



Wild at Heart

t seems Cara and Zack Meyer were struck by Cupid's arrow. The two first met on Valentine's Day while Cara was vacationing in Port St. Lucie, Florida, enjoying some R&R during her university's reading week. Meanwhile, Zack was in the sunshine state racing cars (he is a professional racing driver). Upon meeting, they quickly realized they were both from Toronto and the rest is history! Years later, Zack surprised Cara with a spontaneous trip to Italy, where his family was waiting for them upon their arrival at his mother's home in Tuscany. One morning during the trip, Zack hopped on his dirt bike and rode around the scenic property in search of the best hilltop for his proposal. After securing the perfect spot, he took Cara there, got down on one knee, and asked her

Cara and Zack's wedding celebration took place on September 3, 2017 in Toronto, Ontario. Thyra Chin of LAURA & CO. EVENTS provided sameday coordination. RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN provided all decor and floral for the wedding, including the bride's loose bouquet of ivory garden roses, ranunculus, anemones, and Queen Anne's lace. Greenery and wild berries were added for a more natural look.







"It was amazing to stand under our gorgeous chuppah on such a beautiful day and commit to one another."—CARA

Cara and Zack tied the knot at GRAYDON HALL MANOR beneath a stunning garden-inspired chuppah. The rachel a. clingen wedding & **EVENT DESIGN** team designed the ceremony to look natural but still feel elegant and sophisticated. Low white planters filled with ivory florals, local berries, and fresh foliage lined the aisle. The chuppah's overgrown aesthetic was created using wild greenery, rustic branches, and fresh white blooms. To top it off, oversized glass vessels filled with roses and more greenery were placed on either side of the chuppah. Jeremy Citron of ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE officiated the ceremony.



Engagement ring and wedding bands from BIJOUX VILLAGE.



Beverages and passed canapés were served during cocktail hour and prepared by COUTURE CUISINE CORP.

The clear tent covering the top of the terrace was provided by PREMIER EVENT TENT RENTALS INC.







"We wanted to give something away that was natural and sustainable."

-CARA

Place settings included tableware from Graydon Hall Manor, menus from so pretty in print, and tree seedling favors from **EVERGREEN**

RUSTIC MEETS MODERN

RACHEL A. CLINGEN WEDDING & EVENT DESIGN transformed GRAYDON HALL MANOR'S picturesque terrace into a natural garden overgrown with greenery and flowers, including local seasonal wildflowers. Vines were affixed to the ceiling to give the impression they had grown there, while guest tables were embellished with large crystal vases containing ivory florals and more greenery. Crystal candleholders accented all tables and added a beautiful candlelit glow throughout the space. Alternating tables were detailed with low floral groupings using the same colour scheme.



Catering by couture CUISINE CORP.

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One of the most unforgettable elements of the day was an inflatable, white, castleshaped bouncy house purchased by the couple, set up on the venue's lawn for the ultimate Instagrammable moment. The couple, along with their wedding party, took to the castle for an afternoon of childhood fun!



To incorporate the bride's love of nature, FINE CAKES BY ZEHRA designed a rustic-meetselegant six-tier wedding cake for the couple. It featured a tree stump base with an engraved heart bearing the couple's initials, a handpainted depiction of GRAYDON HALL MANOR's gardens, the spot where the couple said "I do," and cascading white sugar flowers.

END NOTES

Entertainment throughout the day included a live violin performance at the ceremony from Alex Toskov, a DJ from **MAXIMUM MUSIC DJ SERVICE** who performed at the reception, and illusionist Ray Chance who performed throughout the cocktail hour and dinner service. ELLE & BE FILMS provided their cinematography services.

Post-wedding, the couple, along with their baby daughter, embarked on a two-week trip to Barbados. The newlyweds currently reside in Toronto.





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