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What's the latest TREND?

Viola Chan on her distinguished bridal collections and tips for the brides

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Tying the knot in OKINAWA
We've seen couples skydiving before tying the knot on the ground, or exchanging rings at the bottom of the sea. Indeed, when it comes to wedding ceremonies and celebrations, it appears that neither the sky nor the ocean is the limit.

The other day, I was watching a programme named ‘Amazing Train Journeys of the World’ which showed an Indonesian couple dressed up to the nines, getting wedded beside the railway track in Jakarta. The jovial congregation was not the least bit perturbed by the sound of trains whisking by. The couple explained they wouldn’t dream of having the ceremony anywhere else because it’s where they were born and grew up, and also where all their relatives and friends live. Makes sense.

There are really no hard and fast rules as to how one goes about what is perhaps a landmark ceremony that opens a new chapter in one’s life. Some choose to toe the line in terms of tradition and custom to make sure the elders in the family are comfortable and suitably honoured. That seems fair enough as have you ever attended a wedding ceremony where the couple hasn’t expressed their appreciation for their parents or nannies?

Others are more liberal-minded and innovative, leveraging cutting-edge technology to come up with scintillating ideas that wow relatives and friends.

But whichever mode you opt for, there is no denying that weddings involve quite a bit of creative showmanship, demanding attention to details and a careful plan well in advance. This is where close relatives and bosom friends come in. And when even that is not enough in terms of manpower and brainpower, you will need professionals to lend a helping hand, and perhaps to provide that magic touch!

That magic touch

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What’s trending?

From live streaming ceremonies to minimalist nuptials, we probe into the wedding trends for 2020 under the current social climate, writes Gigi Wong.

Picture this: It’s your esposal day and you’re about to make a toast. But instead of approaching the guests table by table, you cue up the videographer, raising a champagne glass to the iPad ahead of you. Alongside your wife or husband-be and with a “Can Ben!” you salute relatives and friends to the iPad ahead of you. Alongside your wife or husband.

Enter the technological era

Ludicrous as the scenario may seem, there’s no denying that technology is impacting every facet of human life – including when you’re getting hitched. So it’s not surprising that live streaming of weddings has become a rather trendy thing, especially when it involves some of your inner circle who may not be able to make it in person when you tie the knot.

What about handing out those red lish envelopes, a cash gift to the newlyweds for good luck in Chinese tradition? Well, you can find handy solutions via WeChat pay and Alipay.

“As we embark on an exciting technological era, marital ceremonies have become instant, hassle-free occasions, without time or geographic constraints,” observes Sharon Au, a leading local Wedding Consultant. Apart from offering ample convenience, live streaming of weddings is, perhaps, an ingenious alternative amid the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, which discourages unnecessary travels and mass public gatherings.

An auspicious year

The Year of the Rat is – according to the Chinese lunisolar calendar – an auspicious time to get married because the start of spring occurs on two occasions within the year, coupled with an intercalary month – commonly known as a double spring year. The rush on marriage this year is compounded by the social unrest last year, prompting many couples to postpone their marriage plans, although the current coronavirus has taken everybody by surprise.

Wedding planners point out that banquet venues on auspicious dates this year are almost fully pre-booked. “Latecomers may have to resort to plan B and consider hosting instead a wedding lunch banquet – usually a less-preferred option as opposed to dinner but cheaper,” says Theresa W., Chief Wedding Planner and Designer of Diamond Wedding.

Given that most of the social protests took place in the afternoon and evening, lunch banquet has gained increased acceptance. In terms of the banquet location, such popular choices as Tiu Shan Tsu, Causeway Bay, and Mong Kok have lost their luster as they tended to be hot spots for protests, and out-of-the-way areas like Tai Po Mun, Discovery Bay, and Ting Kau in Tsuen Wan West, instead, are welcoming a spike in popularity.

Changing spending patterns

The stars may be in favour this year, but those involved in the wedding business are wary in their market outlook, as people tend to be more conservative in their budget planning in uncertain economic times. While costs have remained largely unchanged, couples are allocating their expenses differently.

Based on a survey in Q2 of 2019 on local wedding trends by Bespoke Wedding, a Hong Kong-based online wedding planning platform, wedding banquets account for the largest expense, averaging HK$230,000. “Under the current uncertain environment, couples tend to pare their budget for banquets, and transfer the money to other wedding-related products, such as wedding rings and overseas honeymoon trips,” Au notes.

