



Crazy little thing called love

GREG TRIBBE AND KATHERINE LAM SHARE WITH SUHANA AB. HOW THEY THREW A WEDDING TO REMEMBER

Greg Tribbe & Katherine Lam

all it took was a simple introduction and like all great romances, theirs naturally took its course. Greg Tribbe, managing director of the Gilmore Group and Katherine Lam, vice president of Infinia Foresight were friends first before fate would have them in a joyous courtship, peppered with both the good and the challenging. Some years later, Greg popped the question to Katherine at the picturesque Sagrada Familia in Barcelona to a jubilant yes.

A celebration of great magnitude was in order and with the assistance of a wedding planner, the New York-based couple conceptualised and organised a wedding from across the Pacific Ocean. "We didn't have a strict theme but liked the idea of a common design aesthetic that would pull things together. It started with the invitation cards that has this cascading circle motif in saffron orange and chocolate. Using this as a reference, Hannah, our wedding planner helped to translate these basic characteristics into the details

of the wedding," Katherine shared. Fourteen months later, the meticulous, long-distance planning paid off. Family and friends from the US, Canada, Australia, Malaysia, England and Ireland congregated in Singapore to celebrate the union and took the opportunity to catch up with one another and reminisce the good old days. Katherine's father, renowned cardiologist Dato Dr Leslie Lam even closed his clinic for a whole week to play host to his guests.

Taking a cue from the bride's father, the couple, despite their busy schedule, took the time to ensure that their international guests were able to experience both the old and the new Singapore. They encouraged their guests to stay at either the New Majestic Hotel or Hotel 1929, and sent them on food tours all over the city where they sampled delicious hawker fare.

The Singapore experience did not end there. The wedding festivities started with the traditional fetching of the bride — something that Katherine describes as a novel experience for her American husband and his counterparts. The groom's team arrived in dashing red jackets and exchanged hilarious banter with the

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Getting ready for the big moment

Bridesmaid Phua Mei Pin heads the bride's team



Taking one for the groom



The groom looking cool



The groom jubilant to meet his bride

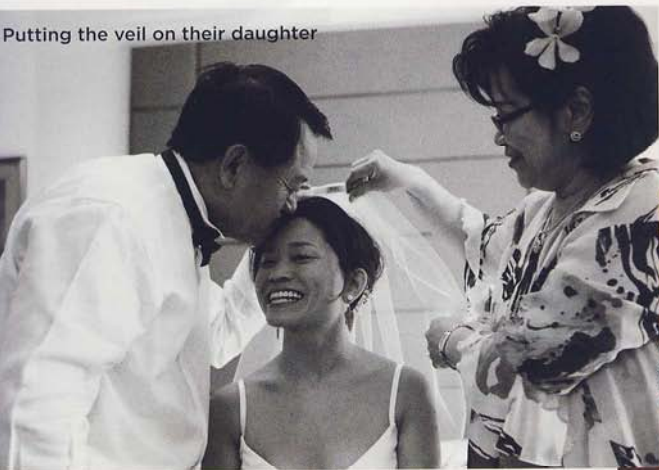


Albert Chua, Patricia Lam, Greg Tribbe, Katherine Lam, Kiera Chua, Ivy and Leslie Lam



The few things stopping the groom from getting to the bride

Putting the veil on their daughter



The tea ceremony with Greg's parents



Kiera Chua

bride's team who spared them no mercy. Two cans of beer, a couple of sit-ups and a durian later, the girls finally relented and allowed Greg to claim his beaming bride.

This was followed by a ceremony at the Arts House, where Katherine was walked down the aisle by her father and given away to Greg. It was an intimate affair that witnessed a few heartfelt readings from a few friends. The couple's friend Desiree Koh read out the lyrics to a moving Bruce Springsteen song — *If I Should Fall Behind* — that saw the couple moved to tears.

