

CLAUDIA & ANDREW



FRONT PAGE STYLE

Claudia and Andrew, an NHL player for the Washington Capitals (and formerly with the Calgary Flames), celebrated their wedding on July 13, 2024, in Toronto, Ontario, and hosted their reception at Toronto's Globe and Mail Centre. The venue offered breathtaking city views and served as the inspiration for their unique black-and-white "newspaper" design aesthetic. Michelle Cundari of Sincerely Yours Events planned and designed every detail to perfection, while Creations By Gitta brought the vision to life with monochrome floral and decor, seamlessly tying the theme together.

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Claudia and Andrew Mangiapane's love story began in high school, where they quickly became best friends. From sharing lunches to sitting together in law class (where Andrew often copied Claudia's work), they were inseparable. Despite their close bond, they hesitated to risk their friendship by dating until senior year when Andrew moved to Barrie to pursue his hockey career. They made time for each other even with the distance, and their friendship blossomed into romance. Andrew officially asked Claudia to prom in 2014, and they've been together ever since.

After eight years of dating, Andrew proposed on September 2, 2022, during a private sunset boat ride on Toronto's harbour. What Claudia thought was a farewell party for friends turned into a heartfelt proposal, with their families waiting at the dock to celebrate.

On July 13, 2024, the couple tied the knot in Toronto, Ontario, welcoming a global guest list of family and friends.

Claudia embraced a minimalist aesthetic with her first look, a stunning Ines Di Santo gown (Style: Smitten) from the designer's Yorkville boutique. The gown's simplicity was elevated with sentimental touches, including custom sleeves made from her mother's wedding veil. She accessorized with a pearl bracelet gifted by her parents, baby blue Jimmy Choo heels adorned with pearls, and sapphire blue earrings—a gift from her sisters-in-law.



THE CEREMONY

Claudia and Andrew's ceremony took place at the iconic St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto, a venue rich in history and deeply significant to their families. The grand setting, with its soaring arches and intricate details, provided a timeless backdrop for their vows.

The ethereal sounds of the St. Michael's Boys Choir filled the cathedral, creating a deeply moving atmosphere. Surrounded by 280 of their closest friends and family, the couple exchanged heartfelt vows in a traditional ceremony that celebrated their shared values and family heritage.



TAILORED FOR THE WIN

Andrew wore a custom black tuxedo for the ceremony, featuring a playful newspaper-print lining that tied into their decor theme. He kept his accessories classic with a Rolex Submariner and custom cufflinks gifted by Hockey Canada.



"We took photos with the same vintage blue Pontiac that we had at our high school prom—it was such a full-circle moment."

