

WINTER WONDERLAND

Lisa Lui and Mark Wong

Married and celebrated: SLS BEVERLY HILLS *Date:* AUGUST 8, 2015



INSPIRATION: Mark and Lisa wanted to surprise their guests with something unexpected. They latched onto the idea of an earthy winter wedding—in August. Kristin Banta Events drew upon unique sources, including Alexander McQueen and the Chanel 2010 fall runway show, to create a wintry setting of soft whites, grays and natural wood tones.

CEREMONY: With a fizzy, ice-sphered cocktail in hand, guests took their seats on wooden benches draped in white and beige pelts. The aisle was lined with birch trees and natural wooden antler chandeliers hung overhead.

STATEMENT PIECES: Instead of traditional florals, the bridal party carried bouquets of antlers, crystal tipped succulents, cotton pods, skeleton leaves and white ferns draped with raw yarn. For Lisa's bouquet, Lilla Bello used antlers to create the overall shape and then added an abundant amount of living tillandsia nestled with raw pulled cotton and natural cotton pods while chunks of rock salt, mirror and colored glass created an icy, crystallized finish. The finishing touches included a thick birch handle wrapped in suede cording, gold wire and gold leafing on the antler tips.

ICE, ICE BABY: Peppermint martinis, crystallized branches, a frosted metallic dance floor and projection mapping of falling snow were just a few of the touches that transformed the SLS into a modern winter setting. As guests entered, the DJ played "Baby, It's Cold Outside."

DINNER: Guests enjoyed a four-course dinner seated at a mix of round tables draped in metallic birch linens and long wooden tables. Snowy tablescapes of phalaenopsis orchids, white succulents with crystallized tips, mixed with slate, birch, quartz, cotton pods, silver antlers, glass cloches, snakeskin runners and metallic deer heads were placed alongside a mix of stainless steel, pewter and silver vessels that brought a contemporary feel to the icy-inspired décor.

GRAND ENTRANCE: Mark and Lisa entered their reception to the famous Game of Thrones theme song and hit the dance floor for a high-energy dance mashup of songs ranging from Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice Baby" to Bruno Mars' "Marry You."

BRIDAL GOWN: Amsale **RINGS:** Tiffany and Co. **CAKE:** Fantasy Frostings **DANCE FLOOR:** Barker Décor Service **FLORIST:** Lilla Bello Floral Artistry and Event Design **GROOM'S ATTIRE:** Klein Epstein & Parker **HAIR AND MAKEUP:** Make-up Therapy **INVITATIONS:** Bliss & Bone **LIGHTING:** The Lighter Side **LINENS:** BBJ Linen **MUSIC:** Elan Artists **OFFICIANT:** J.P. Reynolds, JPR Weddings **PHOTOGRAPHER:** Beautiful Day Photography **PHOTO BOOTH:** Flipbooth **RENTALS:** Found Vintage Rentals, Town & Country Event Rentals, Revelry Event Designers **VENUE:** SLS Beverly Hills **VIDEOGRAPHY:** Elysium Productions **WEDDING PLANNER AND EVENT DESIGN:** Kristin Banta Events