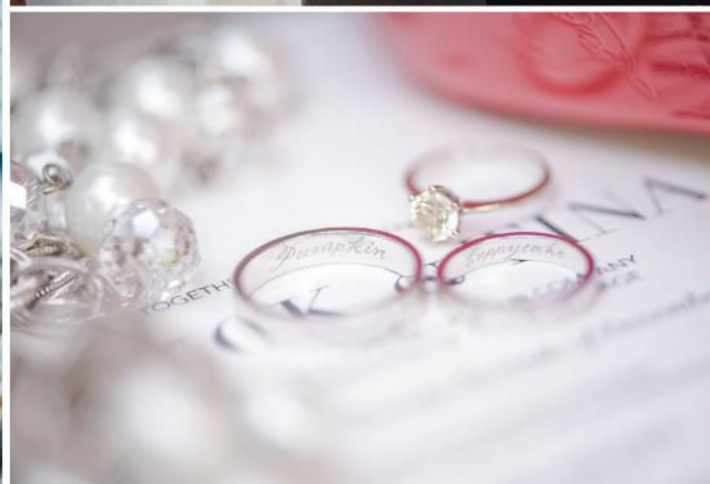
## { Chuck and Tina }

Chuck and Tina met about a decade ago at a recording studio while he was working on 6Cyclemind's second album. She happened to be there with her friend whose boyfriend was Chuck's band mate. During the recording, Chuck offered Tina some chocolate. When she refused, he said in a judgmental tone "Don't worry, it won't make you fat." That was the start of their friendship that blossomed slowly but surely until their wedding day. Sometime in between Chuck's crazy and almost impossible gig schedules all over the Philippines and Tina's endless hours of hospital duty, they became each other's rock.

Since black is their favorite color, it heavily influenced their wedding palette. They also wanted to incorporate their matching old-school tattoos: the swallows, red roses, and skulls along with their love for loud music. When all those elements came together, they ended up with the perfect edgy but elegant Rock and Roll wedding.

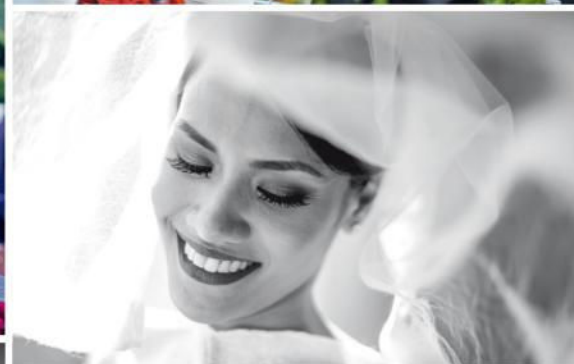


Designer Celeste Malvar-Stewart incorporated a very personal aspect into her niece's gown by silk-screening sound waves onto its bodice. The sound waves were taken from the song "Walang Hanggan", which was written by the groom's band, Afterimage.





It was a stunning black, red and blue Rock 'n Roll themed wedding with roses and sparrows as the main details. We especially love their wedding cake by Judy Uson



**Ceremony venue**  
The Henry, Manila  
**Reception venue**  
The Henry, Manila  
**Wedding coordinator**  
Kutchie Zaldarriaga,  
Getting Married  
Philippines  
**Photographer**  
Pat Dy Photography  
**Videographer**  
For You Are Mine  
**Invitations**  
Craft Masters  
**Wax Seal**  
iSeal  
**Designer bridal gown**  
Celeste Malvar-Stewart  
**Bridal shoe**  
Christian Louboutin  
**Bridal robe**  
Desigual  
**Hair and makeup artist**  
Gela Laurel  
**Groom's suit**  
Hackett London  
**Groom's shoe**  
Paul Smith  
**Groom's Reception Suit**  
Viktor  
**Groom's Reception Shirt**  
Alexander McQueen  
**Groom's Reception Shoes**  
Saint Laurent  
**Accessories (both)**  
Alexander McQueen  
**Florist**  
Juanita Flower Shop  
**Lights and Sounds**  
Sound Check  
**Priest**  
Fr. Lamberto Legaspino  
**Host**  
Tutti Caringal  
**Music**  
Manila String Machine  
**Band**  
Stellar  
Afterimage  
**Cake maker**  
Judy Uson, The Cake Artist  
**Catering**  
Apartment 1B  
**"Pork Table"**  
Barrio Fiesta International  
**Giveaways**  
Villa del Conte

