



# SALINE LESLIE

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## the couple

Leslie Woods met Saline Hage for the first time when they were seated next to each other at a charity event in honor of The University of Ottawa Heart Institute. “Saline entered the room and everything went quiet in my head,” shares Les. “From that moment I knew she was going to be in my life for a lifetime. In her, I found my missing piece.” They’ve been side-by-side ever since.

In November of 2019, after dating for two years, Les proposed to Saline while the pair were on vacation at **THE FLEMING VILLA**, at the **GOLDENEYE** resort in Jamaica — once the home of Ian Fleming, who wrote the James Bond novels there (Les is a big fan!). One evening, with a bright moon shining down on the beach, Les got down on one knee and popped the question with a flawless round 3.2 carat diamond ring designed in collaboration with the team at **CARNABYS BESPOKE JEWELLERY**.

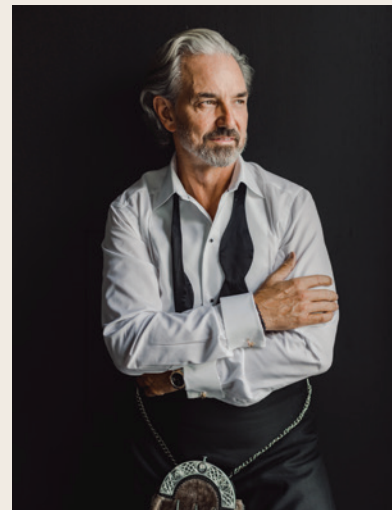
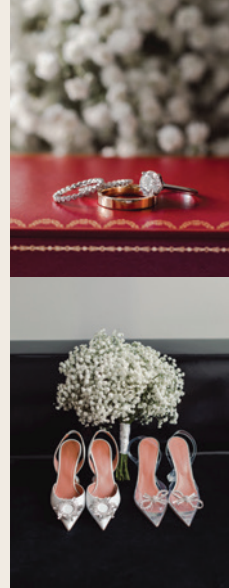
The team at Carnabys expressed concern about transporting the valuable piece of jewelry overseas and wanted to fly it in themselves! Instead, Les’ business partner Lennox Lewis, who holds the title of the last undisputed heavyweight champion of the world, coordinated the safe arrival of the ring via special expedited service through customs and immigration.

## the wedding

Saline and Les postponed their original wedding date due to the pandemic, but were eventually married on August 18, 2022, at **CASA LOMA** in Toronto, Ontario. The adults-only event had a black-and-white color palette, a formal dress code, and was partly inspired by Les’ affinity for James Bond.

Event planning and design services were provided by **BAOS EVENT PLANNING & DESIGN**, with floral design by **UDALOVA EVENTS & DESIGN**.

The modern black-and-white wedding invitations featured an envelope liner printed with a photo of the bride and groom.



Leslie wore a traditional kilt to the ceremony before changing into a tuxedo for the reception.



Saline wore two wedding gowns. The first, a customized **PRONOVIA**s gown created pre-Covid for the couple’s original wedding date. Her second gown was designed by **VERA WANG**. She accessorized with two pairs of **AMINA MUADDI** shoes and **YOKO LONDON** diamonds and pearls.



The ceremony took place under **CASA LOMA**’s chapel-shaped gazebo structure where an in-memoriam sign was placed over a chair to honour Les’ best friend who passed away from Covid-19.





# ceremony dreams

Margarita Oudalova of OUDALOVA EVENTS & DESIGN used over 5000 stems of baby's breath throughout the wedding's floral design, including the heart-shaped floral installation that decorated CASA LOMA's gazebo where the couple exchanged "I Dos," officiated by RANDY HARRIS.

"The arch at the 'gazebo' was what I dreamt of and more! (A big shout out to Margarita Oudalova of OUDALOVA EVENTS & DESIGN!)," shares Saline. "The amount of baby's breath that was ordered for my wedding was the most she had ever ordered! It looked absolutely spectacular!"



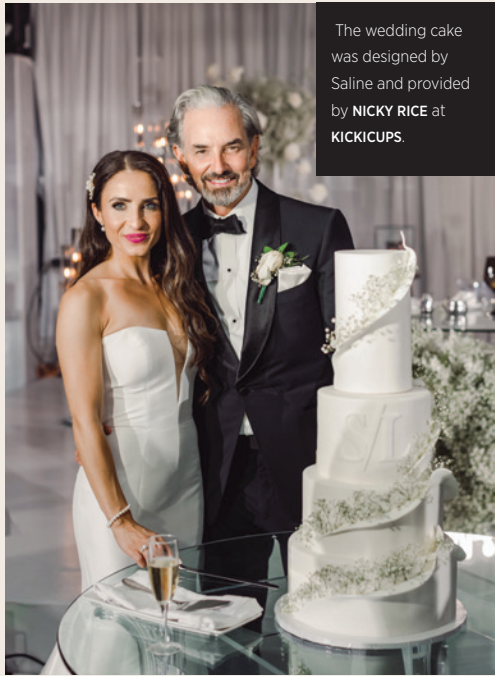
# red carpet cocktails

SARAPHINA VIOLIN performed at the sun-filled cocktail reception while guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and Champagne Bollinger.

To ensure the event had exceptional service, a high-end, red carpet hostess welcomed guests and directed and assisted them throughout the evening.







The wedding cake was designed by Saline and provided by NICKY RICE at KICKICUPS.

## goldeneye-inspired

The couple both changed into second looks for the reception. Saline wore a gown by **VERA WANG**, while Les traded his kilt for a James Bond-style suit from **TOM FORD**.

The Bond theme continued with a late-night lounge, tying-in to the couple's engagement at **GOLDENEYE** and included a cocktail bar provided by **BARCHEF EVENTS**, serving three on-theme cocktails.

Late night snacks included fish and chips and Shawarma to reflect both the bride and groom's heritage, while a spectacular selection of desserts delivered the sugar high! ✨

Specially-ordered miniature bottles filled with Scotch from Les' hometown were gifted to each guest.



## special guests

British-Canadian musician and the lead vocalist of the Canadian rock band **PLATINUM BLONDE**, **MARK HOLMES**, was the MC and performed a song at the wedding.

Other special quests included former NHL players **KEVIN MAGUIRE**, **DARRYL GLEN SITTLER**, and **GLENN HEALY** (who also played the bagpipe as Leslie walked into the reception), former WBC light-heavyweight champion **ADONIS STEVENSON**, and Scottish football player **MAURICE JOHNSTON**.

The newlyweds sat at a glass sweetheart table decorated with a cloud of baby's breath so that it appeared to be floating. A "Mr & Mrs Woods" neon sign hung behind them.



## credits

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