

STUDIO MAGIC, WEDDING ROMANCE

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IT WAS ON JANET'S BIRTHDAY THAT ROY PLANNED AN ELABORATE SCHEME TO GIVE HER THE SURPRISE OF A LIFETIME.

THE STARS WERE ALIGNED THE DAY Janet and Roy were introduced to each other through a friend. What first started off as a close friendship evolved into a sweeping romance when Roy decided to ask Janet to marry him.

It was on Janet's birthday that Roy planned an elaborate scheme to give her the surprise of a lifetime. "My birthday is right after New Year's so we normally just have a quiet dinner alone," Janet explains. But for this particular birthday, Roy had something special planned—he had arranged for a romantic helicopter ride to view the amazing Los Angeles skyline. When the couple was back on the ground, the helicopter pilot, who was in on the plan, advised them to go get a drink at a nearby restaurant while he refueled the chopper. Unsuspectingly, Janet followed Roy to the restaurant and when she opened the door she was greeted with a roar from all of her friends and family. "He threw a surprise birthday party for me and had prepared a special gift-wrapped box," Janet says. When she opened the box she found a note that read: "Design the ring of your choice." Then, Roy got down on one knee and proposed. "It was the best day of my life," Janet says.

Once the engagement was underway, the couple decided to take things slow before beginning the planning process. They were ready to start planning once they were referred to event designer and coordinator Carolyn Chen of The Special Day.

Although Janet always knew what she wanted her wedding to be like, she also knew that she had to compromise with her future husband. "I didn't want to be selfish and have everything my way," she says. "I wanted to compromise and bring both of our visions together."

With the help of their coordinator, they were able to agree on a modern and sophisticated color palette of black and white with bright yellow accents. "It was very modern and the pop of color helped vamp up the wedding," Janet says.

When it came time to choose the ceremony and reception venue, the choice was obvious. Because Roy works in the entertainment industry, the couple picked The Culver Studios to make the event more personal. Plus, with a guest list of over 400 people, the venue was the perfect size to accommodate everyone.

To tie in the color palette, bridesmaids wore pale yellow dresses and carried beautiful bouquets of white and yellow blooms. The color scheme was also brought into play in the little details such as the name cards, programs and menu cards.

The reception was a sight to be seen as bold decor and floral arrangements graced each tabletop. Round and rectangular tables were covered in dramatic black linens and bold centerpieces. Long tables boasted black vases of varying heights carrying bright yellow flowers while round tables featured large clouds of delicate white orchids.

After guests dined on a feast of chicken and fish, they were led to hit the dance floor or mix and mingle in the ultra-modern lounge that featured a bar and sleek white sofas that complemented the decor perfectly.

As the highlight to most events, dessert was a real treat for all to enjoy. Guests were able to satisfy their taste buds with mini chocolate chunk cookies with milk shooters, Belgian chocolate dipped fruit and delectable wedding cake.

For the favors, Janet and Roy gave out wine pourers and tea diffusers for guests to take home. Because they both have a love for wine and tea they thought it would be the best way to give something personal and practical.

Janet reflects back on her wedding day as being one of the most amazing and special days of her life. The most important and memorable part of the day for her was when she and Roy read their vows to each other. She recalls it being an incredibly personal and emotional moment that she will never forget. 🌸

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WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE TO FUTURE BRIDES?

"When the big day comes, don't worry about anything. Just enjoy the day and each other."



Menu cards were tucked into square pocket fold napkins with a white phalaenopsis orchid sitting on top.



Milk shooters with chocolate chunk cookies were offered as a sweet treat for guests.



A sleek lounge allowed guests to mix and mingle in style.



REAL *weddings*

STYLEFILE

THEME
Modern, Sophisticated and Glamorous

COLOR
Black, White, Yellow



STYLETEAM

WEDDING COORDINATOR
THE SPECIAL DAY, CAROLYN CHEN

BRIDAL GOWN & VEIL
CUSTOM MADE FROM MONACO COUTURE

BRIDAL SHOES
PRADA FROM BARNEYS NEW YORK

GROOM'S FORMALWEAR
WILSHIRE BRIDAL & TUXEDO

BRIDESMAID DRESSES
CUSTOM MADE FROM MONACO COUTURE

HAIR & MAKEUP
MARQUIS

CEREMONY & RECEPTION LOCATION
THE CULVER STUDIOS

OFFICIANT
JOHN SONG

STATIONERY
FINGERPRINT STATIONERY

CEREMONY MUSIC
GATES CHAMBER MUSIC

COCKTAIL & RECEPTION MUSIC
PROKREATION PRODUCTIONS

AISLE RUNNER
THE ORIGINAL RUNNER COMPANY

FLORIST
THE MILLE FIORI

LINENS
WILDFLOWER LINEN

FURNITURE, BAR, CHANDELIER RENTALS
DESIGNER 8* EVENT FURNITURE RENTAL & CLASSIC PARTY RENTALS

DRAPING
ARRIBA! L&H

LIGHTING
AV CONCEPTS

WEDDING CAKE
PORTO'S BAKERY

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