Wedding banquet is still considered a core element of the celebration, and Chinese cuisine remains a favourite, but for some, the usual eight main dishes have been reduced to six. In drawing up the menu, there is a clear trend for more healthy dishes that are low on oil, salt and sugar, but with emphases on organic ingredients and vegan food. In order to reduce the risk of virus transmission, banquet guests are served divided portions on an individual basis instead of tucking in themselves.

Wedding planners reveal a growing trend to follow traditional customs – from Western chapel weddings to hiring a Chinese wedding chaperone on the big day. “It may have something to do with the somewhat tumultuous situation in Hong Kong, but many couples are harking back to religion and heritage for blessing and peace of mind,” notes Au. “I think it probably boils down to the feel-good sentiments that they’re craving for, irrespective of creed and faith.”

Everything minimalist

The pomp and pageantry of royal weddings may be fun to watch, but most couples these days tend to opt for minimalism when it comes to their own bash. Garden style, which has been in fashion for some time, is set to sustain its popularity in the new decade. Think magical walkway under a fabulous foliage archway created from the chapel to the marquee for the reception!

Younger couples, in particular, favor outdoor weddings hugged by lush greenery and natural landscape. “Aligning with their pursuit of a green lifestyle and their desire for more space to host their wedding ceremonies and celebrations, they go for a mode that is more liberating and free,” Au says.

In going back to basics that are pure and natural, bold and over-the-top style is likely to take a backseat in the new decade. So when it comes to the bridal look, nude makeup is the current trend – entailing a simplified color palette and covering imperfections without looking caked. Rather than having multiple looks on the same day, ladies are opting for couture that is easy to maneuver once it’s removed for entertainment or cocktail hours, such as understated and yet elegant slip dresses, or a-line gowns made with guaze or taffeta.

One final point worth emphasising is that one should tap only into the ideas that genuinely speak to one’s personal style, rather than embracing them just for the sake of syncing with the trends. Just like any other industries, wedding merchants and service providers evolve over time. As the new decade unfolds, it’s exhilarating to anticipate what’s in store. Who knows? Perhaps drone wedding photography, driverless bridal cars or 3D printed wedding cakes are not too far from becoming mainstream.
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Looking for a fairytale wedding gown that will make you shine on your big day? Let bridalwear diva Viola Chan share her expertise with you and realize your dream!

The world’s premier bridal expert, Viola Chan is a celebrated designer who has spearheaded product creations for global fashion icons such as Zac Posen, Vera Wang, and Jenny Packham. With a strong sense of aesthetics and an expert eye for details, she has created breathtaking dresses that are bespoke to every bride.

The House of VC
Having forged her own premium bridal and eveningwear brand for 25 years, her gowns are now being sold over 400 stores globally. In July 2019, she launched a 2,000-sq. ft. House of VC showroom in her hometown Hong Kong, where she has assembled four distinguished bridal collections, including Viola Chan Premium, Viola Chan and VC by Viola Chan, to suit varying tastes.

The opulent showroom also acts as a custodian of quality for all things bridal. After brides have made their appointments, they will enjoy a dazzling bridal and evening gown shopping experience that commences with an attentive one-on-one fitting and consultation by a professional stylist – or may be even Viola Chan herself – and concludes with a gown that is truly a match made in heaven. They can choose from options that include rental, purchase, and tailor-made.

Moving with the times
Viola Chan plans to launch her online store later this year for the Asia Pacific region, including Hong Kong. The move is set to revolutionize the online-to-offline bridal marketplace by providing a one-stop, hassle-free experience. Brides can order their gowns online as The House of VC offers free fitting section on all bridal gowns. They can have their dress delivered to them at an intimate setting where they can be joined by their loved ones, making the experience extra special.

Dedicated to excellence
A Viola Chan creation is timeless, delicately handcrafted and ornamental. Traditional motifs merge seamlessly with the latest global trends to create fashion-forward, one-of-a-kind designs that are inimitable and elegant.

A wedding is a truly special, once-in-a-lifetime occasion that demands a holistic approach and painstaking planning. At the House of VC, brides will not only discover their perfect wedding dress, but also receive professional consultation and service for bridal accessories such as fine jewelry, flower girl dresses, hair and make-up, wedding car rental, and even wedding photography.