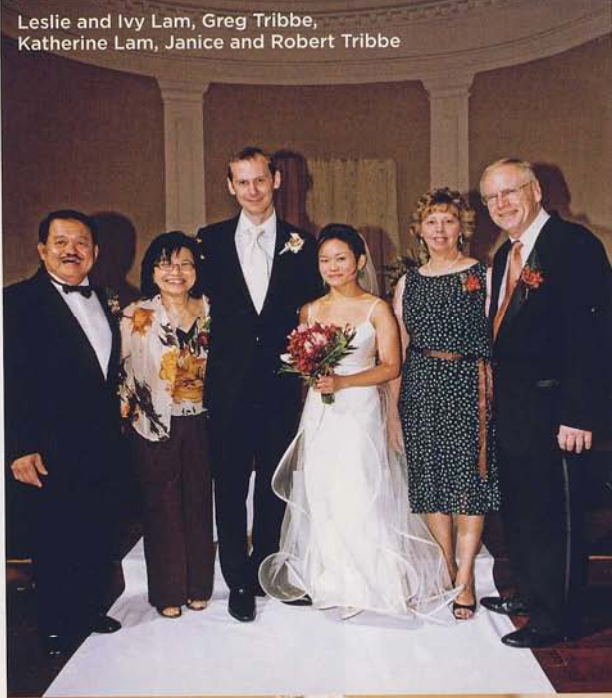
But guests broke out in laughter when Katherine had difficulty slipping on Greg's wedding ring. "I had to take a step back and use all of my body strength to push it on. It broke the tension and it seemed fitting that our union began with laughter," she recalled with a smile.

Day turned into night and 400 guests graced the couple's wedding dinner at the Amara Sanctuary. The food served was nothing short of spectacular, with generous servings of delicious scallops in XO sauce and suckling pig. Katherine's childhood friend Phua Mei Pin was tasked to be the host of the evening and successfully roused laughter and tears on topics that were close to the heart.

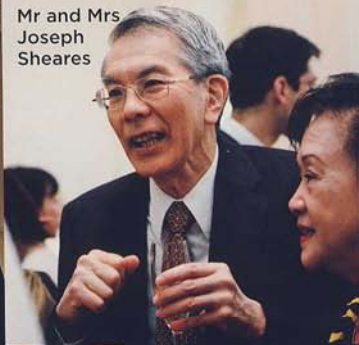
The couple danced to a swing number *Our Love Is Here To Stay* and executed it so perfectly that guests were surprised to find out that they only had two lessons before the big day! This set the mood for everyone to get down on the dance floor, sealing the night as one to always remember. The celebrations might have ended but Greg and Katherine's lives have just begun. □

An excerpt from *If I Should Fall Behind*:
We said we'd walk together
baby come what may
That come the twilight
should we lose our way
If as we're walkin' a
hand should slip free
I'll wait for you
And should I fall behind
Wait for me

