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# IVA and CHRIS

AN ULTRA-GLAM WEDDING THAT BRINGS “SPRINGTIME IN PARIS” TO TORONTO

Iva wore a crystal statement necklace from **CAROLE TANENBAUM VINTAGE COLLECTION**, and a dazzling bracelet and drop earrings from **ANNA BELLAGIO JEWELLERY**. A family jeweller designed Iva's cushion-cut diamond engagement ring.

Iva wore an Oscar de la Renta gown from **WHITE TORONTO**. Bene Pham styled the bride's hair and makeup.

Chris was dressed in custom formal wear by **GARRISON BESPOKE**.

Iva Milkic and Chris Chiovitti first met in Las Vegas, Nevada when they were both on respective “girls” and “guys” trips for Memorial Day weekend. Iva and her friends arrived at a popular pool party, only to be greeted with the longest lineup they had ever seen. In an attempt to stealthily skip the line, the women decided to chat up a group of guys (one of whom happened to be Chris). They quickly discovered that they all hailed from Ontario, and Iva and Chris realized they only lived ten minutes away from one another in Toronto. Chris asked her out for dinner once they were back in the city and the rest, as they say, is history.

After three years of dating, the couple were engaged in New York City in the spring of 2014. Chris whisked Iva away to the Big Apple on a private jet to begin the unforgettable trip. “A million things were going through my mind at the time,” remembers Iva. “I was thinking, ‘is he going to propose while we’re in the air, or is he doing this to throw me off and propose at a later date?’” Prior to their arrival, Chris had even arranged for their room at the **RITZ-CARLTON NEW YORK** (which happened to overlook Central Park) to be covered in pink rose petals for an added touch of romance. Once they had settled in, the couple decided to embark on their customary walk through the park, where Chris stopped under a beautiful cherry blossom tree and finally proposed. The two celebrated their engagement with a memorable dinner at **DANIEL** where they had the most coveted table in the restaurant and personalized menus congratulating them on their engagement.

The couple were married on April 25, 2015 at the **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL TORONTO**. The inspiration for the wedding was a “modern, spring-like garden” with glam and ultra-unique touches woven throughout. “Many of our guests had attended prior events at the Four Seasons, so we also wanted to ensure that guests stepping into our wedding truly felt it was a place they had never been to before,” Iva and Chris note. Laura Atendido of **LAURA & CO. EVENTS** was hired to help execute the vision by providing day-of-coordination.







The invitation suite by **PAPER & POSTE** was inspired by the Palace of Versailles' Hall of Mirrors and featured a personalized monogram that was carried across the event.



Rachel Clingen of **RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN** provided full-service floral and event design. Rachel created Iva's beautiful, hand-tied bouquet using pink roses, ivory peonies, and black-centred anemones.



Bridesmaids wore black gowns by Monique Lhuillier from **PEARL BRIDAL HOUSE**.

### BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY

The ceremony took place in the Aria room at the **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL TORONTO**. A mirror-trimmed, white aisle runner was lined with mirrored planters filled with seasonal flowers. Sleek, chrome lanterns were also placed down the aisle and provided a romantic glow. Guests were seated in crystal Vogue chairs from **DETAILZ COUTURE EVENT RENTALS**. Iva and Chris exchanged their vows under a spectacular, custom canopy designed by **RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN**

and produced in conjunction with **EVENTURE INC.** The four-sided structure was created with oyster-coloured fabric sourced from New York City, with five crystal chandeliers beautifully hung inside. Two, towering 20-ft tall cherry blossom trees framing the canopy added to the luxe, spring garden feel. "Rachel and her team designed a truly luxurious setting that transformed the space," remembers the couple.







A cocktail lounge area featured furniture from CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE RENTALS INC.



During cocktail hour, guests sipped on the couple's signature drink, the "Bubbly Blossom," made with sparkling pink lemonade and styled by Laura Atendido of LAURA & CO. EVENTS.

A 12-ft high cherry blossom arch beautifully framed the escort table. The mirrored table featured custom escort cards by PAPER & POSTE, candles, and more gorgeous floral!



## A SPRING DREAM

The couple's dinner reception designed by **RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN** rivaled springtime in Paris! A mix of round and long tables were all covered with silk, oyster-coloured linens. Candelabras wrapped with clusters of flowers, tall cherry blossom-filled arrangements, and low, luxe floral displays interspersed with hundreds of glowing candles created a glorious ambience.





Iva and Chris' sweetheart table was placed under the draped canopy where they had said "I Do."

Lighting and AV for the event was provided by the FOUR SEASONS HOTEL TORONTO and PSAV.



PAPER & POSTE created a custom die-cut menu and table numbers mounted on vintage mirrors.



FOUR SEASONS HOTEL TORONTO catered a four-course meal that included a starter of frisée and watercress salad with roasted bosc pear, goat cheese, candied pecans and champagne vinaigrette.



"We truly felt that we were in a magical and special place," says Iva. "I remember sitting at our table and telling Chris that I still couldn't believe what I was seeing. We were blown away by the decor and overwhelmed with emotion by the show of love and support."





A silver and white dance floor featuring the couple's personalized monogram (designed by **PAPER & POSTE**) was produced by **DANCE FLOOR DÉCOR**.



The fantastical cake and dessert display by **BOBBETTE & BELLE** was placed on lucite and mirrored tables, both underneath a collection of crystal chandeliers suspended from a 24-ft high, cherry blossom arrangement.

### END NOTES

After dinner, the **SATURDAY NIGHT JIVE BAND** had everyone on the dance floor. “We didn’t want the night to end,” remembers Iva and Chris. **SOAPBOX BOOTHS** provided a photo booth, so guests could have a memorable photo keepsake from the day. **OUTSIDE IN STUDIO** produced a bespoke wedding video for the couple to cherish for years to come.

The newlyweds enjoyed a mini-moon at **THE COVE ATLANTIS** in the Bahamas immediately following the wedding and travelled to Bora Bora on their official honeymoon last October. They spent two weeks in French Polynesia where they stayed at the **FOUR SEASONS RESORT BORA BORA** in a romantic overwater bungalow.



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