

a city CELEBRATION

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Classic and contemporary combine in this chic city celebration



JACELYN REMEMBERS

HOW DID YOUR GROOM PROPOSE?
 Stef proposed as the sun was setting on March 16, 2013. He took me to Strubens Valley, one of our favourite places in Johannesburg (we had one of our first rock-climbing dates there). It is quiet and the view is spectacular as it's positioned on a hill overlooking the city. He got down on one knee and took my hand, and the beautiful words that came afterwards made my heart skip a beat! It was one of the most romantic moments of my life.





Any special advice for brides-to-be?

Try not to stress at all on the day: nothing is ever perfect, so don't get upset when small things don't go as planned! Enjoy every moment as a couple and try to take everything in – the day goes by so quickly. Another tip is to have a good photographer and/or videographer who truly understands the kind of images you want. We were very pleased with Chris van Dalen as he captured the emotion of the day and all our special moments beautifully!

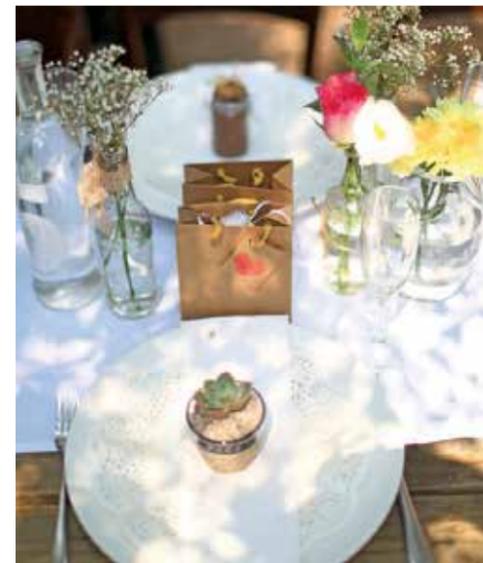


TELL US ABOUT THE THEME OF YOUR WEDDING.

We got married at Arts on Main, Johannesburg. The beautiful olive trees and city surrounds made it the perfect setting for our relaxed morning wedding. We said our vows under the trees and had the reception in the courtyard. Basically, we wanted our celebration to feel like a big family breakfast and it did! We opted for a mix of fresh spring colours and simple decor details such as white table runners on the wooden tables, white paper doilies at the centre of every plate and sweet peas, baby's breath, little daisies and roses mixed randomly in glass bottles. Our wedding favours were on the tables too: a desert rose succulent in a glass pot for the ladies and a jar of Nutella with a homemade cookie on top for the guys.

AND THE MENU?

Our wedding was catered by the venue's restaurant, Canteen. They did an exceptional job – the food really was incredible! We had a selection of meze platters (croissants and mixed cheeses before the reception), followed by a delicious sit-down breakfast that included eggs, bacon and ciabatta. Our wedding cake was a combination of blue cheese, Brie and fresh fruit.



What was the highlight of the day?

The highlight for me was definitely seeing Stef's face as I walked down the aisle towards him. It was incredible for us to have all the people we love together in one place; and taking photographs in the city of Johannesburg was so much fun (we both love our city)!

Little black book

- ♥ BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES: Seven dresses were sourced from all over the world, including Zara in Qatar and Forever 21 and Dorothy Perkins in the UK. One vintage dress came from my shop, White Lilly Bridal.
- ♥ BROOCH BOUQUET: White Lilly Bridal 082 851 1742; email info@whitelillybridal.com
- ♥ CAKE: Canteen@Arts on Main 011 334 5947; mabonengprecinct.com
- ♥ DECOR AND FLOWERS: Ruby Rain 082 853 2023; rubyrain.co.za
- ♥ DRESS: Renata Kuzak Couture 082 600 1933; renatakuzak.co.za
- ♥ FAVOURS: Do Me A Favour 086 938 9488
- ♥ FOOD: Canteen@Arts on Main 011 334 5947; mabonengprecinct.com
- ♥ GROOM'S OUTFIT: Alexander Suits 011 492 3360; alexandersuits.com
- ♥ GROOMSMAN'S OUTFIT: Wedding and Suit International 011 781 4448; weddingandsuit.co.za
- ♥ HAIR: Alex Benigno 011 464 5474
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