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Stephanie & Justin Castillo

the location:

SHERATON GRAND SACRAMENTO, SACRAMENTO, CA

the photographer:

CINZO FINE ART WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

the first time they met

Through mutual friends, Stephanie and Justin had known each other for a few years before they began dating, but it wasn't until Justin asked for her number that they finally hit it off. From the first date, they knew they had found true love: "After meeting Justin, I finally understood what it felt like to just know you had met the person you were meant to be with."

the proposal

Fond of useful presents, Stephanie was thrilled to receive a leaf blower for her birthday, but was surprised to find a small box hiding in the packaging. Justin knelt down and proposed, which Stephanie promptly accepted.

the wedding

For Stephanie and Justin, the most important element of their wedding was family. The wedding design, collaborated with Debra Hiebert of Tres Fabu Event Planning & Design, drew inspiration from their rich cultural heritages to create a romantic "Italian courtyard meets Guatemalan moonlight" theme, celebrating the importance of their families and backgrounds.

Old-world charm infused every element of the ceremony, from the myriad of candles in intricate iron candelabras to olives accenting the chairs, creating an inviting, intimate setting for Stephanie and Justin to take their vows. Stephanie's lace-accented dress kept with her Italian heritage. Miosa, Inc. expertly tailored the dress and embellished with custom details, making it fitting for Stephanie and her theme. Walking down the aisle in her perfect gown, carrying a bouquet wound with her Nana's handkerchief, Stephanie felt the full power of love and family.

The reception venue was transformed into an exquisite Italian courtyard, featuring a water fountain they had installed for the event. The relaxing sounds of splashing water created a calming ambience, paired with the rich hues of gold, brown, ivory, and olive tastefully balanced with subdued splashes of color. Every detail was embellished with old world touches, from sprigs of rosemary delicately accenting the napkins to antique lace chair covers complementing Stephanie's dress.

The food was an appetizing array, catered to Stephanie's vegetarian palate and conscientious lifestyle. Featuring vegetarian and vegan choices, as well as chicken from a sustainable organic, free-range farm, Chef Russell Michel put together an irresistible 'farm to table' custom wedding menu created from local ingredients.

the honeymoon

Stephanie and Justin spent a romantic getaway in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico at Secrets Maroma Beach. Though they had an unexpected layover on their return flight, they enjoyed another night in a Sheraton hotel—a fitting setting for their two-week anniversary.

● ALLISON SCOTT





Wedding Consultant: Tres Fabu Event Planning & Design, Debra Hiebert; **Ceremony & Reception Site:** Sheraton Grand Sacramento; **Photographer:** Cinzo Fine Art Wedding Photography; **Officiant:** Father John R. Mabry of the White Robed Monks of St. Benedict; **Bridal Salon customized dress:** Miosa Couture; **Bridal Gown Designer:** Watters; **Shoes:** Rachel Simpson Shoes; **Hair Flower:** Esty, Mikiye Creations; **Makeup Artist:** Makeup by Leilani; **Jewelry (rings):** Brilliant Earth; **Jewelry (earrings):** Regina B; **Bridesmaid Dresses Salon:** The Bridal Box; **Bridesmaid Designer:** After Six; **Ties for the Guys:** The Tie Bar; **Caterer:** Sheraton Grand Sacramento; **Wedding Cake:** Divine Desserts; **Invitations:** Deb Penrice of By Invitation Only; **Florist:** Floral Artistry, Shelley; **Rentals:** Classic Party Rentals, Hartman Studios, Celebrations Elegant Party Rentals; **Linen:** Wildflower Linen; **Antique Rentals & Acquisitions:** Debra Michelle Hiebert, Tres Fabu Event Planning and Design; **Custom Event Lighting & Ceremony Ambiance:** Videoplayback and Production; **Master of Ceremony and DJ:** Extreme Productions Entertainment; **Entertainment (Spanish Guitar):** Jesse Christian Hendricks; **Videography:** Sheffield Multimedia; **Rehearsal Dinner:** Zocalo; **Gift Registry:** Macy's and local cat shelter charity HappyTails.org; **Wedding Night Accommodations:** Sheraton Grand Sacramento; **Honeymoon Accommodations:** Secrets Maroma Beach

