

BEAUTIFUL BRIDE
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FULL BLOOM

Two innovative
florists share
their tips and trends

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Our signature style is highly creative, unique and striking. We use only the best-quality elements, regardless of budget. Part of our style is the ability to use flowers and other elements creatively to convey the theme or atmosphere of weddings.

There's a definite move towards heavier, dramatic colours like black, deep reds and dark purples, lots of matt gold and creams. Heavy embroidery and sequinned textures will make a comeback. Bright splashes of colour are still a popular choice and these will be taken to another level by combining them with even brighter vases and colourful tablecloths.

2013's been characterised by a return to bigger floral centrepieces, rather than many smaller ones. This trend will continue with very dramatic high arrangements becoming more popular. Much inspiration is drawn from Dolce & Gabbana's spring collection – heavy golds, blacks and darker colours with lace and interesting, rough textures.

A major wedding trend is the use of art deco concepts and geometric shapes – bolder graphics and stripes. Florals will hint at *The Great Gatsby* theme, which is highly popular this year. Expect more patterned art deco glass vases, striking and colourful flowers with a masculine touch.

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TREND WATCH: Carl Isaacs' 2013 Wedding Make-up and Hair Trend Forecast anticipated the increasing popularity of floral headpieces. Expect to see more floral accessories for weddings – from necklaces to bracelets, hats and even handbags made of flowers.

TOP BUDGET TIP: Use beautiful vases! Select them as carefully as the rest of your table decor: striking vases mean flowers can be less complicated and much more affordable.



Photographers: Juné Joubert, Tasha Secombe & Kristi Agler.
Floral headpiece photographer: Jacques van Zyl. Make-up: Carl Isaacs



NDONI'S *beautiful day*

Vibrant colours in a beautiful garden setting characterised the marriage of Ndoni Khanyile and David Isaacs in Franschhoek



THE MEETING

David and I met while shooting a film called *Skeem* in the Karoo in 2010.

THE PROPOSAL

It wasn't conventional. David was living in Cape Town, while I was still based in Johannesburg. The phone was our lifeline! We spent hours on it talking about everything – our values, the future and our families. We both knew very early on that we wanted to share our lives with one another. He's my best friend.

THE PLANNING

We had our traditional wedding on my father's farm in Mpumalanga, so we wanted the second ceremony to take place closer to David's family. We spent months exploring incredible venues around the winelands and coastal areas. As soon as we saw La Petite Dauphine in Franschhoek, we knew it was everything we wanted.



Bright flowers adorned the cake in blue, Ndoni's favourite colour



THE BIG DAY

Our venue was in the most beautiful corner of the Franschhoek valley, so we wanted our guests to enjoy a long, lazy day outdoors. Blue is my favourite colour, so we started with a beautiful, blue-themed lunch in the courtyard, with speeches and a jazz band. I wore a blue dress. After the meal our guests walked down the gardens to the lakeside ceremony area, where we exchanged vows at sunset with the magnificent mountains as our backdrop. Then we led everyone back to the reception area, which had been transformed into a stunning dance floor in red (David's favourite colour). Kim, our wedding co-ordinator, translated our ideas so beautifully that all we had to do was relax and enjoy ourselves.

FABULOUS FAVOURS

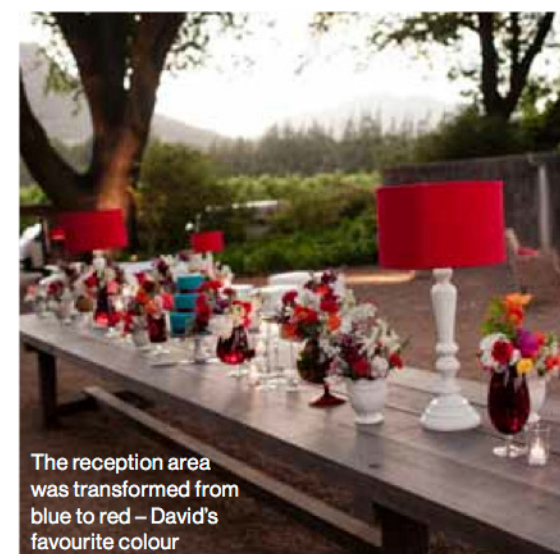
We chose macaroons in little, clear boxes with a "thank you" tag attached as our favours. Their flavours were chai, chocolate, vanilla, pistachio, salty peanut brittle and Amarula (to bring in the South African element). This worked well straight after lunch, as dessert was only served later, after the ceremony.