## { Alfonso and Marissa }

Alfonso and Marissa married on a sunny January morning. The couple had prepared for months and during the course of planning tears were shed and challenges were faced, but they overcame it all together. Alfonso wanted to give his bride the wedding of her dreams. As he waited at the end of the altar for Marissa, only happiness filled his heart. He envisioned their happy future and was lost in the joy of the moment with his parents at his side and their friends and family looking on. As the drapes were raised and Marissa was revealed, Alfonso could not hold back his tears. He knew this was the start of their lives together. After all the planning, everything was perfection. The beautiful barongs and use of piña gave everything an elegant touch. At the end of the day, what Alfonso and Marissa will remember above all is the love they felt and the joy of everyone present to witness their blessed union.





"I promised Marissa during our first trip together in Hamilo Coast that I would marry her there someday. A few years later, I made good on that promise." - Alfonso





**Bride's Parents**  
Danny Almirañez/Nomie Meraña

**Groom's Parents**  
TJ Naddres/Lesah Naddres

**Church/Ceremony venue:**

**Reception venue**  
Hamilo Coast Pico de Loro

**Date of wedding**  
January 3, 2016

**Wedding coordinator**  
Jam Ohashi

**Photographer**  
One Love Photography

**Videographer**  
One Love Photography

**Invitations:**

**Designer bridal gown**  
Mikee Sangco

**Designer entourage:**  
**Womens**

Mikee Sangco

**Mens**

En Barong Filipino

**Designer groom**

En Barong Filipino

Florist

**Set designer/stylist**

Edwin Oñate

**Church choir/music**

Impressions Music

Ensemble

**Priest**

Ramon Nadres

**Giveaways**

Cake Maker

**Hair and makeup artist**

Mary Letim

**Gift registry**

Rustan's



Family, friends, and loved ones adorned in beautiful barongs made the celebration memorable and truly happy.



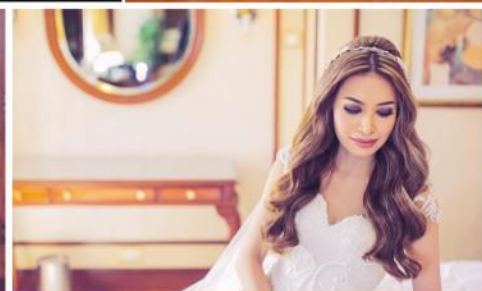
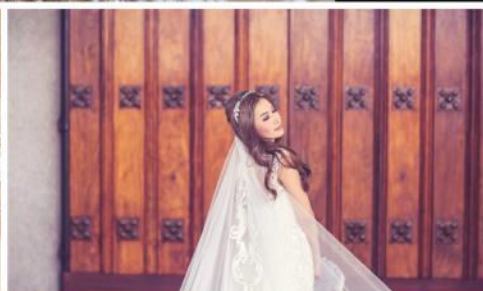
# { Miguel and Nicole }

They say first love never dies. Miguel and Nicole certainly believe that, because their love for each other never did. They met when they were 12 years old. He sent her flowers for Valentine's Day and asked her to be his Valentine. The couple had our first date in McDonald's, and of course Nicole was too shy to eat. They really liked one another and texted all the time. But they were too young, and it did not work out. As they grew up, and had different relationships, they would still see each other around. And somehow they always knew they still had a connection. One day, at the age of 19, fate led them to each other when they were both single. Nicole felt a tap on her back while lining up at a club. She looked back at Miguel, and the rest was history. They never left each other's side. They were civilly married at 23 years old and then had their son, Andy. They knew they wanted him to be there and walk at the Church wedding, so they waited another three years before planning their elegant and stylish church wedding.



