

CITY OF LIGHT

Paris, *je t'aime*! These three couples prove they're fluent in the language of love with weddings that embrace elements of romance straight from the pages of a French fairy tale.

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Clockwise from left: The florist created an antique French look with centerpieces in champagnes, pale pinks and muted greens; Anna-Louisa wanted “fun” shoes so she wore blue Christian Louboutins; the groom donned a navy Ted Baker London tux with black lapels, while she wore a lacy gown paired with her great-grandmother’s fur shawl.



I ANNA-LOUISA YON & EDWIN DARILEK

December 31, 2017

Decatur House

Photography by Sarah Bradshaw Photography

A shared European heritage was the spark that ignited Anna-Louisa Yon and Edwin Darilek’s love story. So it was only fitting that Edwin, an IT consultant, proposed on a family trip to Holland over Thanksgiving 2016. (He popped the question on the first night.) Equally apropos: The DC-based couple exchanged their vows at the Decatur House on New Year’s Eve in a ceremony that paid homage to her French father, Chilean mother and his Dutch family. “I used my great-grandmother’s fur shawl from France,” notes Anna-Louisa, a real estate agent. “It was incredibly meaningful to have that—a part of my family—with me.” The Old World influences also carried over to the decor, where a color palette of blues, dusty rose and champagne gold took inspiration from Marie Antoinette. At the reception, a tent with elegant draping created a romantic ambiance with amber lighting, candles and chandeliers. Speaking of the glow: Their wedding occurred on an evening when fireworks literally light up the sky, signaling the beginning of a new tomorrow and a bright future. “[We] wanted [our] guests to have a special night of their own with their significant others,” Anna-Louisa says. “There was a lot of love that night!”

THE LIST

Wedding Planner Kristen Puzzo, Kelley Cannon Events, kelleycannonevents.com

Bride’s Gown Mikaella, The Find Bridal, thefindbridal.com

Bride’s Shoes Christian Louboutin, christianlouboutin.com

Groom’s Tux Ted Baker London, Nordstrom, nordstrom.com

Rings Her engagement ring: Carol Tutera, Tutera Jewelry Design, tuteradesign.com; her wedding band: Pampillonia, pampillonia.com

Groomsmen’s Tuxes The Black Tux, blacktux.com

Florals Sophie Felts, Blossom + Vine, blossomandvine.com

Catering Equinox by Todd Gray, equinoxrestaurant.com

Invitations Minted, minted.com

Rentals & Linens Perfect Settings, perfectsettings.com

Lighting Sugarplum Tent Company, sugarplumtents.com

Entertainment Bachelor Boys Band, bachelorboysband.com



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SARA KVIZ & JARED FAUSNAUGHT

October 21, 2017

Anderson House

Photography by Jessica Hendricks,
Camille Catherine Photography

THE LIST

Wedding Planner Stephanie Sadowski, SRS Events, srs.events

Bride's Gown Eve of Milady, Elegance by Roya Bridal Atelier, elegancebyroya.com

Bride's Shoes Badgley Mischka, Nordstrom, nordstrom.com

Bride's Hair & Makeup Hair: Jasmine Palma; makeup: Hunar Khan, Makeup by Ana B, makeupbyanab.com

Groom's Tux Custom, Alton Lane, altonlane.com

Groom's Watch Apple, apple.com

Rings Ascot Diamonds, ascotdiamonds.com

Florals Rick's Flowers, ricksflowers.com

Catering & Linens Well Dunn Catering, welldunn.com

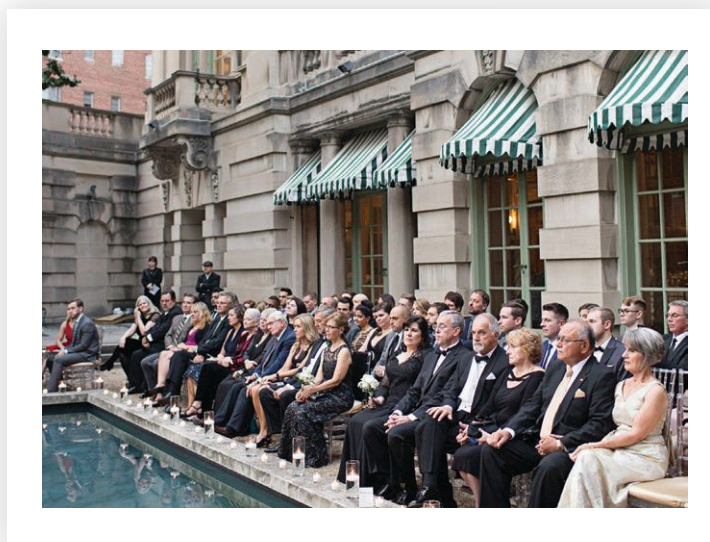
Cake Edibles Incredible, ediblesincredible.com

Invitations Minted, minted.com

Rentals Party Rental Ltd., partyrentalltd.com

Entertainment MSE Productions, mseproductions.com

Favors Olivia Macaron, oliviamacaron.com



Clockwise from top: The duo wanted to mix a glam, edgy vibe with classic elements, so they went with a black-tie affair; the ceremony in the Hoyt Garden; Miss Dior Eau de Parfum and a bracelet and earrings by Nadri finished the bride's look; Olivia Macaron's sweets.

