

WINTER MYSTIQUE

*Warm and fuzzy sentiments flowed during the winter-themed wedding of **CHARLOTTE KIEW AND DESMOND NEO**, where a white forest, a cosy cottage and snow transported guests to a distant fairytale land*



They were secondary school mates, but it was only years after graduation that their friendship grew. In 2011, when Desmond Neo's father suffered a stroke, Charlotte Kiew was by his side as a friend, offering constant support throughout that difficult period. It was in those trying times that love blossomed.

After dating for precisely 364 days, Desmond, a regional director, popped the question hours before their first anniversary as a couple. With the help of a planner, he created a stunning stage for the proposal

incorporating all of the things that Charlotte loved—photography, the starry sky and gerberas. A tent was erected and inside, it was illuminated with fairy lights to create the effect of a star-studded sky while gerberas were strewn across the floor bed. Walking along a trail of 500 suspended polaroid photos depicting their “love, journey”, Charlotte was met at the end by Desmond. “You walked into my life. In time, I ask you, walk with me,” he said as he presented her with a brilliant Chaumet engagement ring.

CHARLOTTE & DESMOND *Wedding Events*

Solemnisation Ceremony & Dinner Reception

WHEN November 15, 2014

WHERE Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore

The Vendors

BRIDE'S OUTFITS Monique Lhuillier; Marchesa; Oscar de la Renta; Manolo Blahnik; Christian Louboutin

GROOM'S OUTFITS Joe's Tailoring & Fashion Design; Christian Louboutin; Cartier

PHOTOGRAPHY Bryan Jean Photography

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MAKE-UP The Make Up Room

HAIR The Lawn Hairdressing (groom)

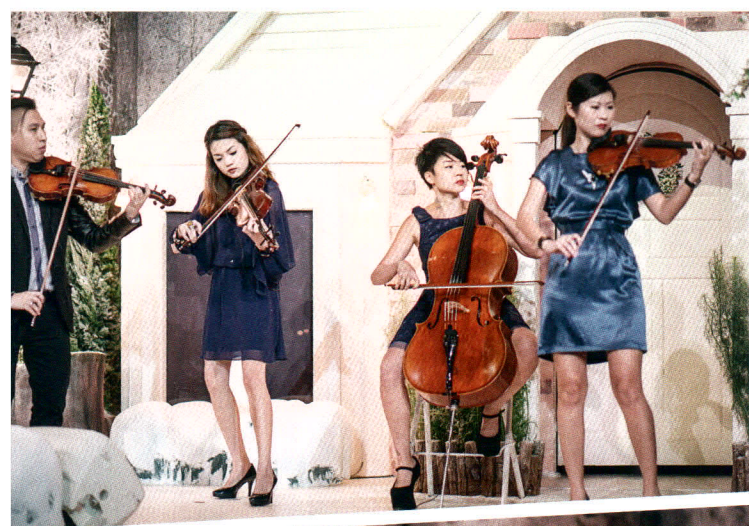
FLOWERS CC Lee (guest table centrepieces); Boenga (personal flowers)

PLANNER AND STAGE & VIP TABLE

DECORATOR Heaven's Gift Wedding Concierge

CAKE The Delights Heaven





As the evening progressed, guests created their own momentos at a photo booth and watched a video screening of the day's morning highlights that depicted the couple's traditional Chinese tea ceremony. Other live entertainment included a four-piece band, which played English hits.

The couple showed off their singing skills, too. For their second march-in, instead of making another entrance to playing music, they walked in while singing themselves. Charlotte, in a gorgeous golden Marchesa dress, glided down the aisle singing "At the Beginning" from the soundtrack of the animated movie *Anastasia*. Like something out of a romantic fairytale, the groom then emerged from the winter house on the stage, joining her in song as they both found their way to each other.

That wasn't the only touching moment, however. During his speech, the groom presented a gift to the two special men in his life: his father and his father-in-law. Thanking them for everything they had done for him, he presented them with a Chinese calligraphy couplet painstakingly written with all the right emotions in every stroke. ❷