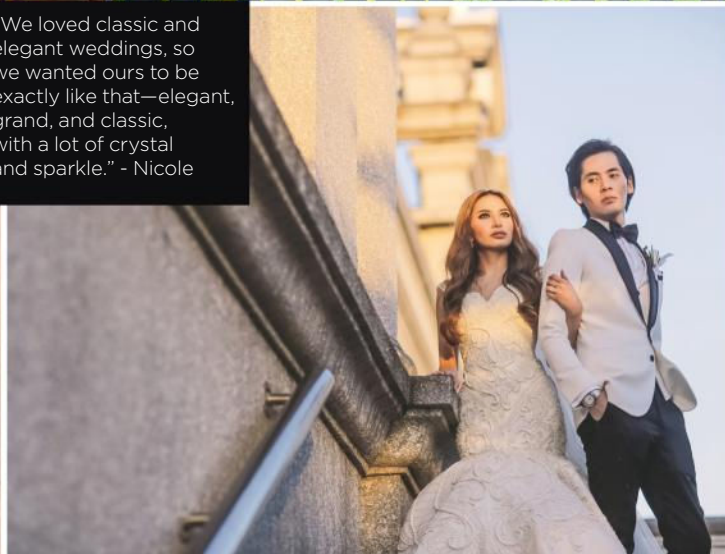


Nicole wore a stunningly ornate Francis Libiran gown. The bridal bouquet by Teddy Manuel was also a stunner made of beads, gems, pearls and all things sparkly





"We loved classic and elegant weddings, so we wanted ours to be exactly like that—elegant, grand, and classic, with a lot of crystal and sparkle." - Nicole



#### **Photographer**

Pat Dy

#### **Videographer**

Jason Magbanua

#### **Ceremony Venue**

St. James The Great

Ayala Alabang

#### **Reception Venue**

"Rizal Ballroom, Shangri

La Makati Hotel"

#### **Bride's Dress**

Francis Libiran 2 gowns

#### **Bride's Shoes**

Jimmy Choo

#### **Bridesmaid Dresses**

Frederick Peralta

#### **Groom's Attire**

Francis Libiran

#### **Groom's Shoes**

Berluti

#### **Groomsmen Attire**

Frederick Peralta

#### **Hairstylist**

#### **Bride**

Chris Rodil

#### **Hairstylist and**

#### **Makeup Artist**

#### **Entourage**

Ivy Chang and Angie

Cruz Team

#### **Makeup Artist**

#### **Bride and Groom**

Albert Kurniawan

#### **Bouquets**

Teddy Manuel

#### **Event Stylist**

Teddy Manuel

#### **Cake Baker**

Penk Ching

#### **Catering**

Shangri La Makati Hotel

#### **Invitations**

#### **& Stationery**

Printsonalities

#### **Accessories**

Francis Libiran

#### **Band**

Freestyle

#### **Ceremony Musicians**

Philippine Madrigal

Singers

#### **Host**

Sam YG and Suzy Q

#### **Lights and Sounds**

Suigeneris

#### **Rental Furniture**

#### **Favors**

#### **Flipbooks**

#### **Bridal Car**

Manila Secrets

#### **Wedding Planner/**

#### **Coordinator**

Chinkie Uy

#### **Reception DJ**

Ace Ramos

#### **Priest**

Fr. Michael McGwire

#### **Groom's Father**

Santiago S. Syjuco III

#### **Groom's Mother**

Giannina G. De Leon

#### **Bride's Father**

Neil C. Tavu

# { Leo and Chamz }

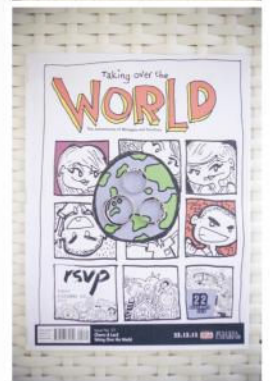
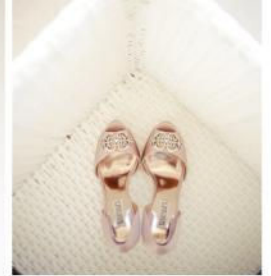
**R**andom, quirky, fun, happy, and epic - Leo and Chamz wanted these to be the brand of their unique wedding. More importantly, they wanted to make sure that the focus of their wedding celebration was on their family and friends. They made an extra effort planning every detail, to make sure that their guests had fun at the event. The wedding celebration was the couple's way of saying 'Thank You' to their loved ones for all their support.

