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Anton and Lisa Cheng



Your Day, Your Rules

Give your wedding a personal touch

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On Anton (34) and Lisa (32) Cheng's special day (he is owner of a publishing house and she is a prominent Los Angeles lawyer), nothing short of the USC marching band would do. Thankfully, the Pacific Palms Resort was large enough to handle all their guests and the band from their alma mater. For their wedding, Carolyn Chen from The Special Day selected bold LED lighting to create a dramatic statement: as the doors to the ballroom swung open, guests were awed by cloud-like arrangements of branches and flowers that twinkled with hanging crystals and brilliant LEDs. Lighting affects the simplest of settings, making guests feel like they have traveled to another time or place.

For the wedding of well-known Lebanese dentist Guitta Harb (34) and Marc Pana (36), a top Orange

County orthodontist with Persian roots, Carolyn used color and texture to incorporate the bride and groom's rich heritage into the special event, held at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Laguna Woods (the reception was at The Island Hotel, Newport Beach). The bride and groom both come from large



Casual outdoor seating groupings



Hand-stenciled dance floor

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Guitta and Marc Pana



Formal and elegant place settings



Shot glasses filled with summer squash soup passed among the guests

families who were very much involved in the festivities. From the custom-made jewel-box favors from Lebanon to the use of luxurious Persian fabrics, every element of the wedding honored Guitta and Marc's culture.

From these two weddings you can also see the difference of style, colors, and texture, and how this created very different environments.

Creating a unique ambiance that complements your personal style is relatively easy with the vast array of rental companies available to help you achieve your vision. From casual-chic, lounge-style settings to formal and elegant place settings, rental companies have everything you need to create your own statement.

Colors and textures will set the atmosphere at your wedding and therefore are crucial elements to consider as you design your special day. Select linens, dishes, flatware, glassware, and lighting that complement and enhance the style of your event. For outdoor receptions, you can even rent trees, fountains, and shrubs to bring an al fresco feeling to your 'under the tent' experience.

During my four-decade career in event planning, I have found Town and Country Event Rentals to be the front-runner in unique selections and great customer service. Unlike most rental companies that just cover the basics, this company always has the perfect wedding elements unavailable elsewhere.

At the end of the day, there aren't many hard and fast rules—after all, it's your day! By choosing a theme that represents you and your partner and making decisions to maintain consistency with that theme, your wedding day is sure to be a success. ☺



Using a fabric treatment on the ceiling and walls of the tent creates a special look