Leslie and Ivy Lam, Greg Tribbe, Katherine Lam, Janice and Robert Tribbe



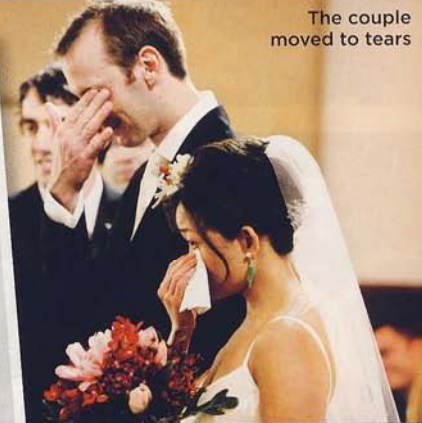
Mr and Mrs Joseph Sheares



Mr and Mrs Wong Hung Kim



The couple moved to tears



Ng Eng Han

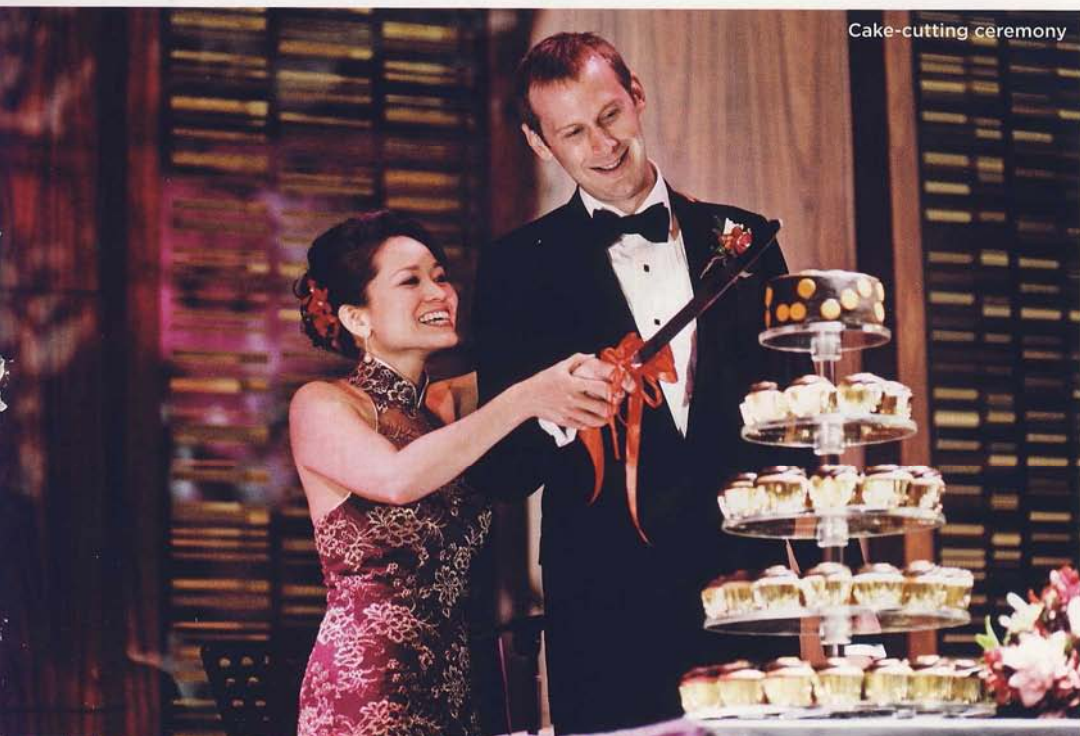


Dr Lam walking Katherine down the aisle

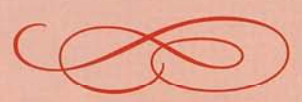


Kristin and Kylie Wolcott





Cake-cutting ceremony



SAYING "I DO" IN STYLE

THE GROOM: Greg wore a tuxedo from Seize sur Vingt, New York, and Hugo Boss shoes.

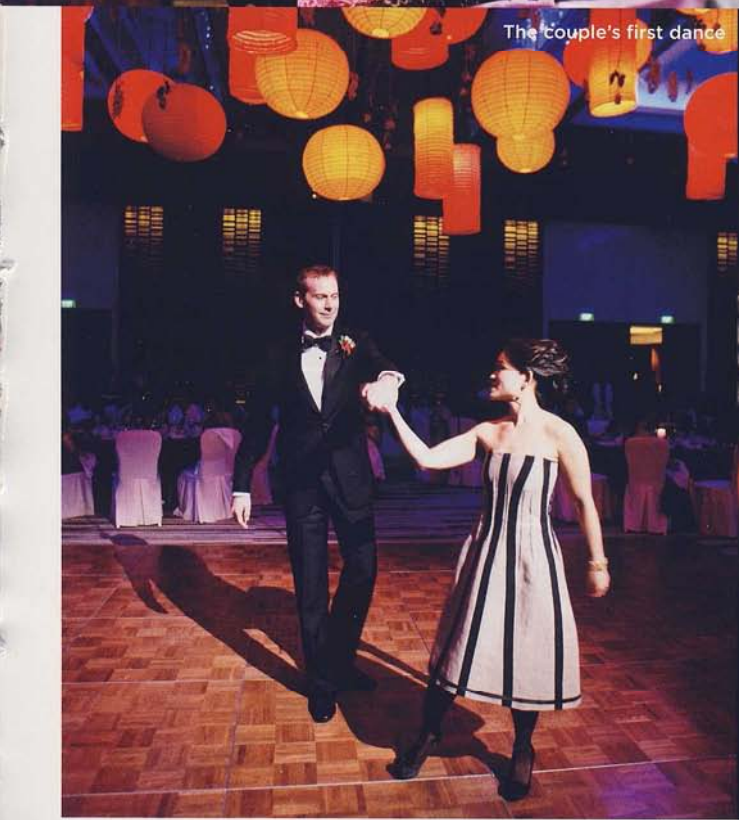
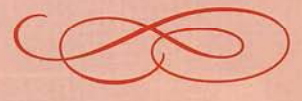
THE BRIDE: Katherine's bridal gown, from Suzanne Ermann, was paired with Stuart Weitzman shoes. Her qipao from Ritz Couture and cocktail dress from D&G were paired with Kate Spade shoes.

THE RINGS

The couple designed their own rings and had them made by a jeweller in New York. Greg wanted to reflect Katherine's family's ties to Ireland and drew inspiration from Irish Claddagh rings that symbolise love, friendship and loyalty.

WEDDING FAVOUR

Greg and Katherine got creative and decided on a gift that people could use — a cookbook containing recipes that were special to them. The cook book was designed with the help of family and friends. The couple also had a treats corner where guests could scoop different goodies from their respective childhoods (love letters, Pop Rocks, Necco wafers, Sour Patch Kids) into little take-out boxes.



The couple's first dance



Lee Boon Yang



Reggie Thien



Kwan Lui greets the bride



Mr and Mrs Goh Chok Tong express their well wishes



Guests toast to the newlyweds