



THE
Luckiest
NUMBER

REBECCA PARANTHOIENE AND CHRISTOPHER LUTZ
ATLANTIC, DOCKLANDS, VICTORIA, 22ND OF FEBRUARY, 2008
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THESE PAGES Set out on the lawn, ceremony chairs were decorated with plump hydrangea blooms in white tin buckets. ♣ Rebecca and Chris were married beside Nymphaea Lake in Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens. ♣ To complement the idyllic garden surrounds, Rebecca and Christopher's ceremony booklet featured a charming floral motif. ♣ Carrying an elegant bouquet of white roses, Rebecca's elegant 'Saphire' Italian silk charmeuse gown from Baccini & Hill was created from "lightly beaded antique silver lace ovals which adorned the shoulderline, bust and hipline," said Angelina Baccini. "A finely pleated georgette outlined both the hip and neck lines and then softly fell into the front to the hem." "As soon as I put my dress on I knew it was the one."



PHOTOGRAPHY by Georgie Imhoff (Principal) with Andrew Butler and Viola Nardi

IT WAS A ROMANTIC EVENING. BEC AND CHRIS were dining upstairs at a chic restaurant overlooking Port Phillip Bay in a bayside suburb of Melbourne. During dinner, Chris presented Bec with an amazing necklace with a gold shield hanging from it. "As I opened the wrapping, 'Marry Me', was engraved on it," Bec remembered fondly. "Of course I said yes".

It was a memorable engagement for the couple who met through friends eight years ago and have been inseparable ever since. Without wasting any time, a date was set - February 22, 2008 - which pleased Chris' Mum enormously as she is Chinese. "In Chinese, eight is the luckiest number and our wedding date is two eight's put together," Bec explained.

So on Bec's luckiest day, dressed in a stunning Baccini & Hill gown and carrying her great, great grandma's blue handkerchief, she stepped out of the wedding car on the arm of her father and soon locked eyes with her fiancée and best friend Chris. "He had tears streaming down his face," Bec reminisced. It had rained earlier in the day, which caused some apprehension, but fortunately

the sun came out just as the ceremony was about to take place.

The pair exchanged vows in a beautiful outdoor ceremony beside Nymphaea Lake in Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens, surrounded by close family and friends. Bec's three bridesmaids wore stunning cobalt blue dresses and carried posies of white roses to match the bride, while the groomsmen looked stylish in tailored black suits. But not everything went according to plan. Half way through the ceremony, Chris somehow managed to mix up his vows, with the words coming out back to front. "It was hilarious and we all had a good laugh. It made the experience much more relaxed," Bec said.

Afterwards the wedding party moved on to Atlantic in Docklands for the night-time reception. The venue, combining modern style with a sense of history, is situated at restored wharves overlooking the Yarra River and the Bolte Bridge. "To have everyone that is important to us in the one room at the same time was extremely memorable," Bec said. "Our wedding day was magic and simply perfect - without doubt the best day of our lives." ♣



MENU

Canapés

Tuna tartare with sashimi dressing
and dancing bonito

Goats curd tart with semi dried cherry tomato

Juniper and gin salmon gravlax on dill pancake
with horseradish crème fraîche

Quail and chicken sausage rolls

Entrée

Salt & pepper calamari on feta and watermelon
salad with roasted pumpkin seed crumble

Main

Four point rack of lamb with new season broad
beans, roasted chat potatoes and a semi dried
cherry tomatoes and rosemary jus

Snapper with prosciutto, red onions, capers and
balsamic served on crushed potatoes

Dessert

Lemon meringue pie
Chocolate dipped fresh strawberries



THIS PAGE Decorated with white roses, the couple's black and white wedding cake featured a fun spots and stripes design. † Atlantic was transformed into salon chic with stunning candelabras featuring strands of crystal droplets from Centrepiece by Design.



GOWN: Baccini & Hill, 03 9840 3200 PHOTOGRAPHER: GO Photo & Web, 1300 303 904 CEREMONY LOCATION: Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, 03 9252 2300 RECEPTION LOCATION: Atlantic, 03 8623 9600 RECEPTION DECORATIONS: Centrepiece by Design, 03 9489 4888 BRIDAL ACCESSORIES: Fiorina Jewellery, 03 9509 2977 WEDDING RINGS: Canturi, 03 9654 1100 GROOM'S ATTIRE: Hugo Boss BRIDESMAIDS' OUTFITS: Saba, 1800 441 739 BRIDESMAIDS' SHOES: Midas FLOWERS AND FLORAL DECORATIONS: Flowers Vassette, 03 9419 4988 STATIONERY: Speed Graphics, 03 9509 9863 TRANSPORT: Triple R Luxury Car Hire, 03 9388 2100 CAKE: Ab Fab, 03 9521 5366 GIFT REGISTRY: David Jones Gift & Bridal Registry, 1300 300 111 FIRST NIGHT: Westin, Melbourne HONEYMOON: Phuket, Thailand