



FACES BY CARLA provided hair styling and makeup application services for the bride.

The groom wore Tom Ford formalwear and Versace shoes from HARRY ROSEN.

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MARISA and ROBERT

A White Wisteria and Silver Sparkle Dream



MARISA CIOLFI AND ROBERT HOWES FIRST MET IN 2012 AT THE HERJAVEC GROUP, OWNED BY ROBERT HERJAVEC, FAMOUS FOR CBC'S DRAGON'S DEN AND ABC'S SHARK tank, where they both work. After three years of dating, Robert popped the question when the couple was visiting the romantic island of St. Martin. Shortly after they got engaged, the bride began imagining an elegant, romantic wedding with a white and metallic colour palette. Marisa enlisted Shealyn Angus of **SHEALYN ANGUS WEDDINGS & EVENTS** to execute her dream. "Shealyn was amazing. She took my vision from just a thought and made it a reality," says Marisa.

The couple exchanged vows on June 25, 2016, at **ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL** in a traditional Catholic ceremony. Opera singer Michael Ciufu performed a rendition of Ave Maria during the signing of the register. "With the beautiful church organ music playing in the background, we got goosebumps! It's something nobody will ever forget," says Marisa.

RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN designed the floral for the wedding and worked closely with Shealyn Angus on the decor design.

PALETTERA CUSTOM CORRESPONDENCES designed the couple's wedding invitations, a gatefold folio design that featured a foil pressed monogram on the front and opened to reveal a three-panel interior.



The Alençon lace detail of her off the shoulder INES DI SANTO gown was a selling point for the bride.



RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN created Marisa's all-white, textured bouquet filled with garden roses, peonies, lisianthus, spray roses and accents of white Phalaenopsis orchids.



The couple's wedding bands were from JEWELS BY LOVE.

For the ceremony, Marisa wore a pair of Aruna Seth heels from KLEINFELD HUDSON'S BAY.



The bride's TARA FAVA JEWELLERY drop crystal earrings were purchased at Ines Di Santo.



Marisa changed into Sophia Webster heels from Hudson's Bay for the reception.



Marisa's bridesmaids wore black, full-length gowns from MORI LEE.



An intricate monogrammed ice sculpture by THE ICEMAN welcomed guests as they entered the reception.

The reception was held at THE RITZ-CARLTON, TORONTO. Upon entering the Grand Foyer for cocktail hour, the guests were met with a show-stopping white floral tunnel designed by RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN. "Nobody had ever seen anything like it!" shares Marisa. The tunnel was 12-ft tall and 12-ft long and took Rachel and her team over eight hours to construct, as every element needed to be assembled on site. White cherry blossom branches and hundreds of white wisteria stems were used in the design. Over 500 fresh, white long-stem roses were suspended from the ceiling of the canopy and used to embellish the sides of the ethereal structure.



Tables were dressed with linens from **AROUND THE TABLE** and paired with white Louis chairs from **DETAILZ COUTURE EVENT RENTALS**. The place setting featured iridescent crystal chargers, also from Detailz Couture Event Rentals, topped with silver foil pressed menus designed by **PALETTERA CUSTOM CORRESPONDENCES**.



The lounge area featured white pillows, tufted couches, and mirrored tables from **CONTEMPORARY FURNITURE RENTALS INC.**, which were topped with candles and petite arrangements of white blooms.



ALL-WHITE DREAMSCAPE

RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN, working with Shealyn Angus of **SHEALYN ANGUS WEDDINGS & EVENTS**, created an all-white reception design with silver and charcoal accents, as well as lush groupings of white flowers; a look the bride had always admired and had long imagined.

Tables featured clear lucite candelabras and oversized arrangements of hydrangea, garden roses, lisianthus, peonies, and delicately cascading Phalaenopsis orchids.

EVENTURE CUSTOM ENVIRONMENTS AND EVENT DRAPING covered the space in white, sheer fabric. "It created a dream-like setting that exuded romance," says Marisa.



Silver-rimmed crystal glassware was provided by **EVENT RENTAL GROUP**.

The newlyweds' head table featured a grey and white draped backdrop executed by **EVENTURE CUSTOM ENVIRONMENTS AND EVENT DRAPING**. The 32-ft long table was decorated with a blanket of draped white blooms and a series of modern crystal candlesticks. The couple's seating from **DETAILZ COUTURE EVENT RENTALS** was framed by two towers covered in white cherry blossoms, creating a dramatic focal point.





Nadia Colella of **NADIA & CO-** designed the couple's traditional white five-tier cake covered with handmade sugar flowers, as well as all the sweets on their monochromatic dessert table.

The couple's matte silver monogrammed dance floor was designed by **PALETTERA CUSTOM CORRESPONDENCES** and executed by **EVENT GRAFFITI**.



Later in the evening, Marisa changed into an Inbal Dror gown from **WHITE TORONTO**.



END NOTES

THE RITZ-CARLTON, TORONTO catered the wedding dinner with a menu that featured grilled beef tenderloin, king oyster mushrooms, and a delectable shallot mustard jus. **PSAV** provided AV services for the occasion, in addition to lighting, which gave an overall ambient glow to the room, with the head table illuminated to draw more attention to the newlyweds. The day was captured on film by **LOVE MADLY WEDDING FILMS & PHOTOGRAPHY**. Electric violinist Dr. Draw entertained guests when DJ Floh Back wasn't spinning music that had everyone tearing up the dance floor late into the night.

After the celebration, the couple travelled to Bora Bora, staying at the **ST. REGIS BORA BORA RESORT** before moving over to the **FOUR SEASONS RESORT BORA BORA**. "We couldn't decide which one to stay at, so we just did both!" says Marisa.



ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER
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Alex Albojer has become a multi internationally award winning wedding photographer, photographing weddings all over the globe including Switzerland, India and Thailand—realizing that it is important to do one thing really, really well.

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