



# Quintessentially British

With a gallery, a concert hall, Victorian-inspired vases, lamp posts, a red phone box and even guests wearing fascinators, the nuptials of Chang Tang Kai and Joan Hsieh were an ode to English romances





## TANG KAI & JOAN WEDDING EVENTS

**Solemnisation & Dinner Banquet**

**WHEN** 21 April, 2013

**WHERE** Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore



Love works in mysterious ways. In the case of 33-year-old Chang Tang Kai and 29-year-old Joan Hsieh, what started as a sometimes tumultuous superior-subordinate relationship ended in a marriage proposal after 3½ years of courtship. While on a romantic staycation at Marina Bay Sands to usher in 2012, Tang Kai, the general manager of scaffolding specialist Erect Group, took an oath of commitment to Joan. Taken by surprise and won over by his sincerity, the group's sales and marketing manager accepted his ring.







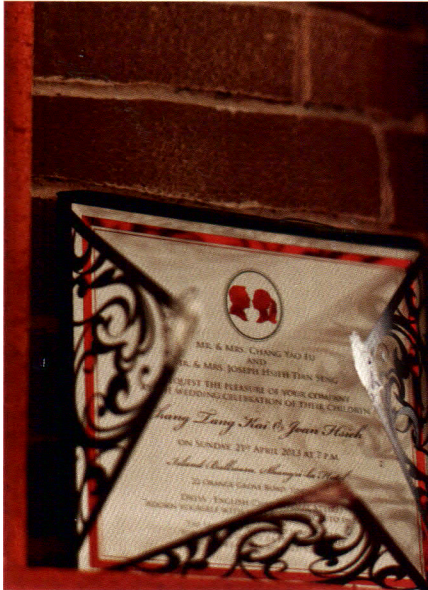
## THE THEME & CONCEPT

Fans of Manchester United football club and fascinated by British architecture, the couple wanted a London-themed celebration, so their wedding planner Hannah Chong conceptualised an “English Love” celebration for their dinner banquet. The entire cocktail area outside the hotel’s Island Ballroom was transformed into a gallery with a British red telephone box photo booth, classic English paintings on the walls and a bar. Fresh blooms in Victorian-looking vases completed the cosy gallery concept.

Continuing the British theme inside the ballroom, the main stage was designed as a grand concert hall while table centrepieces came in the form of feminine silhouettes donning floral hats. Female guests too dressed the part with their fascinators, and throughout the evening, a band serenaded the room.









## WEDDING VENDORS

### BRIDE'S OUTFITS

Tan Yoong

### GROOM'S OUTFITS

Joe's Tailoring & Fashion Design

**CONCEPT DESIGNER & PLANNER** Hannah Chong/

Heaven's Gift Wedding Concierge

### PHOTOGRAPHER

Yu Hsin/Tinydot Photography;

Eadwine Lay/Plush Photography

### VIDEOGRAPHER

Sam Yang & team/Substance Films

### MAKE-UP ARTIST/HAIRSTYLIST

Bobbie/The Makeup Room

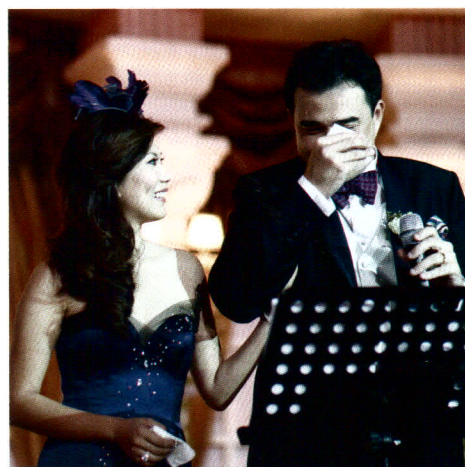
**FLORIST** Harijanto Setiawan & Team/Boenga

**STATIONERY** Heaven's Gift Wedding Concierge

**MOBILE STUDIO** Live Studios Photography







## THE HIGHLIGHTS

The wedding solemnisation was a particularly touching experience where the bride and groom exchanged vows they had each worded on their own. "We were tearing uncontrollably as we heard each other's heartfelt words for the first time and made the same commitment. It was the most special moment of our lives, one that will be forever etched in our hearts," says Joan.

For the first march in during the dinner, the couple's pre-wedding photos shot in London were screened. This was followed by a lavish dinner which was accompanied by video highlights of the morning tea ceremony. A pleasant surprise for the couple came in the form of a second video put together by Hannah, with input from the couple's close family and friends. As with many weddings, the first dance is a meaningful moment for newlyweds, and in this case, the people dearest to the couple, their bestmen and bridesmaids, shared in their special moment on the dance floor. 🍷

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