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Kali and Eric met in Tacoma, Wash., where they were both students at the University of Puget Sound. **OPPOSITE:** White chocolate curls and red roses decorate the wedding cake. The couple share a moment at Log Haven.

# In the spotlight

**I**t's fitting that two photographers would celebrate their love with a picture-perfect wedding. Deep shades of red and pink, a touch of sparkle, and plenty of soft candlelight created a romantic setting for Kali and Eric's stylish nuptials at a cozy restaurant in Millcreek Canyon. The bride made a show-stopping entrance as she walked down a red carpet- and candle-lined aisle to meet her groom. After exchanging their vows, the newlyweds and their guests enjoyed a seated dinner, indulging in sushi rolls—the couple's favorite fare—and rich chocolate cake. After dinner, the entire crowd—young and old—hit the dance floor. As the evening came to an end, Kali and Eric departed, showered with red rose petals, en route to their exotic honeymoon destination.



**KALI WADSWORTH AND ERIC CORLISS**

APRIL 5, 2008

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**CLOCKWISE:** The couple exchange their vows. Located at the top of Millcreek Canyon, Log Haven created a romantic setting for the wedding. Kali wore metallic ballet flats to match the gold sash on her dress. The couple's sleek invitation set the tone for their nuptials. Bridesmaids wore satin ballgowns in apple red.



### *Before the Wedding*

**OCCUPATIONS:** Eric is the head of finance and administration at his family's concrete, sand and gravel supply company outside of Tacoma, Wash. Kali was working as a project coordinator for a construction company, but is now running the couple's photography business, Corliss Photography.

**HOW THE COUPLE MET:** Kali and Eric met in Tacoma at the University of Puget Sound. Kali had just arrived as a freshman at the university from her hometown of Sandy, Utah; Eric was a junior and a local of the area. They first met on a double date—only they were on the date

with different people. A year later, however, they started dating each other, and five years later they were engaged.

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** Eric proposed to Kali during a romantic dinner at a restaurant in downtown Seattle.

**BRIDAL SHOWER THEME:** "Loving you is a piece of cake!" Following a "cake" theme, the shower featured mini versions of Kali's wedding cake and little boxes shaped like slices of cake with candy inside as favors.

**BACHELOR PARTY:** Eric and his friends (many of them from out of town) went to Park City the night before the wedding and partied at Prime Steak House.

## Wedding

**PLACE:** Log Haven Restaurant, in Millcreek Canyon in Salt Lake City

**DATE:** April 5, 2008

**THE BRIDE WORE:** a Monique Lhuillier strapless gown in silk and lace with a gold sash, a silk wrap, metallic ballet flats, and a custom-designed vintage 1920s headpiece made of feathers and fabric.

**THE GROOM WORE:** a black tuxedo with a black vest and a skinny black tie.

**BRIDESMAIDS:** Lindsay Barnett (maid of honor), Chelsea Bennett, Jennifer Sorensen, Kara Corliss and Erica Corliss. Bridesmaids wore satin empire ballgowns with chiffon halters and a ruched sash in apple red.

**GROOMSMEN:** Steve Corliss (best man), Chris Wadsworth, Jordan Wadsworth, Ryan Corbaley, Brian Britt and Mikey Britt. The groomsmen wore black

tuxedos with black vests and skinny black ties to match the groom.

**WEDDING SONG:** For the processional, the bride's brothers played a classical arrangement of "How Great Thou Art" on their guitars. For the first dance, the couple danced to "At Last," by Etta James.

## Reception

**PLACE:** Log Haven, same as the ceremony

**WEDDING MUSIC:** a DJ provided a mix of dance music and standard wedding songs to get the crowd dancing.

**MENU:** Appetizers: salmon, cucumber and cream cheese sushi rolls. "We love sushi, and Log Haven was nice enough to make special rolls for us," says Kali. Dinner: mixed field greens with choice of Champagne vinaigrette or creamy gorgonzola

CLOCKWISE: Kali's father escorts her down the red carpet aisle. The bridal bouquet featured roses, lilies and peonies. Kali kisses her grandfather on the cheek. The dinner menu included sushi, soy ginger chicken and mashed potatoes.





dressing; freshly baked rolls; soy ginger chicken with shiitake mushroom sauce and mashed potatoes; grilled vegetable platter and a display of seasonal fruits.

**CAKE:** Three-tiered chocolate cake covered with white chocolate curls and topped with an old-fashioned cake-topper that resembled the couple.

**COLORS:** Champagne, cardinal red and deep pink.

**THEMES:** The bride tried to incorporate elements of the Northwest throughout the reception, including the salmon sushi rolls and the Almond Roca candy favors.

**FLOWERS:** The bridal bouquet was a mix of white roses, white lilies and pale pink peonies.

**DÉCOR ELEMENTS:** Red, pink and clear crystals hung from the candles lining the aisle, and Kali's grandfather provided a red carpet to cover the aisle for her grand entrance. At the reception, the bride and groom put up a custom-made wooden sign with their names painted on it. Dozens of candles and red roses decorated the dining area, and red-and-pink rose arrangements tied with gold ribbons topped every table.

### *Special touches*

The bride and groom's mothers cut out hundreds of tulle circles and ribbons to make satchels, and the bride designed tags

that matched the design of the wedding invitation with the couple's name and wedding date on them. The tags were attached to the satchels, which were filled with Almond Roca candy (a Northwest original manufactured in Tacoma, where the couple first met).

### *Most memorable moment of the wedding and the reception*

**KALI'S ANSWER:** "I loved having everyone sit down together to watch a slideshow my brother had made of photographs from Eric's and my lives. It was so touching and sentimental for everyone to see what we were like as little kids, especially since some of the guests didn't know us back then. To see photos of us together, accompanied by our favorite music, was a really special moment."

**ERIC'S ANSWER:** "Seeing friends and family from Utah and Washington finally meeting each other, dancing it up and having a great time! The highlight was seeing one of my groomsmen get down on the dance floor with my mother-in-law's friends!"

### *Honeymoon*

**PLACE:** Costa Rica, where Kali and Eric did an eco-tour. "The trip was a mix of adventure and



### **KALI AND ERIC'S WEDDING ADVICE**

*"Take notice of the details! It's in the details of your wedding that you can really show your personality and style."*



TOP TO BOTTOM: Red rose arrangements topped the dinner tables, and gold ribbons decorated the chairs. Kali's grandmother tore up the dance floor with the bride and bridesmaids. The wedding party strikes a pose outside Log Haven.