Viola Chan’s tips for brides
1. Be yourself. Choose a gown and a makeup style that best suit your personality.
2. Pick a second dress for backup. The first gown can be a gown with more coverage to suit the theme of your sacred ceremony, whilst the second gown can be more relaxing.
3. A slim dress is the best for a garden wedding ceremony. Do not pick a full ball gown or a gown with a massive train if you are having a garden wedding ceremony as grass might be stuck in between the lace.
4. Tissue is vital on this special day. “Many of our gowns are crafted with pockets,” says Chan. “A piece of tissue will be handy for emotional moments of the day.”
Create everlasting memories of your wedding at the new Hotel Alexandra

Live your wedding dream at Hotel Alexandra, a new, design-led hotel that intertwines the affluent lifestyle of the Victorian era with superior levels of personalised service and amenities.

Whether you are planning an intimate ceremony or a grand wedding banquet, the experienced culinary team and wedding experts will ensure your wedding to be a dream come true.

Conveniently located at the heart of Hong Kong Island, Hotel Alexandra resides on the prominent North Point waterfront, approximately a 2-minute walk from the MTR Fortress Hill station.

Spanning 935 sq. m. (9,990 sq. ft.) with a ceiling height of four metres (13 ft.), the stunning Grand Ballroom is an exquisite blend of Victorian elegance and contemporary style. The ballroom is adorned with endless ornate pendant chandeliers, exquisite carpet flooring, majestic décor and engraved golden doors, offering an impressionable entrance with door-to-door effortless drop offs through the captivating foyer via the Lobby Floor. The Grand Ballroom accommodates medium to large scale weddings, and is configurable into three venues for more intimate occasions, ranging from a minimum of 96 guests (4 tables) to 552 guests (46 tables).

Satisfy your taste buds with a dynamic range of Chinese and Western wedding menu options. Hotel Alexandra’s culinary maestros source fresh seasonal ingredients used to curate delectable cuisines that is equally appealing visually.

What’s more, the hotel’s dedicated and charismatic wedding specialists will spoil you with a delightful bundle of package benefits, including a bottle of house champagne, decorated mock wedding cake, fresh fruit cream wedding cake, in-house backdrop with the bride & groom’s name, silk floral centrepieces, valet parking spaces, invitation cards, table linen, seat covers, Mahjong entertainment with Chinese tea, and more.

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Accent the depth of your love with a dream wedding

Be it a dazzling Chinese banquet or a grand western-style ceremony, Marco Polo Hongkong, and Gateway Hotels offer unique venue options for a beautifully bespoke event.

Overlooking the magnificent Victoria Harbour, Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel is the perfect place for couples to host sophisticated weddings hallmarked by glamour and refinement, with its prime location, professional banquet service team and an incredible array of elegant venues.

Located on the lobby level, the pillar-free Centenary Ballroom caters for a maximum of 30 round tables, and sets the stage for a glamorous wedding, boosting its exquisitely decorated interior in soft tones of golden beige with crystal chandeliers.

Bauhinia Room on level 4 is flooded with natural daylight and equipped with its own electronic control panel, overlooking the rejuvenated historical site of Heritage 1881. It’s a dreamy venue for an intimate wedding party of up to 12 round tables.

Cucina Italian restaurant on Level 6 with its terrace is a dream-come-true venue for couples planning an outdoor wedding. Ideal for a cocktail party under blue skies with magnificent Victoria Harbour views, the restaurant showcases authentic Italian cuisine curated by Chef de Cuisine Andrea Delzanno, featuring cocktail, semi-buffet and set menus.

Alternatively, share your marital bliss with guests at the contemporary and stylish function room in Gateway Hotel. The outdoor garden terrace at Be on Canton is an enchanting setting for a wedding ceremony and cocktail party during the day time.

Cakes fit for royals

Symbolizing virginity, purity and fertility, a beautiful full-scale wedding cake will bring good luck and fortune to the couple and the guests.

Placed at the reception or the center of the wedding venue, a wedding cake is a blessing to everyone. In Victorian times when refined white sugar was expensive, white-icing wedding cakes are luxury items for the royals and the nobles to show off their wealth and status.

Passing down the tradition through the generations, wedding cakes still keep these symbols and blessings in modern weddings. Wedding cakes nowadays have evolved from the plain all-white tiered cakes into artisan masterpieces which are more sophisticated in terms of presentation and flavor.

