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# Mary-Anne + Kevin

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Mary-Anne and Kevin celebrated their marriage on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in the Centennial Ballroom at the Liberty Grand along with 200 of their closest friends and family. The couple was engaged for a year, after a surprise proposal from Kevin while on vacation in Cancun.

The inspiration for the wedding was the cherry blossom. Helen Pispidikis from Weddings by Design helped the couple design a beautiful spring wedding and ensured that the day unfolded wonderfully. Boston Avenue Photography was there to capture the wedding. The theme was consistent throughout the space. In the foyer, the seating cards were displayed on an elevated plexi glass, on a bed of fuchsia and soft pink rose petals and cherry blossom branches. The seating cards had a pink seeded flower attached to them - which guests could plant afterwards and grow wildflowers in their gardens.

As the ballroom doors opened guests were privy to a spectacular display of beautiful spring blooms. A combination of round and square tables throughout the space with alternating centerpieces added drama and interest. The round tables had stunning Manzanita Trees decorated with a palette of fuchsia, pink and green florals. The square tables had a grouping of Square Glass cubes decorated with cherry blossom branches and candlelight, with two smaller arrangements providing depth and a floral component of green tulips and fuchsia roses. The sweetheart head table was adorned with long and low arrangements of opulent spring blooms and candlelight. Behind the couple was an 8' Manzanita Tree adorned with beautiful spring blooms.

True to the theme, the cake designed by Creative Cakes was embellished with edible cherry blossom branches and blooms. Mary-Anne and Kevin added some personal touches including customizing the names on the tables after significant events in their lives and their relationship, personalized chocolates and containers on the candy station, and a photo booth for some memorable moments with guests.

The day was filled with sentiment and love - a memorable celebration for all who attended.

EVENT PLANNING AND DESIGN BY: **Weddings by Design**



# Shirin + Reza

May 29, 2010

Reza and I met in 2002 through his brother, who was one of my friends at the University of Toronto. We kept seeing each other around, at parties or at the library, but didn't actually start dating until a couple of months later. Neither of us thought it would last very long because, on the surface, we were so different. We listened to different music, went out to different places, and our friends definitely did not get along. Somehow it worked out and three years later we moved to Kingston, where we both started medical school.

The proposal happened during our third year at Queen's. It came as a total surprise to me. Reza had teamed up with my roommates to figure everything out; from the type of stone I liked to my actual ring size. On that day, I had gone for pre-dinner drinks with some co-workers and came home to find my room lit up with candles. There were pictures of the two of us from earlier years along with a letter he had

written to me. As I finished reading, Reza walked into my room with the ring and proposed. I was so shocked and confused that it took me a while to really understand what was happening. That night, after we came back from dinner, our friends hosted a champagne-filled surprise party for us. It was such a great way to celebrate.

We got married the same week we wrote our licensing exam and graduated from medical school. It was a busy and stressful week but, on that day, all the nerves and the stress melted away and I was so relaxed. Our wedding was captured by Mimmo & Naz. We had promised ourselves that no matter what happened on that day, the most important thing was to have fun and just be ourselves. Our wedding was everything we had hoped for and more, with beautiful settings, endless dancing, and really great company.

EVENT PLANNING BY:

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