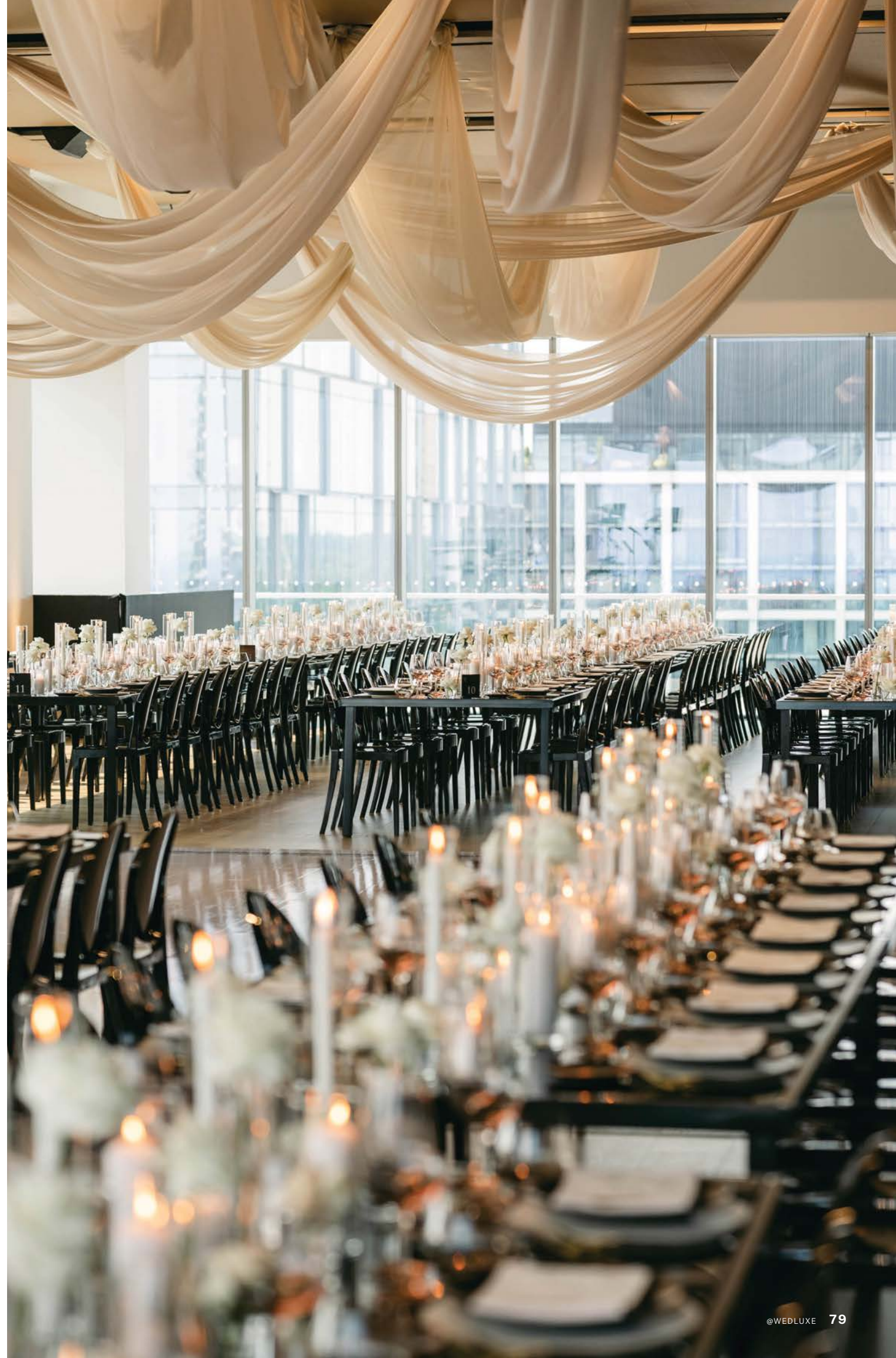
-Claudia Mangiapane, Bride



A photo session was held at The Louix Louis Grand Bar on the 31st floor of the St. Regis Hotel, which matched their black-and-white colour scheme.

The wedding was a heartfelt reunion of close friends, including many of Andrew's NHL teammates, past and present, who traveled from around the world to celebrate the couple. Guests included Tessa and Rasmus Andersson (Calgary Flames) and the late Johnny Gaudreau, a cherished friend and former Calgary Flames teammate of Andrew's, who attended with his wife Meredith, a bridesmaid, and their daughter Noa, the flower girl, all of whom are pictured (above), along with other members of Claudia and Andrew's bridal party.

Also in attendance but not pictured were Frida and Mikael Backlund (Calgary Flames Captain), Monique and Noah Hanifin (former Flame, now with the Las Vegas Golden Knights), Sarah and Erik Gudbranson (Columbus Blue Jackets), and Brittany and Sean Monahan (Columbus Blue Jackets). The weekend was filled with love, laughter, and camaraderie, creating a poignant and joyful memory for all who knew Johnny, as it marked the last time this hockey family was together.



EXTRA! EXTRA!

At the reception, held at the Globe and Mail Centre, every detail reflected the couple's unique black-and-white "newspaper" theme. The seating chart featured a bold, editorial-style display of each guest's name and table assignment on one side, while the other side showcased a stunning wall of locally-sourced candles labeled with "No. 88," Andrew's jersey number, and given to guests as favours. A life-sized mailbox added a playful and thematic touch as a card box, allowing guests to "mail" their well-wishes and gifts.

"Even our thank-you cards were designed as postcards to tie in the 'mail' concept," Claudia shares.



"We wanted every detail to reflect our story, from the newspaper-inspired designs to the candles our guests could take home."

-Claudia Mangiapane, Bride





NEWSWORTHY DETAILS

The reception was a perfect fusion of modern sophistication and moody romance, designed to captivate guests from the moment they entered. Inspired by the venue's newspaper legacy, the couple embraced a monochromatic palette of black, white, and sepia tones, with subtle blush accents woven throughout. Creations By Gitta brought the vision to life with minimal yet impactful floral arrangements, paired with an abundance of candlelight that created a dreamy, almost floating effect as the sun set over the city skyline.



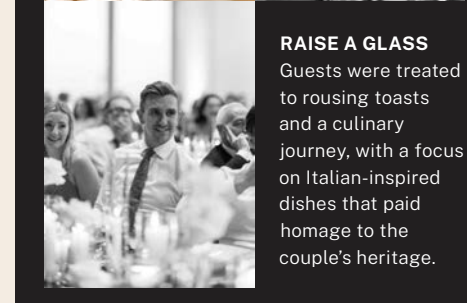
REAL WEDDING

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HEADLINE MOMENTS

The couple made sure the sleek black dance floor was a focal point, with live bongo performances keeping the energy high, enthusiastic dancing and impromptu crowd surfing. For a touch of fun, a photo booth was strategically placed near the action, allowing guests to easily pop in for playful snapshots before heading back to the dance floor.



RAISE A GLASS

Guests were treated to rousing toasts and a culinary journey, with a focus on Italian-inspired dishes that paid homage to the couple's heritage.



THE STYLE EDIT After dinner, Claudia changed into a chic Nadia Merabi jumpsuit (Style: Lucinda), perfect for dancing the night away. Andrew switched into a sparkling royal blue dinner jacket with a whiskey-themed lining, a nod to the couple's favorite drink.

Credits

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