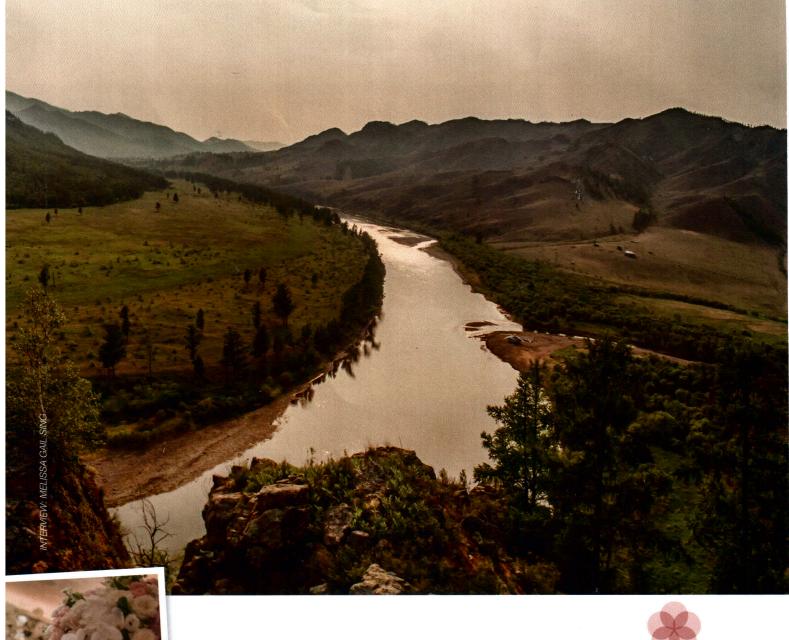


ROMANCING THE WORLD

The wedding of **DIANE NG AND NYCKY LIM** was a celebration of global proportions with a stunning visual narrative that depicted the couple's wanderlust





ometimes, it's not just a dress or watch that you find on a shopping trip. For former schoolmates Nycky Lim and Diane Ng, a visit to a shopping mall led to love. "We were at the same shopping mall one day when our shoulders brushed and we said hi to each other. We kept in touch after that," shares Diane, a freelance designer who's currently pursuing a degree in accounting.

Almost four years into their relationship, Nycky, who owns a private equity firm providing Singapore clients with access to a wide range of investments and business opportunities in Mongolia, orchestrated a romantic proposal by the beach. Thinking that she was going to have dinner with Nycky and his friend, an unsuspecting Diane was surprised to find the beach area around Tanjong Beach Club aglow with twinkling fairy lights. At the end of a self-made video featuring special moments during their courtship, Nycky asked Diane to marry him.



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THE THEME & CONCEPT

The celebration began with an intimate solemnisation and tea ceremony at the Governor's Room of The St Regis Singapore which was transformed into a magical garden by Hannah and the team at Heaven's Gift Wedding Concierge.

The theme for the banquet dinner was something close to the couple's hearts. "We travelled a lot during our courtship days, so we decided that the theme should tell the story of 'our travel of love'. Hannah proposed a Wanderlust theme that incorporated all the countries we have travelled to," shares Diane.

The cocktail area outside the John Jacob Ballroom was an ode to the beautiful town of Carmel. A little house with a beautiful garden was created, inviting guests to have their photo taken. Inside the ballroom, guests walked beneath hanging florals and lights and marvelled at the elaborately designed 22m stage bedecked with three-dimensional images of architectural icons like the Eiffel Tower, Santorini, the Big Ben and Golden Gate Bridge. The statue of Genghis Khan on a horse, which Nycky's father had built in Mongolia, was not only a splendorous sight but a reminder of the father-and-son's ties with the country.

Clearly pleased with the results, Diane says, "We only saw the actual stage when we did our first march-in and it was breathtaking. It made walking down the aisle the most beautiful experience."

Another recurring theme was the colour red, a nod to the nation's Golden Jubilee.



The auspicious hue was in lush flowers that decorated the room and the couple's eveningwear. Diane traded her wedding gown for a fiery mermaid-cut dress by her neighbour and local designer Ann Teoh. The groom, who was in a dark suit during the wedding solemnisation, matched the dress with his red suit from Dolce & Gabbana's Spring/Summer 2015 runway collection.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

For the fetching of the bride in the morning, friends of the car-loving couple arrived in a Ferrari convoy, making for a roaring start to the festivities.

To put their own spin to their celebration, Diane choreographed a special dance for the second march-in during the banquet. With the help of a few dancer friends, it turned











into a mini flash mob to the delight of guests. Dinner was accompanied by the tunes of live band Glittering Carousel while the groom's musically-talented younger brother dedicated a song to the newlyweds. As were many guests that evening, the couple were especially moved by the speeches delivered by their fathers. "It was straight from the heart," recalls Diane.

Apart from an elaborate pre-wedding photo shoot in Santorini and Mongolia where they literally climbed mountains to get the perfect shot, the couple paid special attention to the selection of an appropriate wedding favour. All 450 of the adorable miniature Mongolian ger that were given to their guests were handmade and painted. "The Mongolian ger is a home that keeps people warm and safe no matter how harsh the weather conditions. We want our love for each other to be like that—resilient and strong in all seasons," shares Diane. §



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