



EMILY & BLAKE

Paris Proposal

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It was the perfectly planned proposal when Blake asked Emily to marry him.

The couple was vacationing in Paris, when, in a fine French restaurant, Blake got down on one knee and surprised Emily with the words “Veux-tu me épouser” written with her dessert. Blake had been secretly planning the trip—and the proposal—for three months so Emily didn’t expect a thing.

She had dreamed of her perfect fairytale wedding since she was just a young girl and when she finally

got engaged to her Prince Charming, their special day was nothing short of that happily ever after.

The date was June 2, late in the spring, and the sun shone bright against the real life castle that Emily and Blake had decided to marry in. The ceremony was held in the conservatory of Casa Loma and it was the perfect fit for Emily’s idea of a princess wedding.

“Casa Loma is a an actual castle with a beautiful garden and it just fit perfectly with our fairytale. I chose my date because it was the only available one and I

had to get married at Casa Loma,” Emily says.

The wedding itself was a picture of elegance, with a simple and beautiful colour scheme of silver, grey and blush pink. The décor, all designed online by Emily, was loyal to that palette from the linens to the centerpieces and everything in between.

“I did a lot of online research about the centerpieces and I decided I wanted to go big when it came to them. I just wanted it—the décor—to be very romantic and dreamy. So we decided to do something with roses,

Photographer & Videographer:
Focus Productions

Venue:
Casa Loma

Reception:
Pegasus Hospitality Group

DJ:
Michael Coombs

String Bands:
Alicia & Trent’s Classical & Jazz Ensembles

Florist/Décor:
Fuscia Designs

Sweet Tables:
Flour Confections & Butter Avenue

Wedding Cake:
Flour Confections

Flatware/Plates:
Chairman Mills

Wedding Favors:
Bath Fairy,
Richmond Hill

Bride’s Dress:
Vera Wang, David’s Bridal

Bridesmaid’s Dresses:
Vera Wang, David’s Bridal

Makeup Artist:
Vivian Wu
Toronto, Canada

Officiant:
Gordon Kushner

Onsite Coordinator:
Platinum Events Group



Emily handled the details by herself to completely personalize it. "I found the vendors by myself and personally discussed all the details and finalized everything with him," Emily says.



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Emily chose an ivory, a-line dress by Vera Wang that was layered throughout to give it that princess gown look. It was to be worn for their traditional ceremony and she just "knew the moment" she put it on that this particular dress was the dress she wanted to get married in.

The couple had two ceremonies—the conventional Western ceremony at Casa Loma and one very private, traditional Korean affair at Emily's apartment. Their heritage wasn't ignored at the traditional Western wedding though. Blake and Emily decided to incorporate parts of both their

backgrounds into the reception to honour each of their cultures.

"At the reception I changed into a traditional Korean dress and I made an entrance by dancing to traditional Korean music. We also used a DJ that played a mix of English, Korean and Chinese music. Because of my family being from Korea and Blake's from China, it showed something special between us," Emily says.

The entire wedding was planned by husband-and wife to-be—because it was important to Emily to focus on them as a couple and not just herself as a bride.

Emily and Blake ironed all of the details out—right down to the chair covers. She wanted the power over every decision and she wanted to ensure that their day was just that—theirs. And it turned out to be the collaboration of a lifetime.

After the ceremony had finished, the couple entered as husband and wife for their first dance, which according to Emily, was the best part of the experience.

"Our first dance—it was really good and romantic. The entire day just felt very good. I just kept thinking how right this decision is. It was just perfect," Emily says.



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