The couple put their unique stamp on the event. Godzilla was at the wedding as were BB-8, Yoda, and the Avengers, just to name a few. Leo and Chamz danced along to the tunes of the Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls, Aqua, and the other musical legends of the 90's pop era. If it was something they liked and grew up with they found a way to include it in the wedding, putting together a night that was truly representative of them.





"We wanted the event to have a relaxed and laid-back feel." - Chamz



## REAL WEDDINGS



Godzilla cufflinks, BB-8, and doodled chicks were some of the fun and unique wedding details.



### **Church/Ceremony venue**

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Bauang, La Union

### **Reception venue**

Thunderbird Resorts Poro Point

### **Wedding coordinator**

Cora Santiago, Pau Zulueta, JV LaChica, Karl Landoy, Jackie Espenilla

### **Photographer**

Catilo Photography

### **Videographer**

Notion in Motion

### **Invitations**

Groom

### **Designer bridal gown**

Jaz Cerezo

### **Florist**

### **Set designer/stylist**

Hanna Molina, Yna Ellorda, Carina Manaloto, Amabella Cruz

### **DIY Felt flowers of the Entourage and**

### **Buttonieres**

Cora Santiago

### **Jewelry designer**

(wedding rings) Damas Jewelry

### **Church choir/music**

SLC Chorale

### **Priest**

Bishop Alfonso Lacsamana

### **Giveaways**

Amabella Z. Cruz

### **Cake maker**

Cafe Esperanza

### **Hair and makeup artist**

Aiky Nar

### **Bridal shoe designer**

Badgley Mischka;

Chuck Taylors (doodles by the groom)

### **Hosts**

Joanne Ignacio and Rex Yadao

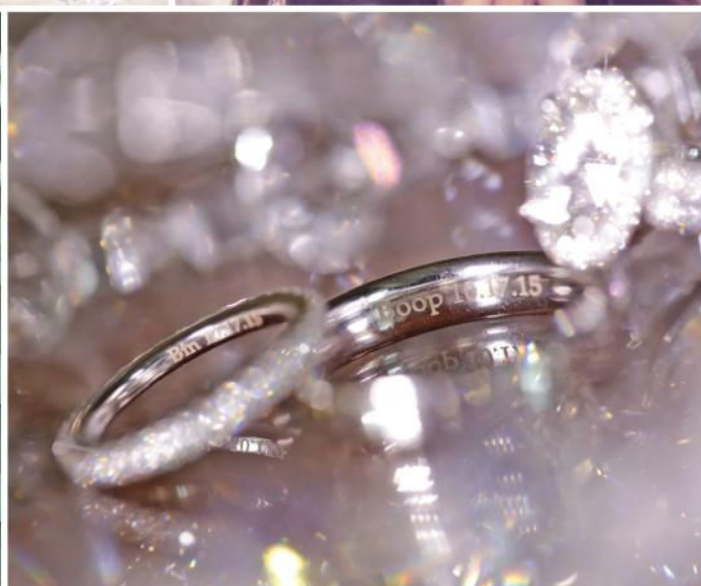
## { Kevin and Boop }

**L**ike all other love stories that began in high school, it all started with a simple crush. High school was the first time Boop and Bin saw each other, but fate had a different plans and they did not become a couple then. However, over the years, since they would always end up at the same places and their circle of friends always crossed, the two eventually became the best of friends. At the time, they were both in other relationships then but when those ended, they became each other's source of comfort. It was obvious where they were headed but they did not become a couple right away. The two stayed the best of friends until they decided together that they were ready to go to the next level.

After a year and a half of being in a relationship, Bin surprised Boop with a proposal in the deserts of Dubai. It was truly a perfect moment they will cherish for the rest of their lives, and they were so happy they were able to share it with family. It's been 12 years since they first saw each other in high school and they still get the same feeling now every time they look at one another. And it's this love and affection that is the center of their marriage. Their stunning wedding was a celebration of that love and their beautiful first day of forever.



