

ELAINE LEE NORMAN NASSIF

On their 11th anniversary Elaine and Norm married at the Sydney Opera House and later celebrated in the beautifully styled Ivy Ballroom. Their wedding was a stunning celebration – an opportunity to recognise and honour their culture, share a momentous day with their family and friends, and mark the beginning of their beautiful life together.



WITH THE HELP of stylist Anthony Del Col from Staging Connections, Elaine and Norm's wedding was an unforgettable celebration of romance. "With the theme of modern elegance, we incorporated everything we have ever wanted to experience at a wedding. We wanted to give that to our guests, we wanted our love for each other and our guests to shine through," says Elaine.

Many of their guests were flying in from overseas so Elaine and Norm wanted to marry at an iconic Sydney venue. Their simple and elegant ceremony was held at the Sydney Opera House where they used draped fabric and simple arrangements of baby's breath to set the scene.

Intent on incorporating their Tongan, Lebanese and Australian heritage into every aspect of their wedding, they organised Polynesian singers to greet the guests as they arrived at The Ivy. Before the bridal entrance, the room was silenced by the sounds of the didgeridoo and as the bridal party entered, Lebanese drummers began playing along with the didgeridoo which was later joined by a Lebanese flute player. A great ensemble which surprised many guests.

The space was brimming with colourful floral arrangements in shades of pink, purple and fuchsia, an abundance of candles and an exquisite ten tier cake. An open style photo booth kept everyone amused whilst Brown Sugar maintained the groove, an abundance of food including an oyster bar, dessert buffet and candy buffet provided guests with a mouth-watering experience.

MADE FOR ME

"I wanted to feel like a bride and when I slipped into my dress, I did. It felt amazing, it was as if Oscar de la Renta made it especially for me." – Elaine

Photographer Blumenthal Photography Videographer Untitled Film Works Bride's gown Oscar de la Renta from Helen Rodrigues Shoes Jimmy Choo Jewellery Cerrone & Varoujan Jewellers Earrings Cerrone Headpiece Stephanie Browne Bridesmaids' dresses Tadashi Shojis Bridesmaids' accessories Chanel Groom's attire Louis Vuitton and Gucci Groomsmen's attire Simon Carter & Abelard Ceremony Sydney Opera House Celebrant Pauline Fawcner Ceremony entertainment Accent Strings Reception Ivy Ballroom Event Stylist/Wedding Planner Anthony Del Col from Staging Connections Reception entertainment Brown Sugar, Sean Patrick Ryan (Didgeridoo player), Rhythm of Polynesia and Cedar Entertainment MC John Alten Cake Faye Cahill Cake Design Stationery Ooh-Aah Invitations Photobooth Photorazzi Bomboniere & Battery Operated Candles Glowstix Australia Wish Box & Seating Plan The Styling Company Hair Anthony Ellis Makeup Ann Hassarati

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