NDONI'S LITTLE WHITE ADDRESS BOOK

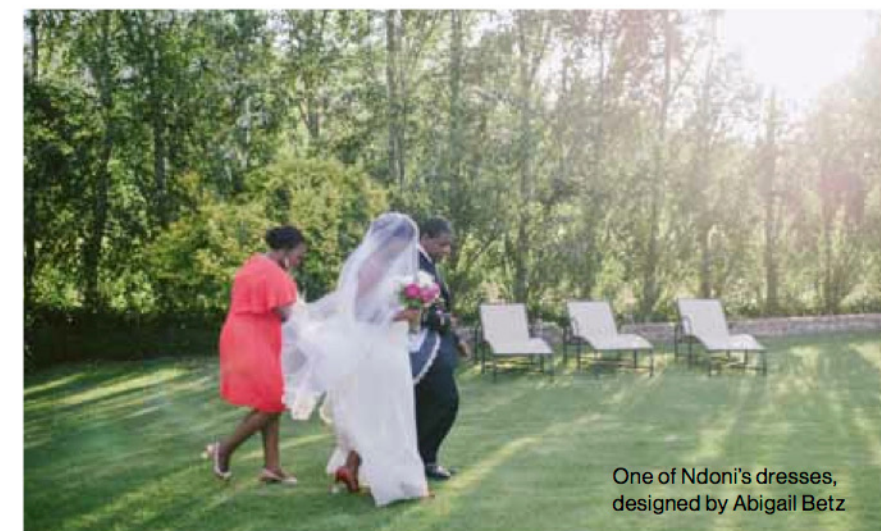
Venue – La Petite Dauphine, 021 876 3936, www.lapetitedauphine.co.za

Wedding planner – Wedding Concepts, 021 426 5783, www.weddingconcepts.co.za

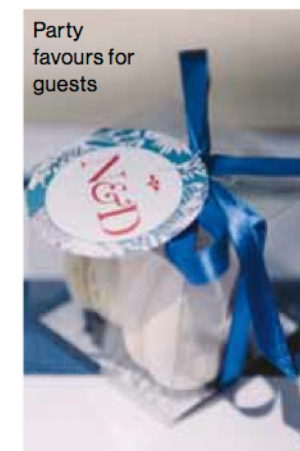
Flowers and table decor – Heike @ Fleur le Cordeur, 082 621 7455, www.fleurlecordeur.co.za



The reception area was transformed from blue to red – David's favourite colour



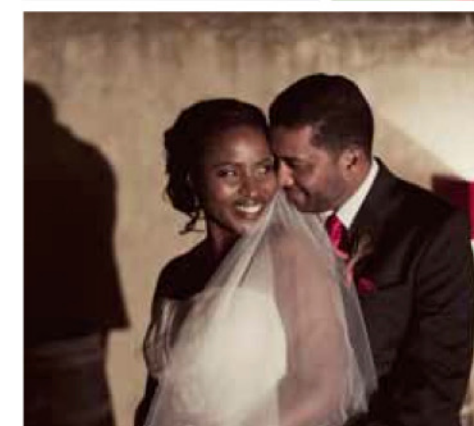
One of Ndoni's dresses, designed by Abigail Betz



Party favours for guests



The couple sharing their first dance



Ndoni is an actress, poet and host of eNCA show Tech Report. David is a film and TV actor and co-creator of the stage show Joe Barber

