

Style & the City



Reyna Amaya and Walter Futschik

THE RESIDENCE, GRAND HYATT MELBOURNE, VICTORIA
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THESE PAGES Reyna accessorized her couture gown with her stunning diamond engagement ring, South Sea pearl necklace and earrings. She carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses. ♪ Fragrant hyacinths, roses and lisianthus decorated the pew chairs at the ceremony.



GOWN: Izaro Haute Couture, 03 9819 1713
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LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT WAS WHAT BROUGHT REYNA AMAYA to Australia to be with Walter Futschik. From oceans apart to creating an eternal bond, their romance continued with an elegant wedding right in the heart of Melbourne's very chic 'Paris End'.

After many months of sustaining a long distance relationship, travelling back and forth from the US to Australia, Los Angeles based Reyna finally decided to make the permanent move to Australia and marry her man!

But, as Reyna quickly discovered, being a bride-to-be in a brand new city can be a little daunting. With that in mind, the first order of business for Reyna was to engage the services of a wedding planner. "The whole process was very amicable and personal... having someone that knew Melbourne was extremely helpful," explained Reyna.

With the experience of Marisa Welcome from A Lavish Affair, Reyna now had all the inside secrets of the city at her disposal and when it came to choosing the venue, nothing says style in Melbourne more than the top end of Collins Street. 'the residence' at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne with its open kitchen, fireplaces and gorgeous courtyard with clear roof, really set the tone for a beautiful evening. Marisa also suggested we incorporate a Mexican flavour, to honour my heritage, and 'the residence' chefs provided us with gourmet nachos, the most delicious salsa...along with margaritas and Corona beer of course!"

An abundance of white roses as centrepieces and delicate tea light candles transformed the contemporary residence space, with its towering ceilings and huge glass windows, into an enchanting and intimate setting, perfect for this stylish couple.

In fact, everything from the most palpable to even the smallest of details in Reyna and Walter's wedding maintained an air of luxe sophistication. From her breathtaking fitted mermaid gown, upswept hair and pearl jewellery right through to their delightfully themed lolly bar, made with a varying collection of glass urns beautifully showcasing the delicious assorted goodies.

With Melbourne's twinkling skyline as a stunning backdrop, Reyna and Walter enjoyed a memorable night of dancing, fun and joyous emotion. A night only topped off for Reyna with the attendance of her mother and cousin from the US, "It meant the world to me." ♪

THESE PAGES *Sitting on pedestals, white roses in large glass vases were illuminated as night fell at 'the residence'. ♡ Guests enjoyed filling their take home favour boxes with a selection of sweet treats including raspberry humbugs and liquorice jelly beans from the lolly bar.*

♡ *Reception tables, decorated with vases of white roses and silver candle holders, were named after locations which were important to the couple, such as Melbourne and Monaco.*

♡ *The couple's pretty tiered cake was intricately decorated with romantic sugared flowers.*

♡ *"Walking down the aisle and staring into each other's eyes as we said our vows was just amazing. Walter's speech was so well delivered and said words that really touched my heart."*

♡ *The arched window of 'the residence' overlooks the Paris end of Collins Street.*



Menu

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ENTRÉE

Goats cheese, prosciutto, curly endive,
pickled walnut, balsamic reduction

Pumpkin, amoretto raviolo, rocket, pecorino cheese

Langoustine crab cocktail

MAIN

Baby snapper, confit kipfler potatoes,
green vegetables, white wine beurre blanc

Corn fed chicken breast, sweet potato dauphinoise,
baby beans, vine ripened tomatoes

ROVING MINI DESSERTS

Grand Marnier iced soufflé, pistachio macaroon

Nougatine mousse, bitter chocolate sorbet,
orange biscotti

Macadamia and honey tart

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