



MALIKA & WAMKELE

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My husband and I met...
We met in the Caribbean, at the Saint Lucia Jazz & Arts Festival.

We got married in (town) and we live in (town)...

We got married in Cape Town and we currently split our time between New York City and Geneva.

How did you break the news to your friends and family?

We shared the news with both of our families at large family gatherings – one in South Africa and one in New York.

Leading up to the wedding, I felt...

I was excited about starting our new life together and humbled by the support of our family and friends.

I chose a... theme as...

I chose modern and chic elegance, as this captures my essence.

My favourite part of my wedding was...

We had a 'wedding weekend' with many activities/events. This gave us plenty of opportunity to spend quality time with our guests outside of the wedding day, which goes by too fast!

Describe your dress/suit...

My dress had a long, draping skirt with a knee-high slit to the side and a bustier adorned with poppies with pearl/crystal accents. Wamkele wore a three-piece, hand-tailored suit.



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"We had a wedding weekend"





We chose... as our honeymoon destination because...

We chose Greece because it has awesome scenery, lovely beaches, great food, iconic sights and a smashing nightlife. Plus, it was hard to find a place that neither of us had travelled to previously!

The most touching speech was from my... as...

The most touching speech was from my groom – there weren't many dry eyes in the room after he was done.

Did you face any challenges while putting your wedding together?

The biggest challenge was co-ordinating travel for our guests, many of whom lived in North America, who were travelling to South Africa for the first time and wanted to take in all the wonderful things that the country has to offer.



MENU

Starter

Warm Chevin goat cheese puff pastry tartlet, served with micro baby leaf salad and a cranberry and maple syrup vinaigrette

Main

Braised cinnamon lamb shank, with rosemary crushed potatoes, honey roasted pearl baby onion and seasonal buttered vegetables, served with red wine jus, or

Pan-fried chicken supreme, with wild mushroom and garlic risotto, and seasonal vegetables with a smoked paprika red wine jus

Dessert

Wedding cake with a fruit coulis, a bouquet of summer berries and Chantilly cream

SUPPLIERS

Venue and Catering Webersburg, www.webersburg.co.za, 021 881 3636

Wedding Co-ordinator Kim Werner, Wedding Concepts, www.weddingconcepts.co.za, 021 426 5783

Décor Okasie, www.okasie.co.za, 021 887 9904 and pop! by YAZ, www.popbyyaz.com, yaz@popeventplanning.com

Photography Jules Morgan Wedding Photography, www.julesmorganweddings.com, 073 804 4059

Cake The Hunt House Kitchen, www.kanyahunt.co.za, 021 553 0440

Dress Monique Lhuillier (New York), www.moniquelhuillier.com

Suit A Suit That Fits (London), www.asuitthatfits.com

Hair and Make-up Tish Celestine of LaBelle Boutique (New York), www.labelleboutiquenyc.com,

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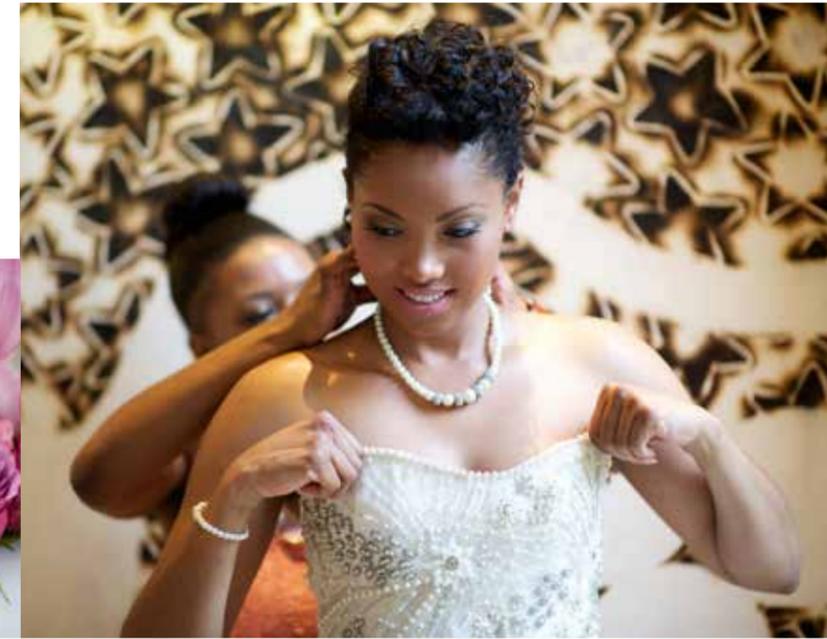
NOMBUSO & THABO

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NOMBUSO MAHLANGENI-MOKWENA
(Consultant) and THABO OWEN MOKWENA
(Entrepreneur)

*“Our entire wedding was
a dream”*



My husband and I met...

