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Sweet, Sweet Love



Delisa Barichello and Yuri Angele
COMME, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA
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THESE PAGES Delisa wore a stunning white gown in a refined Queen silk satin. "The entire gown was hand draped and pleated in a shimmering English tulle with the bodice adorned in a beautiful French lace which was entirely hand beaded in Swarovski crystals," said Mel from Izaro Haute Couture. † A three-tier tulle veil with a gorgeous Swarovski crystal hairpiece was also hand made by Izaro Haute Couture from various laces, feathers and netting. † Delisa's beautiful bouquet featured white peonies and roses trimmed with strands of pearls.



IT SEEMED ONLY APPROPRIATE THAT DELISA AND YURI, both from Italian backgrounds, would meet at Brunetti – an iconic Melbourne café which belongs to Yuri's family and is famous for its fabulous cakes. "We certainly made an impression on one another," Delisa said. Yuri originally intended to propose on Christmas morning, but he could not contain his excitement. On Christmas Eve, taking Delisa's hand, he walked her towards a beautifully decorated tree and there hidden in the branches was a small box with a stunning diamond ring inside.

Eighteen months later the couple were married at Newman Chapel at the University of Melbourne. "I was feeling a little nervous before Delisa arrived but she calmed my nerves as soon as I saw her – she looked so beautiful," Yuri said. Delisa wore a stunning strapless Izaro Haute Couture gown while Yuri wore a hand-tailored suit from Milan. Following the ceremony – to the couple's complete surprise – Yuri's father Giorgio threw rice at the newlyweds for good luck, knowing full well that the church had forbidden such practices!

Afterward, guests arrived at Comme, tucked away in one of Melbourne's charming laneways, where the reception resembled a glamorous New York dinner party. On arrival tea light candles placed on the grand staircase together with clusters of peonies led guests upward to the grand ballroom with its magic, ethereal feel. Crystal chandeliers were used as table centrepieces on three long tables, an abundance of ivory peonies were lit by candlelight, while sparkling citrus hued chandeliers hung from the soaring ceilings.

As a surprise for the couple, Brunetti's head chef custom-made several delicious and tempting treats, including a pastel coloured macaroon tower. "Our reception was just perfect; from the food and wine to the music and the ambiance – the room just looked so magical," Delisa said.

Celebrations continued with heart felt speeches and dancing. "Seeing our family and friends having such a great time and sharing so much love and happiness with us was the greatest gift of all," the couple said. And before they knew it Delisa and Yuri were downstairs looking back up to the top of the staircase where all their guests stood and waved goodbye. "It honestly was the best night of our lives!" †

THESE PAGES The golden glow of tea light candles and small clusters of peonies greeted guests as they climbed the stairs to the grand ballroom. † To honour their Italian heritage, the couple's favours included seven sugar coated chocolate love hearts in little organza bags. Favour boxes from Alessi were also wrapped in a bespoke floral paper which matched Delisa and Yuri's stationery. † The couple's dessert bar featured delicious cakes including a layered croquebouche with a whimsical bride and groom decoration as well as an incredible macaroon tower.



*"I can vividly remember the day
Yuri and I met; we certainly made an
impression on one another"*

Delisa

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