

Brittany draped a luxurious, vintage ostrich feather coat from THE CAT'S MEOW over her gown.

The groom wore a custom suit from SUITSUPPLY and a Hugo Boss belt.



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BRITTANY *and* MARK

“LOVE IS A CANVAS FURNISHED BY NATURE AND EMBROIDERED BY IMAGINATION.” –VOLTAIRE



BRITTANY ALEXANDRA GRAY AND MARK WILLIAM STEFAN SKINNER MET ONE FATEFUL DAY IN MARCH OF 2010. ALTHOUGH THEY HAD GROWN UP WITHIN A SHORT 10-MINUTE DRIVE FROM ONE ANOTHER AND SHARED MANY MUTUAL friends, the pair had never crossed paths before. At the time, Mark was a personal trainer at the local gym in their hometown, which Brittany coincidentally frequented. The chemistry was undeniable from the first moment they laid eyes on one another. “I really do believe it was love at first sight,” shares Brittany. After a few casual run-ins at the gym, Mark finally asked Brittany out on a date and from that moment on, they were inseparable. The couple were engaged four years later, when Mark surprised Brittany with an unforgettable, intimate proposal at their home in the presence of their trusted canine companion, Hugo Boss. Afterwards, the two enjoyed a perfectly planned dinner at the OLIVER & BONACINI restaurant, AUBERGE DU POMMIER. “The staff had all been informed of the proposal and treated us with the utmost elegance and care. It was truly a night to be remembered,” recalls Brittany.

Brittany and Mark were married at the HAZELTON MANOR on October 23, 2015. With a decade of experience in the wedding industry under her belt as the owner of FANCY FACE INC., an agency specializing in luxury hair and makeup services for weddings and events, Brittany was well-prepared to hire event professionals that she knew and trusted. One of the easiest choices was her friend and event planner, Lexi Haslam of LEXINGTON & CO., who provided full-service planning and design assistance.

SO PRETTY IN PRINT designed a stationery suite featuring a pearlescent foil floral motif and silver foil pressed print. Oversized, dove-grey envelopes were lined with a custom-designed floral patterned paper.



Brittany spent the morning of the wedding getting ready with her FANCY FACE INC. team. Although she applied her own makeup, she entrusted her team to provide hair styling services while she savoured the moment of being a bride-to-be. She wore custom-made jewellery designed by TARA FAVA JEWELLERY, including a delicate hand piece and a statement, layered pearl necklace.



SIBA JEWELLERS in Vancouver designed the couple's rings.



Brittany's custom-made earrings were designed by Tara Fava Jewellery.

Her Miu Miu Swarovski crystal accented heels were purchased from HOLT RENFREW.



The couple's precious dog, Hugo Boss, sported a custom formal tuxedo (complete with a bow tie) from LE CHIEN ELEGANT. The bridesmaids wore full-length Alfred Sung dresses from MONA RICHIE BOUTIQUE, embellished with Swarovski and pearl embroidered belts. Brittany's man of honour was outfitted in a suit from SUITSUPPLY. The bridesmaids' jewellery was from POWDER BLUE BIJOUX.



RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN created Brittany's pastel-hued bouquet composed of garden roses, ranunculus, spray roses, dahlias, and leucadendron. Accents of trailing eucalyptus added a botanical feel to the arrangement, which was then tied with lace and satin ribbons.



SENTIMENTAL CEREMONY

Brittany enlisted **RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN** to spearhead the floral and decor design. Rachel and her team fulfilled the concept of an “Enchanting European Garden,” bringing the outdoors into the **HAZELTON MANOR** with fragrant blooms and greenery.

The intimate ceremony was witnessed by the couple's nearest and dearest. Although Brittany and Mark weren't sure if everyone would be able to attend due to timing, they were pleasantly surprised to discover that all 165 invited guests made the effort to see them become husband and wife! “The room was filled with the most wonderful forms of love and it truly will go down as one of the absolute best moments of my life,” notes Brittany.

The bride's theatre background helped to connect her with many talented artists, including violinist Lynn Kuo, who was enlisted to perform songs such as Sam Smith's “Latch” during the procession and recession. One of the more poignant moments of the ceremony was when Brittany and Mark placed letters they had written to one another in a time capsule, handmade by the groom's mother, waiting to be read on their tenth anniversary.



Brittany wore an exquisite Enzoani gown from **MONA RICHIE BOUTIQUE**, which she had customized with a lace hem and two-tiered tulle mermaid skirt.



Dining tables featured raw-silk dove grey linens from RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN.

The beaming newlyweds were blown away as soon as they entered their reception to celebrate their nuptials. Designed by RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN, the space captured the feeling of old-world romance. The focal point of the room was a wrought iron gazebo with stone columns, under which the head table was situated. Softly lit by crystal chandeliers, the gazebo was decorated with a canopy of hanging floral and artfully-arranged greenery.



In the early stages of planning, Brittany and Mark came across the Voltaire quote, "Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination," which they instantly connected with and chose to incorporate into the design of their wedding. "This quote ignited inspiration in us both. We wanted to bring the luxurious freedom of a lush garden indoors, with an homage to old-world elegance and European charm," reflects Brittany.



SO PRETTY IN PRINT designed the dance floor, which was printed and installed by EVENT GRAFFITI. It showcased the Voltaire quote that had initially inspired the wedding decor.



The day-of stationery incorporated a custom floral motif that was also featured on the couple's invitations.



"Having my hand-picked FANCY FACE INC. pro hairstyling and makeup artistry team with me the day of the wedding was an absolute dream. These women have really become my sisters over the years of working together and I loved nothing more than having them get us all ready on this very special day. It was such a treat to pamper everyone I love with fancy hair and makeup," recalls Brittany.



Taking inspiration from the muted colour palette, FINE CAKES BY ZEHRA created the custom five-tier wedding cake featuring a piped intricate lace lattice, metallic filigree detail, and cascading sugar flowers and sugar pearls, reflecting Brittany's love of the rare, valuable gemstone.



Lighting for the event was provided by SOUND X ENTERTAINMENT.



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A decadent feast of pasta and filet mignon catered by the HAZELTON MANOR was topped off with a midnight delivery of burgers and fries—a huge hit with all of the guests!

Sterling Jarvis performed timeless classics while guests ate, before SOUND X ENTERTAINMENT took the reins and brought everyone to their feet to dance the night away.

In lieu of wedding favours, the newlyweds opted to pay it forward and contribute financially to HOPETOTES, a volunteer-run charity that provides everyday essential items to women's shelters in Canada. The FANCY FACE INC. team had worked with the organization in the past and Brittany's wedding contribution inspired the team to do even more. "Fancy Face Inc. decided to join forces with HopeTotes in 2016 and began donating proceeds from every single wedding we booked to the organization," shares Brittany. "We couldn't be more thrilled to work with such passionate people on such an important issue."

The couple honeymooned in Paris, strolling through the cobblestone streets and falling in love with the historic district of Saint-Germain-des-Près and all of the city's magnificence.

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