Complicated and fragile as it is, a delicate wedding cake takes a professional level of craftsmanship and fine ingredients to make. To treat your guests with a tasteful piece and make your wedding unique and special, you need a professional baker to tailor-design and realize the cake of your dream. Phoenix Sweets, an acclaimed bespoke artistic cake brand, is one of a few top options you have in Hong Kong.

Founded in 2012 by Phoenix Hui, Phoenix Sweets takes baking seriously and sees their artisan products a gift of love for their clients. The baker will create made-to-order cakes and other delicate baked confections according to your preference.

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With years of experience baking cakes in SOHO, Phoenix Sweets is experienced in delivering sizable cakes to important events too. Couples can set their minds at ease and enjoy the grace it brings to the wedding day.

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With its absolute waterfront location and spectacular harbour views, maze Grill by Gordon Ramsay provides a romantic setting for a memorable wedding and superb facilities to match the breathtaking location.

Boasting stunning harbour views and a dynamic city skyline, Ocean Terminal offers glorious indoor dining, plus a stunning alfresco terrace in the glasshouse extension – ideal for pre-wedding cocktails or outdoor wedding ceremonies.

Taking inspiration from the iconic grill rooms of Manhattan, its elegant interior design boasts high ceilings in a spacious interior that embraces the unrivalled panorama of Victoria Harbour. The adjoining terrace beckons guests for cocktails and more festivities after the wedding dinner, not to mention the impeccable backdrop for wedding photography.

The perfect grill

The Gordon Ramsay-curated menus are recognized for a wide selection of premium grills that are cooked to perfection over a charcoal-fired Josper grill. Highlights include international and rare-breed cuts or fish and poultry, as well as the celebrity chef’s world-renowned signature dish, Beef Wellington. The menus are complemented by an exceptional collection of handpicked premium wines from boutique wineries.

Banquet style aplenty

Whether it is a sit-down dinner, buffet style or a terrace cocktail wedding reception, maze Grill’s expert team of chefs will design menus exclusively for the special day, alongside the restaurant team who coordinates with the guests-of-honour to organize a wedding to treasure for a lifetime.

The team is always on hand to help should guests require to organize out-of-restaurant items such as flower displays, wedding cake, entertainment, photographers or any other requirements to ensure the wedding day is one that will weave fond lifelong memories for the bride, groom, family and friends.

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Okinawa is hard to beat for tying the knot

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Why Okinawa?
You’re not alone when Okinawa emerges on the top of your list for the big day. In fact this semitropical paradise has long been the most popular resort wedding destination in Japan, if not in the Asia Pacific region.

Far removed from the hustle and bustle of concrete jungles, Okinawa boasts the most alluring ambience, what with its white sandy beaches, azure oceans, and crystal blue skies. On its breathtakingly beautiful shores, love birds can choose from a plethora of weddings styles, from the grandest to the minimalist, with a matching selection of dresses for the bride.

As one of Japan’s southernmost islands, Okinawa is blessed with a subtropical oceanic climate with an annual average temperature of 23°C. Caressed by soft sea breezes, the picturesque island enjoys a congenial weather throughout the year, and is especially appealing to couples who like to tie the knot in an al fresco mode.

Capitalizing on Okinawa’s diverse attractions in terms of cuisine, entertainment, and attractions, couples can weave fond memories with families and guests before and after the wedding. Think indulging in a cultural heritage tour in such scenic spots as Shuri Castle and Sefa Utaki; snapping up the latest chic fashions at T Galleria Okinawa; savoring in the lavish Okinawa Gozen; and much more.

Wedding styles galore

Boasting no less than 46 chapels on the Main Island and outer islands, Okinawa is famous for its experience and expertise in organizing memorable chapel weddings down to the last detail.

On top of the two new chapels that were opened in 2018 – Seragaki Island Kyoukai and Celeste – there are elegant chapels surrounded by boundless oceans, glamorous churches that resemble castles, and white chapels with a brightly-lit and lush interior that guarantee to meet the many wishes of lovers.