As a renowned stylist, it's no wonder Boop's wedding was full of stylish elements. Her stunning Michael Cinco gown featured a breathtaking intricate bodice while Bin's suit by Lanvin was picture-perfect.





Attended by 700 guests, the wedding was an enchanting all-white garden themed celebration. There were cascades of white flowers everywhere that set the mood for an unforgettable gathering of family and friends



#### ***Church Venue***

Santuario de San Jose  
Greenhills

#### ***Officiant***

Most Reverend Bishop  
Honesto F. Ongtioco

#### ***Church Music***

Da Capo

#### ***Church Performer (Bridal March)***

Thor Dulay

#### ***Reception***

Rizal Ballroom, Makati  
Shangri-La Hotel

#### ***Host***

Robi Domingo

#### ***Performers***

Jed Madela and Angeline  
Quinto

#### ***Music***

Manila Philharmonic  
Orchestra

#### ***Wedding Coordinator***

Jenny Lim of The Wedding  
Company

#### ***Cake***

Penk Ching

#### ***Invitations***

Calligraffi

#### ***Event Stylist***

Gideon Hermosa of the  
Events Studio

#### ***Staging***

Trojan Darcen

#### ***Photographer***

Pat Dy

#### ***Videographer***

Bob Nicolas

#### ***Bridal Gown Designer***

Michael Cinco

#### ***Bridal Shoes***

Christian Louboutin

#### ***Make up***

Albert Kurniawan

#### ***Hair***

John Valle

#### ***Suit Designer***

Frédéric Gelberg of  
Lanvin Paris

#### ***Groom's shoes***

Dior

#### ***Maid of Honor Gown***

Anthony Ramirez

#### ***Female Entourage***

Martin Bautista

#### ***Male Entourage***

Pepsi Herrera

## { Ronnie and Ceres }

**B**oth Ronnie and Ceres are artists by profession. They first met in an advertising agency. The two never went through an awkward phase, but rather, instantly clicked and felt like they were the oldest of friends.

They wanted the vibe of our wedding to be a reflection of their nine-year relationship — warm, comfortable, natural, with a lot of silliness in between. What better way to do this than to simulate their favorite pastime — drinking? That is when the beer garden wedding concept was born.

Being classic introverts, Ronnie and Ceres wanted an intimate gathering far from the city, with only closest friends and family. They skipped the games and most of the rituals, and opted for a more relaxed celebration not bound by traditions. Guests were able to enjoy the country air, the live music, the homecooked-style Filipino fare, and most of all, each other's company.





The artistic couple had a very original idea for a wedding theme--a beer garden wedding! The fun and intimate celebration was attended by their closest family and friends





The rustic and laidback vibe of the celebration was truly representative of the couple. The subdued hues paired with dreamy chiffon were the perfect choice for the entourage dresses.



The bride and groom chose to do beautiful musical numbers with their parents.



#### **Church/Ceremony venue**

Nuestra Señora delos Remedios (San Pablo, Laguna)

#### **Reception venue**

Casa San Pablo

#### **Date of wedding**

January 16, 2016

#### **Priest**

Rev Fr Narciso Corvera Jr.

#### **Wedding coordinator**

Julius Reyes (OTD)

#### **Photographer**

Erwin Leyros

Photography

#### **Videographer**

Fuguwi Collective

#### **Invitations**

Bride & Groom

#### **Website**

Bride & Groom

#### **Bridal skirt rental**

Yvonne Creative

(Singapore)

#### **Bridal lace top**

The Editor's Market

(Singapore)

#### **Designer groom**

Benjamin Barker

(Singapore)

#### **Florist**

Vatel Manila

#### **Set designer/stylist**

Casa San Pablo

#### **Jewelry designer (Bride)**

Blanca Monrós Gómez

#### **Jewelry designer (Groom)**

Northwood Rings

#### **Cake maker**

Casa San Pablo

#### **Hair and makeup artist**

Kris Bacani / Alex

Leyson

#### **Bridal shoe designer**

Seychelles

#### **Musician**

Johnoy Danao

#### **Craft Beer**

Global Beer Exchange



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