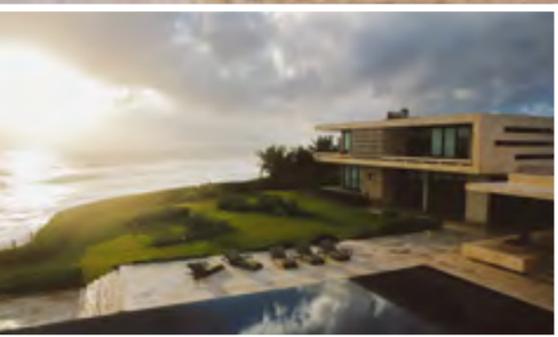


NANCY and MO



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If you're involved in the wedding industry you may recognize the bride and groom in this real-life destination wedding story. Nancy and Mo are the dynamic duo behind **MANGO STUDIOS**—one of North America's leading wedding photography companies. Mo is also the founder of **SOCIAL GIFT**. Having photographed hundreds of weddings in their professional lives, the pair chose to commemorate their own nuptials surrounded by a small group of their closest friends and family at an uber-luxe, ultra-private celebration in an exclusive villa located in the Dominican Republic. Naturally, Nancy and Mo chose their own photography staff at Mango Studios to capture the festivities that took place over an entire celebratory week. Toronto-based event planner and long-time friend of the couple Melissa Andre of **MELISSA ANDRE EVENTS** was chosen to plan and design the wedding.

CASA KIMBALL, the villa, played a starring role in the week-long festivities. The astonishingly beautiful property is located in Cabrera, on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. Situated on a cliff with a panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean, most of the villa's 20,000 square feet boast breathtaking views of the ocean. An expansive infinity pool creates a seamless edge of water in front of the ocean, allowing visitors to experience the ocean's roar as waves break onto the rocks below.

Wedding guests stayed in the villa throughout the week, which provided a unique opportunity for them to experience some of the luxuries that come with renting a private villa. "We treated our family and friends to a 24-hour butler, a team of round-the-clock chefs and an itinerary that included five different parties in addition to the wedding. Guests also enjoyed a bonfire on the cliff and a night of fireworks. Each day the property was filled with fresh flowers and champagne cocktails, abundant displays of fresh fruit and everything we could ever ask for. It was truly luxurious," says Nancy.

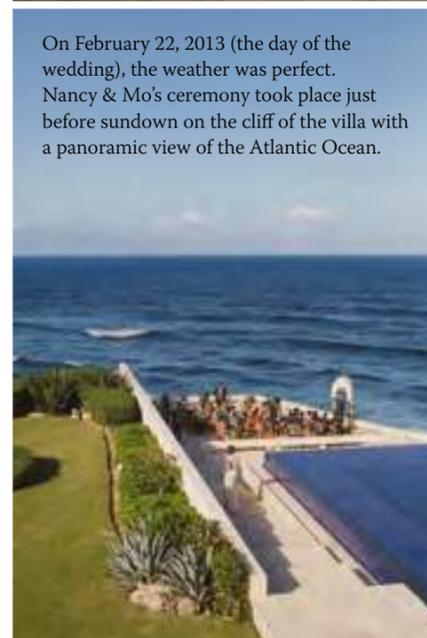
Planner Melissa Andre designed the event to be a blending of Nancy's Portuguese culture and Mo's Pakistani culture. At the same time she wanted to incorporate a fresh twist based on their current aesthetic. "I wanted elements that couldn't be easily replicated," she explains.

Melissa and her staff arrived in the Dominican Republic several days before the wedding in order to facilitate full-service floral design and decor, which included the creation of Nancy's all-white bouquet that was wrapped with a vintage handkerchief.

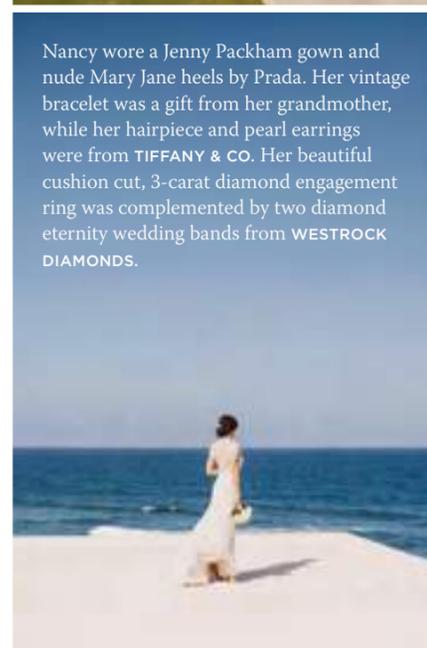
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Melissa approached Deborah Lau-Yu of **PALETTERA CUSTOM CORRESPONDENCES** to create a medallion motif which would become a key graphical element used throughout the event. The idea was inspired by a stained-glass design that Melissa had seen. Deborah's medallion design was first used on the stationery and then incorporated into other unique items (including chocolate wrappers and custom gift-bags).