In the quaint town of Paris, Va., beneath a 17-foot-tall Eiffel Tower in the garden of The Ashby Inn, Jared Fausnaught, the director of sales for Washington Capital Partners, popped the question to his beloved Sara Kviz, the operations manager for Keller Williams Capital Properties. (He knew a trip to the real City of Light would ruin his surprise, so the groom-to-be spent months working with his father to build the structure—a labor of love.) The proposal, which began as an inside joke between the Arlington, Va., residents, ended up setting the tone for their gilded wedding soiree at the Anderson House. Sara wore a Parisian 1920s-style mermaid gown featuring delicate straps of Swarovski crystals and carried a bouquet of Charles Darwin roses and ranunculuses as she walked down the aisle. Her favorite moment would come later in the day, when she and Jared were introduced for the first time as Mr. and Mrs. Fausnaught at the top of a sweeping staircase. Their loved ones waited below in the elegantly outfitted grand ballroom—awash in hues of white, gold and black. The couple left a box of pale gold French macarons at each place setting, a sweet parting gift by which to remember the occasion.

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DANIELLE SHANNON
REINHARDT &
BENJAMIN WILLIAM
STUART DEAN

June 17, 2017
The Mayflower Hotel,
Autograph Collection
Photography by "By Jacqui Photography"

From their first date at Fiola to a honeymoon that began in Paris, Danielle Shannon Reinhardt and Benjamin William Stuart Dean's relationship has been an adventure. For his proposal, Ben, a manager of strategic partnerships for Medullan, got down on one knee on the runway, next to a private jet bound for NYC. (This, after Danielle, a field clinical engineer at Abbott, was told to pack a bag and be ready for a limo to pick her up. She was "shocked and a little nervous," she admits.) They then planned a grand affair that juxtaposed the history of The Mayflower Hotel with modern touches; their ceremony was a treasured moment: "Having our family and friends with us meant so much. People came from around the world," says Danielle. And she and her hubby kept them entertained. For the first dance, they did a choreographed number to "Ain't That a Kick in the Head." An artist captured the action live, in the style of a Parisian cafe painter—the finished work was the eve's pièce de résistance.

THE LIST

Bride's Gown Nouvelle Amsale, Hitched, hitchedsalon.com
Bride's Shoes Jimmy Choo, Saks Fifth Avenue, saksfifthavenue.com
Bride's Jewelry Earrings & headband: Elizabeth Bower, Hitched, hitchedsalon.com; bracelet: Gift from groom on wedding day, Tiny Jewel Box, tinyjewelbox.com
Bride's Hair & Makeup Eye Do Makeup & Hair, eyedobeautyonlocation.com
Groom's Watch TAG Heuer Carrera, Saks Fifth Avenue, saksfifthavenue.com
Rings Tiny Jewel Box, tinyjewelbox.com
Florals Christi Lopez, Bergerons Flowers, bergeronsflowers.com
Cake Fluffy Thoughts Cakes, fluffythoughts.com
Invitations & Calligraphy The Dandelion Patch, thedandelionpatch.com
Entertainment Onyx, Washington Talent Agency, washingtontalent.com
Live Wedding Painter Laura Welch, Artistic i Wedding, artisticiwedding.com

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Clockwise from top: The vanilla cake was layered with lemon curd and cream cheese, and raspberry jam cream cheese with fresh raspberries; the groom wore a custom charcoal tux, while she fell for a ballgown: "I didn't know I wanted that style till I tried it [on]," she says; the duo had three types of centerpieces, including crystal candelabras with blush, purple and white hues; Laura Welch painted scenes from the day, like Danielle and Benjamin's first dance—the art piece hangs in their home.

MODERN LUXURY WEDDINGS

WASHINGTON

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Day Forward*
*Seize the Day in
Statement-Making Looks*

*Acres
Away*
Catesby
Farm
Estate's
Grand Debut

Plus
Enchanting
Details to Set
the Mood &
Buttercream
Bakeshop's
Just Desserts