



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Stephanie Shen and Damon Hubbart | The Park Hyatt Highlands Inn, Carmel

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When Stephanie interviewed for a position at Damon's real estate firm, she landed more than just a job. Almost two years later, the night before Stephanie's birthday, Damon gave Stephanie a gift to last a lifetime. That birthday was particularly special to Stephanie since, like the year





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she was born, it fell on the same day as Chinese New Year's Day. Before dinner, at a rooftop cocktail lounge overlooking the romantic San Francisco skyline, Damon presented his future wife with a Chinese silk-covered jewelry box. Its contents immediately brought Stephanie to tears as Damon kneeled before her. Given their history, it seemed only natural to have a New Year's Eve wedding that also incorporated Stephanie's Chinese heritage.

Invitations Silver pocket-folds with white cardstock and silver calligraphy from *NotFromABox* introduced guests to the wintry theme of the wedding. **Floral & Event Design** *Fleur du Soleil* transformed the gazebo area at the Highlands Inn into a winter wonderland with hurricane candles, white rose petals, green and silver-gilded leaves, and white branches. The bridesmaid bouquets made of black calla lilies and dark maroon roses perfectly matched their navy dresses and stood in stark contrast to the bride's white bouquet of roses, gardenias, stephanotis, and crystals. At the reception, orchids and gardenias were tied to long branches of curly willow that overflowed tall vases. Votive candles, white rose petals, and green and silver leaves lay scattered beneath the vases. **Cake** A three-tier Mad Hatter-style silver cake completed the festive holiday theme, decorated with branches and sugar flowers by *Just Cake*. Prior to the cake cutting, guests received New Year's Eve horns and hats. **Catering** The exquisite menu included a choice of marinated hamachi, braised Maine lobster, grilled quail breast, or braised prime beef short ribs, each with various gourmet sides. **Entertainment** *Ezzo Entertainment* **Videography** *Big Time Video* **Wedding Gown** *Vera Wang* from *Saks Fifth Avenue, South Coast Plaza* **Bridal Shoes** *Jimmy Choo* **Hair** *La Coiffure Salon* **Lingerie** *Claire Pettibone* **Mothers' Gowns** *Nordstrom* **Bridesmaid Dresses** *Bill Levkoff* from *NetBride* **Formalwear** *Men's Wearhouse*