

Bronwen & Steve Fox



VENUE Garden of bride's parents' home in Kloof, Durban
 DÉCOR STYLE Classic elegance and gentle romance
 DATE 10 April 2010
 GUESTS 91
 HOME Auckland, New Zealand



Bronwen Richards (29) was living with

four of her best varsity mates in London in 2003 when Steve Fox (37) moved into the flat next door. “He was a good, friendly Kiwi bloke and soon became friends with all of us. However Steve and I figured out there was more to our neighbourly friendship when we kept finding ourselves hanging out on the balcony trying to ‘bump’ into each other. One day he finally asked me out on a date, and since then we’ve never looked back.”

Steve whisked Bronwen off to Waiheke Island (an Island just off the coast of Auckland, New Zealand) to celebrate 5 years together. “We went for a walk and ended up on the top of a point where we had the most beautiful view of the ocean and other islands, when he suddenly dropped to one knee and asked me to marry him. It was beautiful. He then took me for a romantic lunch at one of the vineyards on the island before catching the ferry back to Auckland to share the news with family and friends.”

The couple now live in Auckland, New Zealand, but all of Bronwen’s family are still living in South Africa. She says it made sense to get married at home. “It was also a brilliant excuse to get all my in-laws over to visit South Africa – a trip which they will never forget, and hopefully repeat in the future.” They got married in Bronwen’s parents’ garden in Kloof, Durban, and her mother helped coordinate the wedding.

Bronwen says the day was just perfect in every way. “We still cannot believe how blessed we were for everything to turn out better than we ever dreamed

possible; it still feels like it was a fairytale. The overriding highlight for both of us was having all of the people nearest and dearest to us there to share our day. We were truly blown away by the extreme efforts everyone made to be there and the distances travelled. There were guests who came from New Zealand, New York, Namibia, Australia, London and from all over South Africa – it is such a special feeling to be surrounded by so much love and support. The other highlight was having my grandparents at our wedding, who have just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary – we couldn’t have better role models for our own marriage.”

Anna Schimmel designed the dress. Says Bronwen: “I met with Anna to talk over my initial dress ideas, and when Anna showed me the lace I instantly fell in love with it - and the rest of the dress pretty much designed itself.”

A saxophonist played before, during and after the ceremony, which added a classic and romantic feel. Bronwen walking down the aisle to ‘What a wonderful world’ played by the solo sax was beautiful, and DJ Clynton Lund kept everyone dancing until the wee hours.



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