



Golden Glow

Jessica Siegel & Stephen Tsoneff

The Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel & Spa, Pasadena

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A year and a half after meeting at a wine-tasting party thrown by a mutual friend, a proposal took place in Muir Woods in the San Francisco Bay area. Jessica and Stephen were alone on a secluded path, bordered by a brook with salmon swimming upstream, and under a canopy of giant redwood trees. The rustic proposal setting was the opposite of what would take place at the wedding...such an elegant affair. It was a true celebration, yet warm and friendly, being surrounded by loved ones who had come from as far away as Europe and the East Coast.

Invitations *Paper Source* custom made the letterpress invitations of festive crimson with a silver and crimson cherry blossom print wrap, all enclosed in a silver envelope. **Floral & Event Design** The lighting was warm with a golden glow, designed by *Maggie Jensen*. A cascade of pink and white roses with a wall of twinkle lights covered the huppah. Jessica descended from the sweeping curved staircase that was lit with votive candles and hurricane lamps and led to the Horseshoe Garden. The reception was held in the grand Viennese Room, part of the original hotel. The barreled ceiling,



painted with gold accents and boasting beautiful crystal chandeliers, along with golden mocha colored table cloths and gold chivari chairs, helped play up the warm golden theme. The centerpieces of white calla lilies surrounded by pale pink cymbidium orchids, roses, and green hydrangeas filled the room with blooms. Cymbidium orchids were also included in Jessica's mono-botanical bouquet and groom's boutonniere. The bouquet stems were wrapped in Jessica's deceased grandmother's monogrammed *handkerchief*, adding a very sentimental touch. The bridesmaids carried tight clusters of white mini calla lilies.

Catering Jessica and Stephen are both "foodies", so an elegant, sophisticated, and delicious menu was very important to them. The first course was a portabella mushroom ravioli appetizer, followed by a mixed green salad with apples, blue cheese, and caramelized nuts, the entrée was a choice of filet mignon or sea bass, and the grand finale was a hot fudge sundae bar.

Cake *Hansen's Cakes* made a four-tier chocolate-lover's cake. A brown frosted shell with pale pink dots and pale pink and green roses had alternating layers of white chocolate mouse with white chocolate chip filling and marble cake with chocolate chip filling.

Entertainment A *Fifth Avenue* harpist, flutist, and keyboardist played delightful music at the ceremony, and they played the most amazing Motown, disco, and soul at the reception.

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Favors CD's of the couple's favorite love songs, folded into each guest's napkin on their dinner plate.

Wedding Gown *Cocoe Voci* custom designed the gown of ivory organza with antique silver hand-painted flowers and Swarovski crystals. **Bridesmaid Dresses** *Vera Wang* from Barney's New York **Formalwear** *Ermenegildo Zegna* **Makeup** *Michele Stewart*



