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Belle Mer



Anh-Dao & Ty
Kefor

In five short months, Anh-Dao Nguyen and Ty Kefor crafted the modern, free-flowing wedding by the water they always dreamed of – virtually stress free. “Rather than planning our wedding around what seems to be ‘required’ and the ‘norm,’ Ty and I ensured that our day was what we wanted ... not what was expected of us.”

The Belle Mer Island House, known for its understated elegance, became the epicenter of a relaxed, untraditional affair for the Boston-based high school sweethearts. Nestled in the heart of Newport’s Goat Island and overlooking Narragansett Bay, Belle Mer’s chic and whimsical ambiance fit the bill for the fresh, modern setting the couple searched for. “Another plus was the impressive menu,” Anh-Dao notes, adding that savory cuisine was a priority, as was the open-air vibe and white color palette that allowed the bride to execute her theme of pink, polka dots and personalization. “From the linens, cake and flowers to my shoes, my dad’s bowtie, the table numbers and even the bathroom basket,” she says, “every detail incorporated the pink theme.” “Candy Coated” pink from a Behr paint swatch, which was provided to the vendors for a perfect match, was the precise color.

Getting ready inside the Island House’s bridal suite, Anh-Dao, surrounded by

her family and closest galpals, could peek out on to Belle Mer's manicured lawn as guests arrived to take their seats. After some last-minute touchups by Beverly Hills-based celebrity hairstylist Naomi Tesfamariam (a friend of the bride's sister), Anh-Dao slipped her feet into the specially chosen hot pink, polka dot peep-toe satin pumps and made her way down the aisle to the tune of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Israel Kamakawi'ole.

As cocktail hour unfolded, family and friends retired to the Island House where they were greeted by blast-from-the-past prom photos of Anh-Dao and Ty coupled with photos from their parents' wedding day. The setting sun cast shades of orange and magenta on the event as guests took full advantage of a brilliant Newport evening. "With an outdoorsy feel, the venue encouraged our guests to comfortably roam from the dining tables to the fire pit to the cabana beds," says Anh-Dao. "To sum up the wedding, I'd say it was a pink, polka-dotted, picture perfect day!" 🍷 -AM



the details



Bridal Gown: Nicole Miller

Rehearsal Dinner: India, Providence

Flowers: Water Street Design,
Weymouth, MA

Make-up: Wendy Jill York, Cranston

Cake: Mad Hatter Bakery, Newport

Officiant: Laura Gwen,
Spiritual Leader, Newport

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Wedding Night Stay:
Hyatt Regency, Newport

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BBJ Linen, Canton, MA



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