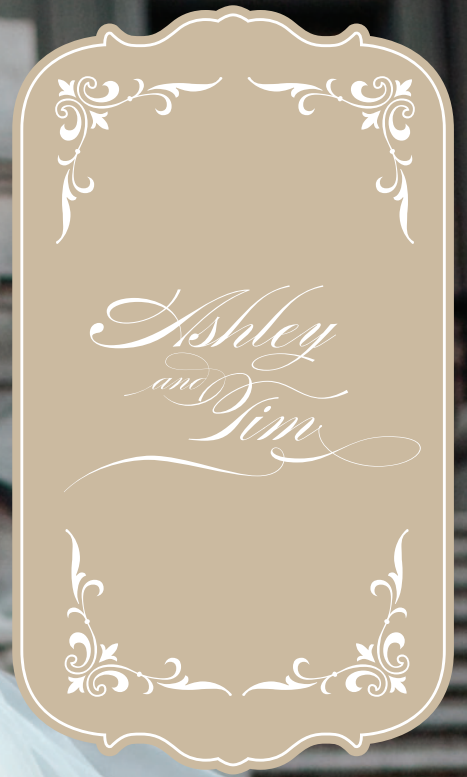
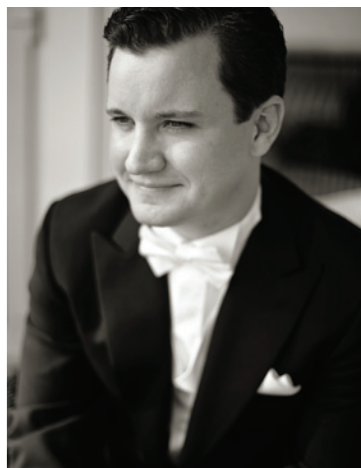


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HOMETOWN CONNECTION

Ashley and Tim, (both originally from West Vancouver) met while living in New York. "We were put in touch by a mutual family friend from West Vancouver. Although we had never met, we agreed to meet for a Saturday brunch at Cafeteria on 7th. With much in common including family connections in our hometown as well as our careers on Wall Street, brunch quickly turned into a second date. We have been together ever since," recalls Ashley.



BLACK TIE AFFAIR

The couple were married on October 10, 2009 with an elegant, black tie wedding in Vancouver, BC. No formal wedding planner was chosen upon the bride's request—instead she asked her mother, *Julie Szabo*, special family friend *Nancy McClure* and Florist *Mina Saeri* of **GIVERNY FLOWERS** to develop and create the plans for the wedding day. The result was a stunning soirée that reflected Ashley and Tim in every way. "We wanted a day filled with youthful, romantic, extraordinary elegance. An evening of celebration, intimacy and fun," recalls Ashley.

Ashley and her Mom worked together with **PAPER QUEEN** to design silk folio invitations. Each one was hand-delivered in a chiffon bag to guests residing in Vancouver.

Ashley wore a *Lazaro* gown with pleated tulle ruffle accents and a chapel train. Her engagement ring and wedding band were both custom made for her at **STITTGEN FINE JEWELRY**.

Peeking out from beneath her couture gown was a pair of "Tamar" Glitter Mary Jane's by *Jimmy Choo*. Each bridesmaid wore an elegant black gown with an empire waist by *Lazaro* and carried a floret of chartreuse cymbidium orchids embellished with pearls created by **GIVERNY FLOWERS**. Ashley carried Akito white roses, stephanotis and white cymbidium orchids with rhinestone crystals.



CEREMONY BY CANDLELIGHT

The candlelit ceremony at Vancouver's ST. ANDREW'S-WESLEY UNITED CHURCH, was formal and elegant. Each pew was adorned with white floral heart shaped wreaths embellished with satin ribbon and a rhinestone "O." The "O" was a recurring and important design element. It stood for their surname, O'Neill, and also adorned the front of the invitation. The "O" also graced the wedding ceremony programs, menu cards and personalized escort cards, all by PAPER QUEEN.

"Once the ceremony was complete, all of our our guests pooled down to the bottom of the church stairs on Burrard and cheered for us as we came outside. That was a fabulous moment!" recalls Ashley.

After the ceremony the newly married pair took to the streets and had a portrait session with their bridal party and photographer *Lori Miles* at the VANCOUVER ART GALLERY, before heading to their reception at the SUTTON PLACE HOTEL VANCOUVER.



BLACK AND WHITE RECEPTION

After enjoying cocktails in the lounge, guests entered the magnificent ballroom at the **SUTTON PLACE HOTEL** to find an opulent setting of black, white and crystal by **UPRIGHT DECOR**. Each table was covered in chic black linen and was centered with a tall silver candelabra. Four taper candles surrounded an arrangement of white roses. Circling the base of the centerpiece were four silver julep cups with matching mini arrangements.





CHAMPAGNE WISHES

As the reception got underway, the white gloved serving staff at the hotel made a dramatic delivery of *Veuve Clicquot* magnums to every table for a toast to the bride. After an impressive meal and a toast by Tim's brother, the best man, that "brought the house down" the bride and groom sliced into a delicious three-tier cake covered in ivory fondant with cascading silver pearls by **GANACHE PATISSERIE**. Each guest left the party with a large gift basket filled with chocolate, nut and caramel yummys from **ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHOCOLATE FACTORY**. Live music from **THE FAMOUS PLAYERS BAND** lasted late into the night as the couple celebrated with their friends and family.

Their honeymoon took them to the Hawaiian Islands where they stayed at the **FOUR SEASONS MAUI** in Wailea. The couple now reside in Vancouver. ~

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