Thabo saw me at the bank and made his move, but faced rejection many times. He persevered though and the rest is history.

We got married in (town) and we live in (town)...
We got married and live in Johannesburg.

*How did you break the news to your friends
and family?*

The traditional wedding made it easier, as everyone was expecting us to set a date for our white wedding. Thabo followed African culture by sending a delegation to my home to ask for my hand in marriage, and he paid lobola.

Leading up to the wedding, I felt...

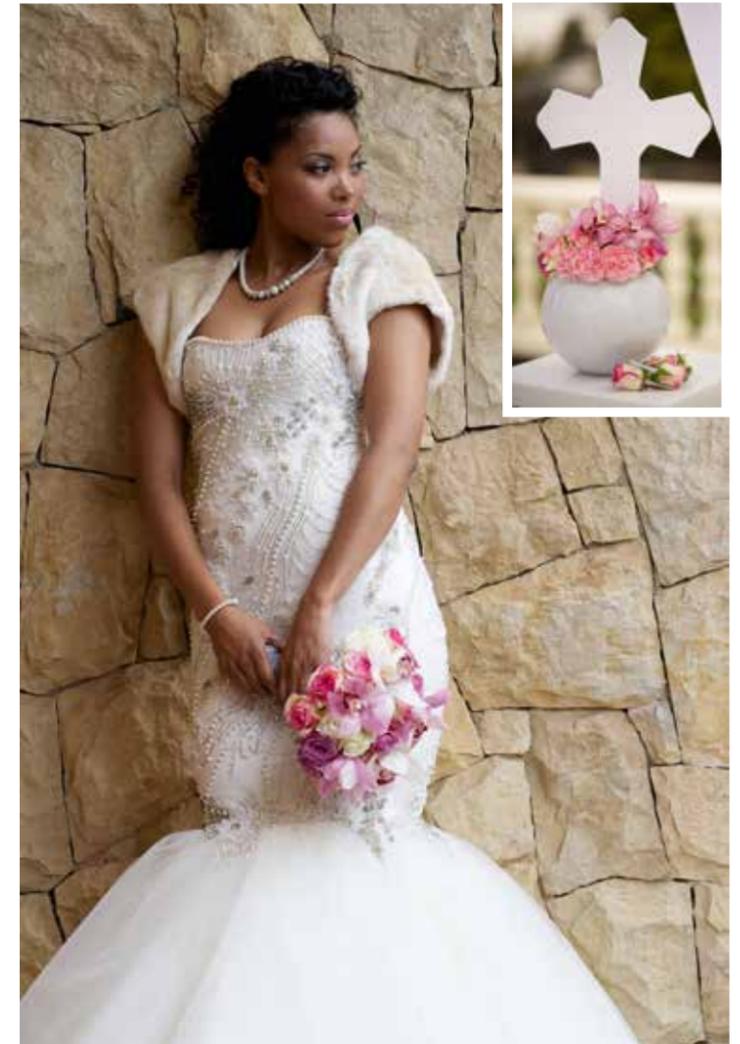
I was excited. A part of me couldn't believe at times that this was really happening. I was also under a lot of personal pressure to create that perfect day.

My favourite part of my wedding was...

The entire wedding was a dream – so magical, intimate and better than what we expected or hoped for. Highlights included walking down the aisle and seeing Thabo's reaction; him telling me how amazing I look; saying our vows and lighting the unity candle; the group dance with our bridal team to kick off the reception; our first dance and the cutting of our cake.

Describe your dress/suit...

I wore an off-white dress covered in pearls and Swarovski crystals, with ostrich feathers at the bottom. Thabo wore a white tuxedo jacket and bowtie, and later changed into a black and silver waistcoat and bowtie for the reception.





We chose... as our honeymoon destination because...

Thabo planned a surprise honeymoon. We visited Athens and spent a few days on the idyllic island of Crete. We then moved on to Italy and Venice, which had always been a dream of mine. A visit to Milan was also an absolute highlight!

The most touching speech was from my... as...

All of the speeches were great, but I enjoyed Thabo's speech the most. It was so entertaining and heartfelt.

Did you face any challenges while putting your wedding together?

Yes, like meeting the expectations of our family and ensuring that all the necessary requirements, both traditional and religious, were attended to prior to the wedding day. Being realistic with our budget and timelines has given our marriage a firm and stable foundation.



SUPPLIERS

Venue Summer Place, <http://summerplacesa.com>, 011 447 9744

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Wedding Co-ordinator Wedding Concepts, www.weddingconcepts.co.za, 021 426 5783

Décor Afresh Event and Design, <http://afreshevents.co.za>, 011 262 4914

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Stationery Secret Diary, www.secretdiary.co.za, 021 914 7224

Cake Sugar 'n Ice, www.sugar-n-ice.co.za, 011 788 1202

Make-up Ana Pompa, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Make-Up-Artist-Ana-Pompa/146193721240>, 084 468 6689