

Classic Glamour

Albertina (“Tina”) Tshuma, an office manager, and Christian Wiklund, an investment banker, met in somewhat scary circumstances – at a Halloween party. But they still found love in the midst of “trick or treat”!





THE PROPOSAL

While the couple was away in Verbier, Switzerland, two days before Christmas, Christian insisted they take a stroll together to enjoy their beautiful backdrop. “He stopped at a spot where there was nothing but pure snow, tall pine trees and the biggest full moon I’d ever seen. Then he knelt down and proposed. I didn’t even hear it all, as I was crying, asking him if he was serious. I asked him to propose again, so he did – and I said ‘yes!’” laughs Tina.

THE PREPARATIONS

Tina and Christian share a love of the outdoors, so while planning their wedding, their main consideration was the scenery. Closely behind that came the issues of good food and accessibility for their international guests. With the help of Anne Mann from Wedding Concepts, the couple’s dream function came together just the way they’d hoped. “I could never have done this wedding without her,” says Tina.

THE BIG DAY

The theme of the wedding was classic

glamour. To bring it to life, lighting, chandeliers, crystals, white flowers and contrasting white furniture and dark wood were used. The couple opted for a small function, with just 70 guests, while entertainment was provided by two bands and a DJ. The marriage ceremony was followed by a full day of celebrations and a night of partying, and only ended at 2am.

THE HONEYMOON

Inveterate travellers Christian and Tina decided to take a full six months off and travel through Africa. “We started off in Senegal and journeyed all the way back to SA. It was the most amazing honeymoon ever!” says Tina.

TINA’S ADVICE

“Listen to people when they tell you to enjoy your wedding day, because it goes very quickly. I didn’t drink much because I wanted to remember everything – from the dancing to the cutting of the cake. I also suggest organising games to be played at the event, as that keeps guests entertained.” **D**



TINA’S LITTLE WHITE ADDRESS BOOK

Venue: Vrede en Lust, Franschhoek – 021 874 1611, www.vnl.co.za.

Décor: Anne Mann of Wedding Concepts and Okasie – www.okasie.co.za.

Cake: Gina Buys – 021 852 8676 or 082 834 6469.

Dress: Gert van de Merwe – www.gertvandemerwe.com.

Wedding Planner: Anne Mann of Wedding Concepts – www.weddingconcepts.co.za.

Photographers: Jacoline Prinsloo – 082 387 2300, and Garyth Bevan – www.garythbevan.com.

DJ: DJ Alex of Kayembe Production – 021 783 3664 or 082 578 4888.