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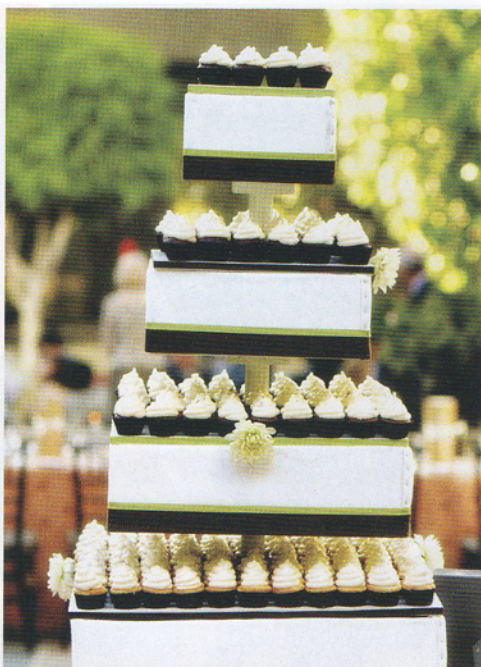


#### the first dance

Although they chose a classical guitarist for the ceremony, the couple livened things up at the reception by sharing their first dance to "Beautiful," by the Smashing Pumpkins.

#### the dessert

In lieu of a cake, mini cupcakes were set on a tiered stand decorated with chocolate brown and olive ribbon and pale yellow mums.



## their ingredients

**CEREMONY SITE** The McGuire Gardens at Cafe Pinot (213) 239-2513, Los Angeles

**RECEPTION SITE** Cafe Pinot (213) 239-2513, Los Angeles

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Jen Greer and Nate Berggren B&G Photography, BandGPhotography.com

**VIDEOGRAPHY** Joe Rosenberger, Today's the Day Weddings (714) 443-1216, Irvine

**CONSULTANT** Mary Sushinski, Occasions (818) 548-5297, Los Angeles

**OFFICIANT** Rev. JP Reynolds (818) 985-7620, Los Angeles

**GOWN** Ines Di Santo (416) 925-0002, Toronto

**VEIL** Ines Di Santo (416) 925-0002, Toronto

**SHOES** Dolce and Gabbana, Nordstrom (310) 470-6155, Los Angeles

**HAIR** Martha Aguilera, Elite Hair & Color Center (818) 242-1154, Glendale

**FORMALWEAR** Men's Wearhouse, MensWearhouse.com

**FLOWERS** Jackie Combs Floral Design (818) 363-7861, Los Angeles

**RENTAL EQUIPMENT** Elegant Designs (888) 856-9192, Irwindale

**CATERING** Cafe Pinot (213) 239-2513, Los Angeles

**MUSIC** Ceremony: Alejandro Lazo (310) 621-6167, Los Angeles; reception: Christopher Wilson, Sounds Fantastic Entertainment (818) 848-9559, Burbank

**CAKE** Vanilla Bake Shop (310) 940-7727, Santa Monica

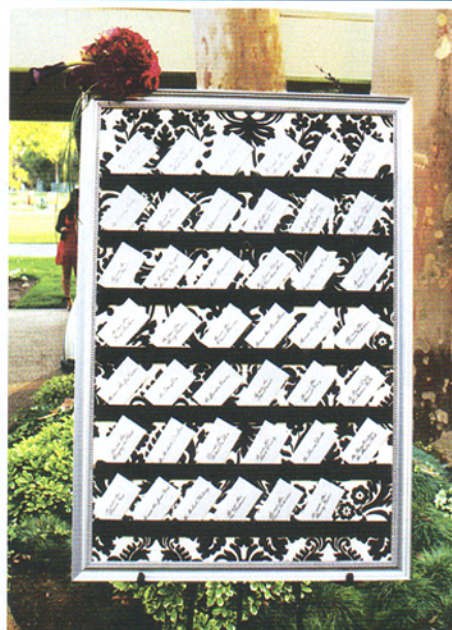
**FAVORS** Aaron Brothers Art & Framing, AaronBrothers.com

**HONEYMOON** Sicily, Italy



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## jennifer & kevin JUNE 9, TARZANA

**INGREDIENTS**  
Photography by  
Shannon Tregalia/  
Shannon's Photography  
at El Caballero Country  
Club; event planning  
by The Wedding  
Connection by Tobey  
Dodge; flowers by Grand  
Events in Chatsworth;  
cupcakes by Vanilla Bake  
Shop in Santa Monica

With an undeniable connection, even through email, Jennifer Zankan (32 and an owner of a public relations/marketing firm) and Kevin Berson (33 and a director of product management) hit it off from the start. Set up by a mutual friend, Jennifer and Kevin emailed initially while he was in Mexico for work and she was living in Los Angeles. After six weeks of flirtatious messages, they went on their first date. As they watched the sunset at the Getty Museum and had dinner overlooking the Hollywood Hills, the two talked for hours. After two years of dating, the couple took a trip up the California coast. On the way back, their car was struck by a fire engine. Luckily, both escaped serious injuries but it was at that moment they realized they couldn't live without each other. That January, Kevin surprised Jennifer with a trip to Paris. Under the Eiffel Tower, he proposed. —Brianne DiSylvester



# erika & rob

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photography by B&G Photography



## their story

Although Rob Kraetsch (31 and a cinematographer) stares at leading ladies all day, it wasn't until he met Erika Garcia (33 and a makeup artist) that he truly fell in love. When they met on a movie set there was an instant connection. Three years into their relationship, they took a vacation in Argentina. Two days after they got back, Rob completely surprised Erika with an engagement ring he designed with the help of Erika's sister. The two knew they wanted to be married in a space that mirrored both their modern and romantic sides, so they picked a gorgeous garden with lush greenery surrounded by city skyscrapers. Erika and Rob's signature colors—burnt sienna, chocolate, champagne and olive—reflected the summer's fade into fall. —BD

## the centerpieces

Modern square glass vases overflowed with romantic white roses and fern curls.

## the reception décor

Erika and Rob decided to honor famous couples such as Simon and Yasmin Le Bon of Duran Duran fame on their table number cards.