Alternatively, couples can opt for some old-time charm with a traditional wedding. Decked out in Kimono, those looking for quietude and a serene moment will find the Nakamura House – a wealthy farmer’s estate that serves as an iconic example of Okinawan traditional residential architecture – the perfect venue for a unique ceremony. The World Heritage Site of Nakagusuku Castle Ruins is also nearby in Kitanakagusuku, which is fantastic for wedding photography.
Far from the madding crowd

Aside from the Okinawa Main Island, other outer islands are also ideal for an exclusive wedding. Miyako Island, for instance, is the place to go for a back-to-nature ceremony, given the crystalline water and sandy beaches there. Coupled with such prominent chapels as Allamanda Chapel or Stardust Garden Chapel, the idyllic pace of the island will mesmerize both the newly-weds and their guests.

Ishigaki Island, on the other hand, is home to verdant forests and the legends of mermaids. Those who wed in this nature's treasure trove literally feel like kings and queens of the forest. There is an array of excellent chapels and banquet halls on the island, including Ishigaki Resort Garden Wedding and Cradesur Chapel.

There are direct flights from Hong Kong to Okinawa Main Island, Miyako Island, and Ishigaki Island.
When it comes to pledging your love or tying the knot, be creative and let your imagination run wild. Southeast Asia, for instance, is brimming with alluring offers, given its rich heritage, cultural diversity, friendly locals and picturesque landscapes. Moreover, virtually all countries in the region lie between the tropics, so the weather is generally warm and ideal for honeymoons, secret getaways or any type of romantic espousals, and they are just a short hop away.

Here are some shining examples:

Golden Buddha Beach Resort, Phuket, Thailand
Tucked away from the tourist crowds, Koh Phra Thong is a remote and gloriously unspoilt island. Backing onto a pristine nature reserve and fringed by coconut plantations, Golden Buddha Beach Resort comprises 28 privately-owned traditional wooden homes, sprinkled along a beautiful and deserted 12-km sandy beach. If you’re looking for a wow factor, this is it!

Slow Private Pool Villas, Lombok, Indonesia
If you prefer a more private marriage proposal, the exotic island Gili Air fits the bill very nicely. Situated on the secluded island, Slow Villas Resort is well-known for the concept of slow life – think slow cooking, slow moving, slow stretching – which is a unique way to retrieve a sense of the essential values in life. Whether you choose to propose by the private pool in your villa or by the eccentric beach with a gorgeous sunset as your background, the place is set to fulfills all your wishes.

Rajbari Bawali, West Bengal, India
Opulent and historical, Rajbari Bawali is a dreamy place for an Indian-inspired vow renewal or fairytale wedding. The 300-year-old Greco-Roman style heritage hotel has been superbly restored, and reminisces both the British Raj and the feudal lifestyles of Bengal’s Zamindari landlords. You’ll be enthralled by Bengal’s traditional arts and crafts.

Embassy Restaurant, Siem Reap, Cambodia
A perfect venue for a romantic proposal and to host your wedding ceremony, SEEDS Restaurant & Lounge offers excellent contemporary fine dining from its stunning lakeside location in the centre of Yangon. The restaurant is the brainchild of Swiss Michelin-starred Chef Felix Eppisser, and his wife Lucia Eppisser, and is very much the result of their culinary life’s journey – a voyage of inspiration, creativity, sharing, and love. Stunning lake views from within the privacy of this romantic, light-filled restaurant offers the space to breathe, unwind, and delight in an extraordinary culinary experience.

Manda de Laos, Luang Prabang, Laos
Manda de Laos restaurant, located in the World Heritage city of Luang Prabang, is enveloped within three beautiful lotus ponds, creating an immersive tropical ambience. The dining area overlooks this magical display of lotus blossoms and floating lilies which engenders changing magical atmospheres throughout the day. Serving a luxurious take on traditional Laos cuisine with signature cocktails, Manda de Laos is a special place for your marital commemorations.
Guam – the Love Island that makes for a dream wedding

A wedding is a major milestone in one’s journey in life, so it’s certainly worth the while to add a bit of glitz and glamour to the occasion. But the biggest problem that usually besets the couple is the hefty expenses involved.

However, weddings these days have taken on new dimensions, and ceremonies held overseas have gained popularity because they are more manageable in terms of size, and therefore more affordable. As well, the couple has the option of spending their honeymoon there or spending an unforgettable trip with family and friends.

For a unique and memorable ocean side wedding, Guam fits the bill on every count.

