





A six-piece orchestra played “Back in Black” by AC/DC as Ashun and Taylor made their way up the aisle, leading guests into a cocktail area brightly decorated with colors of the sunset. Shimmery green tablecloths and floral mixtures in jewel-toned hues were meant to evoke visions of a sun setting over the ocean. Guests were offered delightful libations that paired wonderfully with the resident oyster bar. “All of the seafood that was set out was a hit with guests,” exclaims the bride. “I really wanted the food to match the theme!”

As loved ones entered the reception area, they were met with a non-traditional guest sign-in table. Video cameras were set up so that each attendee was given an opportunity to say a few heartfelt words to the couple. “Everyone’s special messages made for an amazing video that was uploaded to a custom Video Memory Book,” explains Ashun. The groom agrees, “It not only captured guests’ sentiments, but it also documented the activities of the day.” The custom draping of the grand ballroom glowed in contrast to the evening’s incredible ocean view that could be seen through oversized glass doors. Towering vases made up of dreamy assemblies of orchids, hydrangeas, lilies, peonies, and roses decorated tables covered in hand-beaded golden linens. Plenty of candlelight created a romantic ambiance for the sit-down dinner service served on custom china and stemware that complemented the color scheme of the evening. The four-tiered wedding cake artfully reflected design elements from the bride’s gown and was as tasty as it was beautiful. “It was perfect!” remembers Ashun.











The University of Southern California marching band commenced an evening filled with energy and a night filled with happiness. Taylor advises other couples to take the time to look around and absorb the extraordinariness of it all because the day goes by much too quickly. He admits to heeding that advice and reveals that watching Ashun walk down the aisle was more incredible than he had ever imagined. “Your wedding day is the beginning of the rest of your life, and the best day of your life – so embrace every moment.” NICOLE PALACIOS

