

SHOW STOPPER

Chinese tradition, classic elegance and *Dirty Dancing* make this wedding a day to remember!



Jessica & Paul

WHO Jessica Chan, 26, boutique owner, and Paul Tam, 26, business banker.

WHEN January 17, 2010.

WHERE Ceremony at Redemptorist Monastery, North Perth, WA, followed by reception at Fraser's, Kings Park, West Perth. **GUESTS** 270.

THEME "Classically elegant with a black and white colour scheme, and hints of apple green."

DRESS "I chose a silk chiffon gown with a sweetheart neckline, hand-beaded crystals on the bodice and an in-built corset. I added a dupion-silk strap scattered with Swarovski crystals to one shoulder. I also changed into a short dress to dance in at the reception."

DRESS COST "The ceremony dress was \$7000 and dancing dress \$600."

HEADDRESS "I wore a floor-length, silk-chiffon veil clipped to the back of my hair."

FLOWERS "My bouquet was white calla lilies and carnations, Bells of Ireland and snowberries. My bridesmaids carried Bells of Ireland."

THE DAY "In the morning we had a traditional Chinese tea ceremony at my parents' house where we greeted family and extended family, served tea and thanked them for attending."

THE RECEPTION "Instead of a bridal waltz, we performed a dance number to *(I've Had) The Time of My Life* from the movie *Dirty Dancing*. Part of the dance also involved our groomsmen, who helped Paul choreograph it."

DECORATIONS "We had four different table centrepieces adorned with white carnations and orchids. My florist handmade all of the stands and threaded petals through them to create something different."

COST "\$80,000."



The Menu

ENTREE

Souced scallops with watercress, roasted peanuts and lime dressing

MAIN

Pan-fried snapper fillet on potato and corn cake, green beans and lemon butter sauce

OR

Char-grilled beef fillet with salt-roasted potatoes, cream salad and red wine sauce

DESSERT

Warm chocolate and almond cake with double cream and vanilla ice cream



"THE BRIDESMAIDS' silk dresses had individual bodices with matching bows at the waist and bubble hem skirts."



"OUR FAVOURS were personalised apple green candy with our names inscribed on them in black and white."

Contact Jessica's Dream Team

PHOTOGRAPHY Natasa Kremers Photography (natasakremersblog.com) **BRIDE'S DRESS, VEIL & HAIRPIECE** Joanne Pangaroto (02 9555 2765) **DANCE DRESS** Jayson Brundson (02 9233 8899) **SHOES** Christian Louboutin (02 8203 0902) **RINGS** Jogie Diamonds (jogiediamonds.com.au); Cartier (800 Diamonds) (jogiediamonds.com.au); BredaStudio.com (130 000) **HAIR** Head Studio (headstudio.com.au) **BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES** Leonie Grace (leoniegrace.com.au) **WEDDING PLANNER** Cathrin D'Erremont Weddings (dieweddings.com.au) **STATIONERY** Paper Crew (papercrew.com.au) **FLOWERS & DECORATIONS** Flower Talk (flowerstalk.net.au) **CEREMONY** Redemptorist Monastery (08 9328 6600) **CEREMONY MUSIC** Tres Classique (tresclassique.com.au) **RECEPTION** Fraser's (frasersrestaurant.com.au) **LION DANCERS** Chinese Community Centre Lion Dance Troupe (lion-dance.com.au) **CAKE & PASTRIES** Edible Art (edibleart.com.au) **FAVOURS** Roc Candy (roccandy.com.au)

"AS LITTLE as oak, we had 300 mini pastries."



"WE SURPRISED our guests with a fun choreographed dance."



"SEATING CARDS were placed around the wishing well."

SUIT \$499, VEST \$399, and SHIRT \$89.95, all Daniel Hechter (expeditionpaper.com.au) **BOWTIE \$30**, The Rack (02 9638 0266)



PLACEMAT \$6.95, Paper (8000 811 611)

DESSERT GLASS \$8.95, Flippy (02 9369 4520)



DISPOSABLE CAMERA \$9.95, Pink Frosting (pinkfrosting.com.au)



CAKE (two-tiers) and TOPPER \$320, and **CUPCAKES** from \$4.50 each, all The Cupcake Princess (0422 475 789)

GET THE LOOK

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REPLICATE THIS BLACK AND WHITE AFFAIR WITH PRETTY PIECES AND PRINTS, FROM YOUR DRESS TO DECORATIONS

DRESS \$189, White Runway (whiterunway.com.au)

HERDBRAND \$39, Flannah Hill (flannahill.com.au)

RING \$130, Sybella Jewellery (sybellajewellery.com.au)

BOUQUET from \$150, Mr. Cook (02 9363 5550)

CADELABRA (including candles) \$45 to hire, Rosey's Chair (roseyschair.com.au)

LAMPS (small) \$20, (large) \$30, both to hire, Decorative Events (decorativeevents.com.au)

LIVING TREE \$159, Laura Ashley (lauraashley.com.au)

SHOES \$369.95, Littleart (littleart.com.au)

DRESS \$229, Hale Bridal Designs (halebridal.com.au)

CAKE TOPPER \$82.45, Prior Engagement (priorengagement.com.au)

INVITATION \$3.25, Paper Chives (paperchives.com.au)

LOLLIES (without jar) \$6 for 18kg, Sticky (sticky.com.au)

BAG \$169, Flannah Hill (flannahill.com.au)

FLOWERS AND VASE \$100, Belle Fleur Emporium (bellefleuremporium.com)

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