Visa-waiver

For the benefit of family and friends, many couples rightly rule out destinations that necessitate long, tiring flights, but actually you don’t have to go far to find your dream destination. Heralded as ‘the love island’, Guam is just a short hop away, with the distinct advantage of a visa-waiver arrangement for holders of HKSAR or BNO passports, in spite of its status as a US territory.

Internationally recognized marriage certificate

In addition to providing the perfect venue for a sensational seaside wedding ceremony, Guam makes it easy for you to register your marriage and obtain an US marriage certificate hassle-free. Alternatively, you can first obtain your wedding certificate in Hong Kong, and then arrange for the ceremony to be held in Guam.

Legalized same-sex marriage

This Pacific island has also legalized and recognized same-sex marriage since June 9, 2015. As the first overseas territory of the United States to give the green light to same-sex marriage, Guam lives up to its name of ‘the love island’.

Diverse options to curate your dream wedding

Guam is widely acknowledged as a top choice for weddings as it has a bounty of well-developed tourism infrastructural facilities and marriage services, in addition to its natural beauty.

If you’re looking for a chapel, banquet venue, photographic services, live performance, makeup service, gown rental services, and a lot of other amenities and accessories, Guam has it all!

Roasting crystal clear skies and glistening oceans, Guam enjoys a balmy weather. The soft sea breeze and the pristine environment are made for the blissful union of lovebirds. As a popular wedding destination, Guam has a well-developed wedding industry that knows exactly what clients look for.

State-of-the-art chapels

What's more, a wide selection of legal state-of-the-art chapels provides a romantic fairytale-like backdrop of panoramic ocean views and manicured gardens for your big day.

Jewel by the Sea Chapel

Situated next to a beach, Jewel by the Sea Chapel, which is crafted with hundreds of thousands of crystals, is one of the most luxurious churches in Guam. Hanging in the auditorium is a magnificent two-meter chandelier, which is made of 12,000 Swarovski crystals. The altar features a giant crystal that replaces the traditional candlestick, symbolizing eternal love.

Crystal Chapel

Overlooking the enchanting Tumon Bay, the Crystal Chapel features a glistening crystal cross and a magnificent crystal chandelier, together with a grand entrance and passage to the altar.

The Rainbow Chapel

Built atop a blue pool, the Rainbow Chapel was inspired by the natural elements of water and rainbow. This magical venue comprises a make-up room and a banquet room, set against an awe-inspiring infinity ocean vista.

White Arrow Chapel

Seemingly floating on water, the egg-shaped White Arrow Chapel features an exquisite pool that appears to merge with the ocean. From a distance, the chapel resembles two pure white feathers dancing on the ocean. Surrounded by glass walls, the chapel boasts a stunning 270-degree ocean view. The moment the newly-weds emerge from the chapel, dreamy feathers will gently descend from the ceiling. The chapel will present you with a souvenir bottle full of the magical feathers for remembrance.

Jewel by the Sea Chapel

Crystal Chapel

The Rainbow Chapel

White Arrow Chapel

Photo: Arluis Wedding
As a newly-wed couple, the first dance is something to remember for the rest of your life. The hunt for the perfect dance song can be excruciatingly difficult. Some look for a song that best describes their love; some want to dance to the same song their parents did; some opt for the music that was playing at a particular milestone moment. But the real challenge starts when you take to the floor, the very performance that will be watched by every guest, and can be extremely nerve-wracking.

An ideal source of professional choreography help is Herman Lam Dance Studio, an upscale venue that offers classes in waltz, tango, salsa, jazz, rumba, as well as other standard and Latin dances. From music selection to personalized choreography, the dedicated dance instructors guide every couple through the entire process to ensure a successful, high-impact result. When you take your first steps as man and wife, every dip, twirl and even lift is an elegant gesture of confidence.

Remember, the dress matters too. Put on something that is comfortable, allows movement and enables you to make the dance memorable. On a side note, do not wear your long draggy ceremonial dress to the dance floor.

Finding the perfect dance with the right help allows you and your lover to connect in the best way the dance floor can offer. Securing an appointment with the studio well ahead of the big day is recommended.

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People often overlook the eclectic charms of Hong Kong from which one can derive a lot of inspiration," says Noel. "Instead of the common autopilot mode of looking at overseas bridal wear designs or holding ceremonies abroad, wedding couples may actually find, to their pleasant surprise, that Hong Kong itself is a hidden gem that meets their dream wedding requirements most admirably.

