

AN ETHEREAL WHITE WEDDING STEEPED IN PERSIAN TRADITION.

» IMMEDIATE CONNECTION

Rana and Kian were introduced by a mutual friend in October of 2011. The pair immediately connected and started dating long distance. (Kian was living in Toronto at the time and Rana was based in Vancouver.) After three months of dating, Kian moved to the West Coast to be closer to Rana. "I realized that I had found my soul mate and couldn't stand the distance," says Kian.

The couple were engaged a few months after Kian moved to Vancouver and quickly started planning their wedding day.

» PLANNING

Rana and Kian were married on December 22, 2012 at the *Rosewood Hotel Georgia*. The couple were both raised in traditional Persian households and wanted their

celebration to reflect their cultural customs. "It was important for us to showcase the traditional Persian wedding style," shares Kian. Sepideh Lamy of *Sepideh Lamy Wedding* provided full-service planning and design assistance for the event.

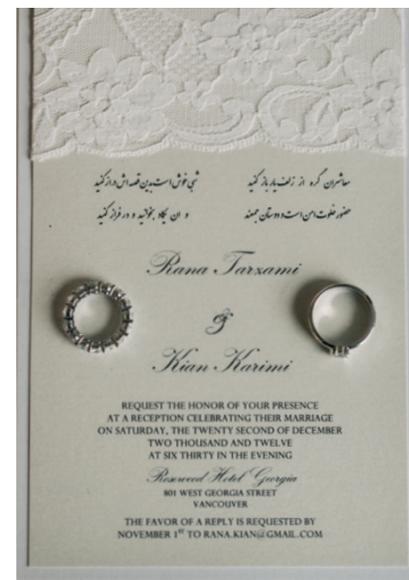
» STATIONERY

Mona Lotfizadeh of *Invite Avenue* designed the stationery for the wedding.

RANA
and
KIAN



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» FASHION NOTES

Rana wore a gorgeous Romona Keveza lace gown and veil from *Blush Bridal & Special Occasions*. Her headpiece with Swarovski crystals was custom-made in Iran. She wore a pair of bow pumps by Christian Dior from *Holt Renfrew*. Her diamond engagement ring and wedding band were both from *Lugaro Jewellers*. *Cameron Martens* styled her hair and her makeup artist for the day was *Haleh Taftch*. Kian wore a Canali tuxedo from *Harry Rosen*.

» FAB FLEUR

Hassan Aghamohseni of *Tala Florist* created the breathtaking floral designs for the event, including the bride's beautiful bouquet composed of all-white orchids.



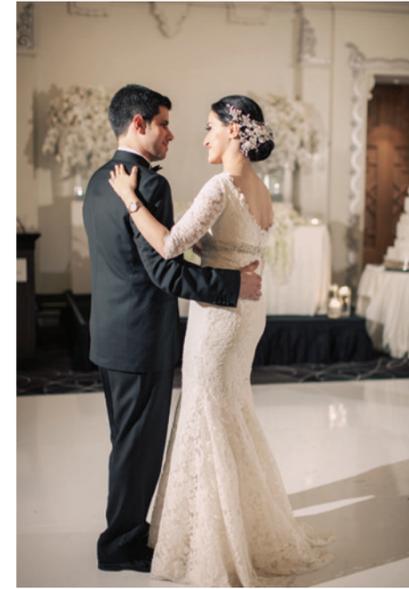
» WHITE WEDDING

The couple's ceremony and reception were both hosted in the Spanish Ballroom at the *Rosewood Hotel Georgia*. Event designer Colin Upright of *Upright Decor* worked in conjunction with *Tala Florist* to transform the space into a dreamy, all-white oasis.

For the ceremony, Colin created a custom white aisle runner with the couple's names and the date of the wedding. The aisle was lined with all-white floral arrangements that stood on tall white stands. Wedding planner Sepideh Lamy designed the pair's spectacular Sofreh, the lavish spread of symbolic items that are presented at Persian wedding ceremonies. It featured fresh

white blooms, candles, and sweets that were imported from Iran. The area behind the Sofreh was beautifully draped in white fabric and an array of candles were placed in front. The traditional Persian ceremony was followed by a Western ceremony officiated by *Ann Moore*.

Round tables were set up in the ballroom and covered with white linens for the reception dinner. Tall floral arrangements with white orchids and hydrangea adorned tables. The arrangements were placed in tall crystal candelabra and were surrounded by candlelight. Clear Chiavari chairs and crystal charger plates added to the fairytale-like feel of the space.



