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Soumaya & Winslow

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WILDEST *DREAMS*



A **North Shore** couple celebrates the bride's **Moroccan heritage** with a **multicultural wedding celebration**—and lots of outfit changes.

SOUMAYA MAJOUT AND WINSLOW BENT met online right before the world shut down, but the current events didn't deter their love. Rather, it flourished, and Winslow proposed around Thanksgiving 2021. They spent the holidays sharing their love with friends and family—and as the new year dawned, dug into planning a complex multicultural and multi-event wedding.

The festivities began with an Islamic wedding ceremony across the ocean with Soumaya's family in Belgium. Back home in the States a few months later, the newlyweds hosted 80 guests at a private estate on the North Shore for a stunning reception.

At the end of a long green walkway, guests were greeted with milk and dates, a sign of welcoming and celebration in Soumaya's Moroccan culture, before entering the tented reception space, where halal stations were offered in place of a sit-down meal. "We wanted the party to feel like being in a dream, with subtle notes of Islamic design and Moroccan vernacular," the couple shares. "The inspiration was Casablanca meets North Shore," adds planner Michelle Durpetti. "We used whites, creams and nudes with texture and greenery, and details that felt really residential versus 'wedding.' That was a big element we decided on early: Everything was designed with the intention of welcoming."

The bride wore four different looks, each with its own symbolism, color palette and intricate accessories; and the centerpiece of the Moroccan event was the traditional wedding chair, or *amariya*, crafted in Morocco by the bride's cousin and assembled and painted by Winslow and his father. "During the reception, the groomsmen lift the bride up and carry her around the in the chair, and she's throwing petals," Durpetti says. It was the bride's favorite moment of the day—and just the dream she had envisioned. ■



The List

Venue Private Estate

Wedding Planner Michelle Durpetti Events, durpettievents.com

Bride's Gowns Zuhair Murad, Lovella Bridal, lovellabridal.com; Fatim Filali Idrissi, instagram.com/fatim.filali.idrissi.official; Houda Larini, instagram.com/larinihouda

Bride's Jewelry Cartier, cartier.com; Chopard, chopard.com; Messika, messika.com

Hair & Makeup Bride: GM Beauty & Couture, instagram.com/glam_chaima; Hala Beauty Spa, halabeauty.com; Bridal Party: Magnificent Brides Hair and Makeup, magnificentbrides.com

Groom's Tux Zegna, zegna.com

Rings Graff, graff.com

Styling G ALXNDR, galxndr.com

Florals HMR Designs, hmrdesigns.com

Catering Niche & Co., nicheandcoevents.com

Cake Flourish Cake Design, flourishcakedesign.com

Rentals The Festive Frog, thefestivefrog.com

Invitations Smitten Boutique, smittenboutique.com

Lighting FROST, frostchicago.com

Tent PRO EM National Event Services, proem.org

Entertainment Aragon Artists, aragonartists.com

Accommodations The Peninsula Chicago, peninsula.com

Videographer Hunter Floyd Films, hunterfloydfilms.com

Clockwise from top left: The cake; the couple brought Casablanca to the North Shore through decor; chic ivory place settings; the bride wore a few different traditional gowns; Soumaya with her emerald-clad bridesmaids. Opposite: The newlyweds posed for a portrait.



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