With ten years’ working experience in the bridal couture industry, Noel has a strong fashion sense, and has always maintained a fresh and innovative approach to every job she undertakes. In skilfully interpreting her clients’ desires and preferences, she has invariably come up with exquisite designs of true individuality that surpass client expectations.

In collaboration with a team of local talents, Noel is presenting an artistic merge between wedding gowns and architecture. They include Vivien Liu, a photographer who has been named #Legend Best Female Photographer, and Shutterstock Top 100, amongst other awards.

Other members in the team are Zap Tang, a hair stylist; and Stephen Lau, a popular makeup artist and the founder of STEPHENMAKEUP, who has unleashed the beauty of hundreds of brides around the world since 2006. Not to mention, they have created plentiful delicate styles for top artists in Hong Kong.

Bridal gown X Architecture

Themed on the architecture of Hong Kong, Noel Chu’s latest collection, which she particularly designed for this project, is set on a specially commissioned Circus Tram. “Tram has been my favorite mode of travel since childhood as I could observe the thriving cityscape,” says Noel. “It’s a quintessential part of Hong Kong and provides the perfect backdrop for my creation.”

One of the wedding gowns in the collection is crafted with fitted European lace and 3-dimensional designs. A cape is added to add extra movements to the dress during the first dance, creating drama when brides twirl around the dance floor. While the second wedding gown in the collection is also perfect for the first dance, it speaks elegant in a completely different way. Made with textured fabric, this off shoulder gown simple lines on the front and complemented by sexy details at the back.

The collection also includes a blue and a red evening gown. Inspired by ‘hidden gem’, the concept of this project, the blue evening gown was made from a piece of delicate gem-patterned fabric. In addition to its astonishing 3D design, some parts of the dress are crafted with mesh fabrics. The red dress, on the other hand, is lively and bold, with pink ruffles to add some layers to the dress, while the mermaid cut fit and the off-shoulder design brings out the femininity of the bride.

Options, including rental, purchase, and tailor-made, are available at Noel Chu Atelier.

In incorporating the sublime architectural elements of a dynamic metropolis that is Hong Kong, Noel Chu, a renowned local dress designer, has developed a scintillating collection of bridal wear that has heads turning.
What’s making waves?

A new decade ushers in a dynamic and dazzling bridal fashion scene

Dorian Ho

Local fashion designer Dorian Ho – internationally-renowned for his bridalwear line – has curated the Love Carnival Collection, which includes this unconventional dress (DX0103X0) with elegant tulles and floral embroidery; at www.dorianho.net

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Zuhair Murad’s brand new collection pays tribute to the country he knows well and loves – Egypt, which instantly provokes mysterious pharaohs, gods, and queens. Bedecked with scintillating breastplates, each dress is delicately bejewelled, and the collection is anything but subtle.

There are sheath dresses of all hues that run through the collection like a golden thread, evening gowns adorned with majestic capes, chic and modern jumpsuits, and net cocktail dresses enlivened by geometrical motifs running through the models’ bodies.

With celebrities like Christina Aguilera, Marion Cotillard, and Blake Lively among the designer's most notable and loyal fans, this collection will definitely stun everyone on your big day. What’s not to love about bridal wears that ooze glitz and glamour?
With creative director Stacey Bendet at the helm, alice + olivia Fall Winter 2020 Collection is a visual extravaganza grounded in strong materials and palettes. Inspired by the vintage eclecticism for globetrotters, the collection features a sequence of gorgeously furnished vignettes.

Shoe-wise, Gianvito Rossi Spring Summer 2020 Collection is a mingle of rock and roll, disco tunes, and high-speed tempo with the brand’s feminine designs. Represented by the multi-brand fashion house I.T, Venilla suite launches the Bridal Collection, featuring timeless glittering heels polished with ribbons. KURT GEIGER’s high heels with sparkling beads and faux-croc complement any nuptials style with ease.
The golden standard

The luster in the jewelry will definitely turn heads.

**King Fook**
- The Gold Earrings from the Chinese Frame Collection bestow the wish of ‘perfection’ on the wearer with its circle shape that signifies eternity and harmony.