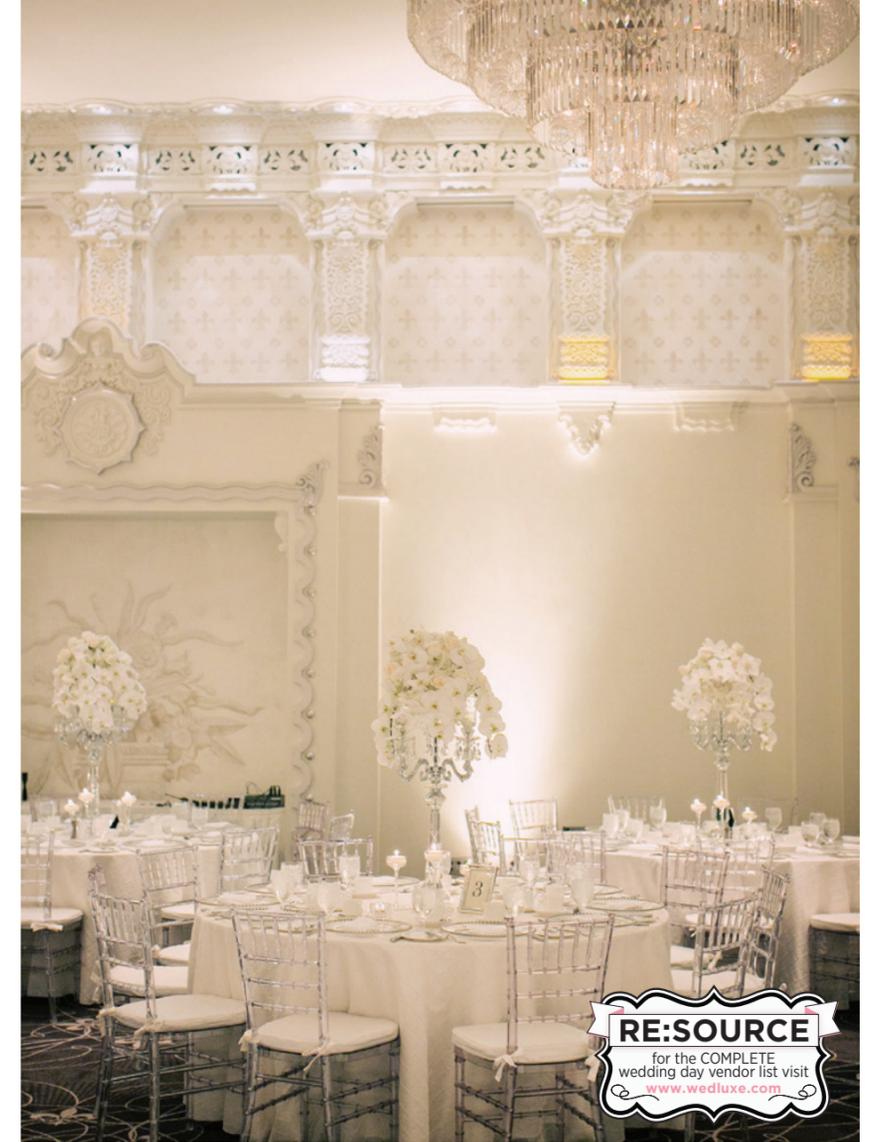
» CAKE

Peter Fong of *Ganache Patisserie* created the couple's all-white wedding cake. The red velvet-flavoured cake was decorated with sugar flowers that resembled the blooms on the couple's Sofreh.

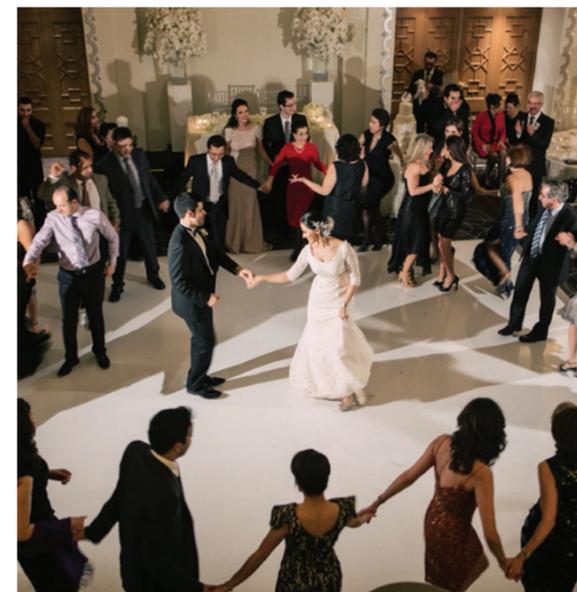
» MEMORABLE MOMENTS

The *Rosewood Hotel Georgia* created a delectable meal that included traditional Persian dishes. The couple commissioned a number of entertainers to perform at their event including Persian dancers from the *Vancouver Pars National Ballet*, DJ *Ali Fard* and percussionist *Farshad*. Each guest was gifted with a collection of Persian poetry wrapped in white lace. *Brelow Productions* was on hand to document the entire day having been hired by the couple to produce a keepsake wedding film.

"The wedding unfolded exactly as we had hoped. It was the most memorable day of our lives," shares Kian. ☺



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