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By Kim Mah



## Love ITALIAN STYLE

You may already adore the Max Mara label for its elegant iconic coats, but you've never been able to get your hands on the Italian luxury designer's bridal collection. Until now, that is. The first-ever Max Mara Bridal shop in all of North America has opened inside the new Max Mara flagship store in Vancouver. Featuring flowing romantic lines and sumptuous fabrics, the Italian-made gowns are stunning in their simplicity, exuding glamour without ostentation. The store keeps sizes of each gown in stock, so with the help of in-house dressmakers, you can take your gown home as soon as the next day. Prices range from \$2,800 to \$5,000. 3025 Granville Street, Vancouver, 604-257-2350 (by appointment only).



### SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Planning a small wedding doesn't mean it can't be gorgeous. Going to the Chapel is a new service in Vancouver that provides affordable intimate ceremonies in lovely settings, like the elegant green solarium in heritage Hycroft Mansion. A basic wedding package starts at \$950 and includes seating for 20 guests and the services of a hostess and a registered marriage commissioner. You can also choose from a wide selection of reasonably priced add-ons, from champagne and canapés to flowers and photography. [goingtothechapel.ca](http://goingtothechapel.ca)

## CALLING ALL SHANGRI-LA BRIDES!

IF YOU WERE MARRIED, OR ARE JUST ABOUT TO MARRY, AT THE LUXURIOUS SHANGRI-LA HOTEL VANCOUVER, YOU'RE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER OUR FABULOUS NEW CONTEST! The hotel is celebrating its five-year anniversary this year by giving one lucky couple a chance to celebrate their own anniversary in spectacular Shangri-La style.

The opulent prize package, valued at \$6,200, includes:

- Two-night stay in the stunning penthouse Orchid Suite
- Champagne and strawberries upon arrival
- Five-course tasting menu dinner with wine pairings at MARKET by Jean-Georges
- Couples' Enchanted Journey at CHI, The Spa
- Breakfast in bed each morning

**Plus**, your wedding will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Real Weddings*! To enter your own Shangri-La wedding into the contest, go to [realweddings.ca/contests/shangrila](http://realweddings.ca/contests/shangrila)



Contest closes August 31, 2014 and is open only to couples who were married at the Shangri-La Hotel Vancouver between January 24, 2009 and the contest closing date. Only Canadian residents are eligible. Full contest details available online.



### EDIBLE ART

Delicious sweet treats are a must at every wedding, but you also want them to look beautiful.

That's where Cake

By Annie comes in

— Vancouver's Annie

McTavish is a triple-threat: a

painter, sculptor and pastry chef.

In addition to creating lovely wedding cakes, she draws on her artistic background to painstakingly handpaint custom designs on sugar cookies and cupcakes, as well as entire cakes. Prices start at \$6 per cookie, with a minimum order of 12. Cookies can also be packaged individually as ready-to-go wedding favours. How sweet is that? [cakebyannie.com](http://cakebyannie.com)



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## Lingerie that Inspires

The words lingerie and empowerment aren't often seen together, but they're a natural fit for new Vancouver lingerie line You & Her. On top of designing comfortable and beautiful pieces for your big day (and every day), the local entrepreneurs donate their profits to empower girls throughout Africa and help them stay in school. Plus, the sheer lacy pieces make for thoughtful and pretty bridesmaid gifts. You & Her's bandeaus and panties start at \$24 and can be purchased on their online shop, or at Woo to See You in Yaletown. [you-her.com](http://you-her.com)