**Cartier**
- The Broussac de Cartier Ring is made of 18K pink gold and diamonds to denote marital bliss and glitz.

**Annamaria Cammilli**
- Based on the concept of a slender ribbon twirling as if in constant motion, the 18K Gold Diamond Ring from the SERIE UNO collection features a minimalist design with one single diamond as its focal point.

**Cartier**
- The 18K gold Juste un Clou Ring is an act of style that adds a modern twist to the traditional engagement ring.

**Stenzhorn**
- The luxury jewellery creator Stenzhorn has devised a 18K White Gold Diamond Ring with sparkly butterflies that is both fun and refined.

**Swarovski**
- The exotic Tropical Ring from Swarovski’s latest Spring Summer 2020 collection sparks desire by illuminating far-flung tropical destinations.

**Swarovski**
- Taking inspiration from the mystical night sky, the Starry Night Moon Ring’s rose-gold tone plate glittering with the crystals is a symbolism of hopes and dreams.

**The one ring**

Floral, symmetric patterns or brilliantly-cut diamonds?

**Cartier**
- The Coup d’Éclat de Cartier Ring expresses style through shape, presence, and one-of-a-kind design by casting convention aside.

**Chopard**
- The fancy 7.5 ct yellow pear-shaped diamond is fascinating with a brilliant cut.

**FRED**
- Utilizing polished double curves, the 8°0 Collection Ring in pink gold with diamonds represents the ties that bind hearts and minds together.

**Chanel**
- The Josephine Aube Pratinaire Eternity is from the Crown Your Love Collection, Chanel’s precious take on the engagement ring that is bound with versatility.
Add a contemporary touch to your espousal style

**Diamonds are a girl’s best friend**

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**Annamaria Cammilli**
Designed by internationally-acclaimed Florentine jeweller Annamaria Cammilli, the 18K Gold Diamond Earrings in exquisite floral shapes is a modest and yet sophisticated addition to resplendent wears.

**Swarovski**
The Tropical Leave Earrings sparks desire by illuminating heat, energy, and glamour with vibrant colors and bold tropical forms.

**Swarovski**
The Starry Night Heart Earrings is an amiable rendition of crystal fascinations.

**Swarovski**
The Full Blessing Fu Pierced Earrings reinterprets the Chinese character ‘fu’, meaning ‘fortune’ and ‘good luck’, with a vivacious circular motif.

**Tiffany & Co.**
The Tiffany T Two Circle Pendants are modern and dynamic necklaces crafted in 18K gold, sterling silver, and titanium with brilliant round diamonds.

**Cartier**
The wearer of this edgy Panthère de Cartier Ear Cuff & Pendant Earrings will have a majestic panther curling up behind her ears, whilst the hoop earrings are inverted.

**Tiffany & Co.**
The Tiffany T Wireless Bracelet recreates bold, refined architectural lines of the letter T to evoke strength and resilience.

**Chaumet**
The contemporary Diane Tiara is a delicate evocation of princess play in every little girl’s imagination and far-flung memories.

**Tiffany & Co.**
The Stunning Ginkgo Brooch from the exotic Stunning Collection dial up the glamour and shines with pops of brilliant green and gold-toned plate.
Top Picks

**Taste of merriness**

Splurge on some delectable, exquisite goodies for the newlyweds

- **Marks & Spencer**
  - Coteaux Varois En Provence; A light dry and fruity rose with red fruit and floral aromas

- **Johnnie Walker**

- **MCM**
  - Patricia Round Crossbody Wallet in Diamon Patent Leather; Wallet in patent leather, 2 x 12 x 10 cm

- **Sugarfina**
  - Sugarfina Candy Cubes packaged with a custom label to match your theme

- **Vive Cake Boutique**
  - VIVE Be My Valentine; An elegant naked cake made with red velvet buttercake and cream cheese frosting

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  - Jelly Love Letters Red; Love-letter fruit jelly

**For the bride**

A mix of opulent and hip items to pamper the ladies

- **1 Ercolano**
  - Ferris Klimt; Wooden music and jewelry box, 17 x17 x17 cm

- **2 MoMA**
  - Lovebox Messenger; A tactile alternative to ring and text tones on smartphones

- **3 Swarovski**
  - Crystalline Glam Watch; Leather strap and rose-gold tone

- **Olfaction N’**
  - Desert Rose Eau de Toilette; Lightly scented cologne formulated with the essential oil from Rosa Damascus; 75ml

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