On February 22, 2013 (the day of the wedding), the weather was perfect. Nancy & Mo's ceremony took place just before sundown on the cliff of the villa with a panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean.



Nancy wore a Jenny Packham gown and nude Mary Jane heels by Prada. Her vintage bracelet was a gift from her grandmother, while her hairpiece and pearl earrings were from **TIFFANY & CO**. Her beautiful cushion cut, 3-carat diamond engagement ring was complemented by two diamond eternity wedding bands from **WESTROCK DIAMONDS**.



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Mo wore a custom navy and black tuxedo from **GARRISON BESPOKE**. His stylish black velvet shoes were by Gucci and his wedding band was from **CARTIER**.



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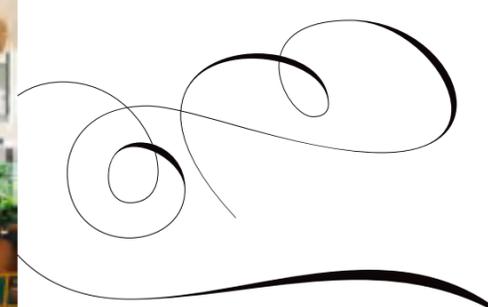


RECEPTION WITH A VIEW
The sunset reception took place underneath a tent adjacent to the infinity pool. A single, extra-long reception dining table was adorned with terra cotta vases filled with ivory flowers. (Each vase was individually sourced by Melissa Andre at local island pottery shops.) The vases were placed upon a 90-foot long ivory silk table runner from Pakistan that was brought to the wedding by Mo's family. The runner was hand-embroidered with floral medallions. Custom lighting in the tent was created by wiring bulbs into terra cotta vases. The light shone out from unique cut-out shapes in each vase, casting a soft patterned glow. Gold Chiavari chairs and round gold-foiled menus completed the luxurious yet understated decor.



As professional photographers it was only fitting for Nancy and Mo to take some photos during the week. They both took Polaroid photos of each guest during their stay at the villa. The Polaroids (from **THE IMPOSSIBLE PROJECT**) were then used in place of traditional escort cards. Each photo was personalized with the name of each guest and hand-strewn on gold ribbon. They were placed hanging from branches of a tree located on the property. Pashminas (each handpicked in Pakistan by the groom's family) were also available for the comfort of the female guests.

Casa Kimball provided an exquisite meal using fresh local ingredients from the Dominican Republic. Highlights of the meal included lobster croquettes, fresh avocado and seafood salad, and an oyster bar. Melissa Andre worked with Casa Kimball's pastry chef to create a sweet table of all-white desserts. Casa Kimball also managed the musical entertainment—local guitar players and a DJ.



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MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

During Nancy and Mo's speech, all of the guests simultaneously opened their very own "message in a bottle"—a personalized note handwritten by the newlyweds. Each guest also received a nautical gold keepsake charm (a compass or an anchor). Two guests at the wedding are public figures—you may recognize Lisa Hochstein who stars on the television series *The Real Housewives of Miami* (a childhood friend of Nancy's). Katrina Juncaj from AXS TV was also in attendance.

Perhaps the 'sweetest' piece of home was a trio of cakes designed by Konstadin Langridge of **CAKES BY KONSTADIN**. The cakes were made in Toronto and travelled with Melissa Andre to the wedding by plane. The cakes floated on a dock in the middle of the infinity pool along with floating candles and orchids. Melissa Andre also placed oversized lanterns (woven with orchids) throughout the entire property. "It was gorgeous," recalls Nancy.

Mo also worked with **PALETTERA CUSTOM CORRESPONDENCES** to create a video of a compass dial (in motion) that was projected on a wall in the dance area.

Nancy and Mo describe their wedding day and week-long stay in the Dominican as "perfect."

"We couldn't have done this without Melissa—a truly talented event artist who produced the most spectacular wedding we could have asked for," says Nancy. "The wedding was very, very intimate. We had very few guests so that the people closest to us could really enjoy everything that was planned for the week."

The couple followed their luxurious celebration with an equally luxurious honeymoon at a private villa in Monte Carlo, Monaco. ↪



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