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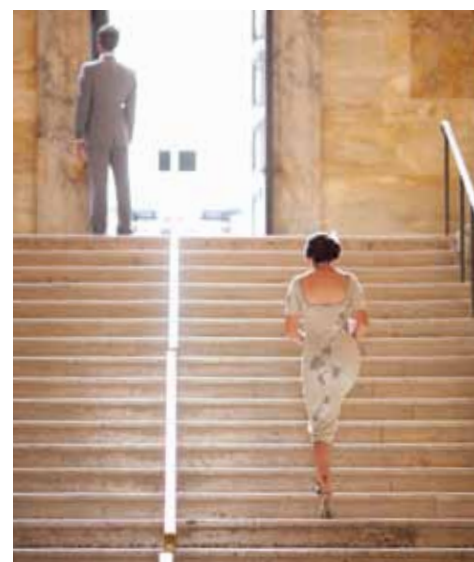
For Caitlin and Simon Colley, planning their big day from a distance was just another wedding hurdle to get through, but not one they felt intimidated by. The couple was accustomed to long flights and dispersed families - Caitlin is originally from Connecticut and Simon, a born-and-bred Aussie. The pair met while working for Outward Bound in Boston so it only seemed fitting that their wedding soiree would take place in this romantic city.

The Boston Public Library (BPL) provided the intrigue for the couple's ceremony and reception, a spot the newlyweds would often visit early on in their relationship. "We held the ceremony in the courtyard of one of the most magnificent places in all of Boston," says Caitlin. The primary goal, or theme, was to create a look that both Caitlin and Simon could feel good about. "Adjectives that describe me," says Caitlin, "...edgy, scrappy, thrifty. Adjectives that describe Simon: stable, clean, crisp."

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These contrasting styles resulted in a beautiful arrangement of opposites that worked so well when pieced together: burlap and orchids, readings from Jack Johnson and Shakespeare, contemporary music and a string quartet. "We drew inspiration from European outdoor bistros, but tried not to be too tied to anything in particular," says Caitlin. "We didn't have 'colors,' but the choices we made were very intentional." The food menu was sweet with fashionable presentation: a tower of tarts, chocolate covered strawberries and mini-cakes decorated one table; the cake, a raspberry vanilla chiffon with vanilla meringue buttercream.

Wedding coordinator Eliza Rafferty of the BPL assisted the couple in making decisions on the wedding day timeline and aided in managing their vendors. "They both definitely had clear ideas of what



Much thought was given to the delicacies of the evening, all posh presentations prepared by The Catered Affair.



The courtyard of the Boston Public Library, according to Caitlin, is one of the most magnificent places in the city.



they wanted their wedding to be, from the look to the feel," says Eliza. "I think for Simon and Caitlin this really was a huge DIY wedding - but it was important to have someone to bring everything together so they could enjoy their wedding!"

One undeniably important vendor for the Colley wedding was their photographer, Caroline Tran. Initially, the pair opted out of wedding photography altogether, but thought twice after seeing the images of their engagement session. Shooting in Boston was a new experience for Caroline and the pleasure was all hers. "I just love Caitlin and Simon," she says. "They are really genuine people with a deep connection to each other. The three of us also had great chemistry, which made it really fun to work together."

WEDDING COORDINATOR: ELIZA RAFFERTY OF BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY. CEREMONY LOCATION & RECEPTION VENUE: BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY. CATERING & CAKE/DESSERT: THE CATERED AFFAIR. BRIDAL GOWN: VITAGE THROUGH ETSY. BRIDAL ACCESSORIES: VEIL BY PRISCILLA OF BOSTON. BRIDESMAID DRESSES: J.CREW, FREE PEOPLE & JESSICA MCCLINTOCK. GROOM'S ATTIRE: YUEN'S TAILOR OF HONG KONG. GROOMSMEN ATTIRE: AUSTIN REED. HAIR: SALON MONET. MAKEUP: ALISHA CRATTY. WEDDING BANDS: BRIDE: VINTAGE, GROOM: JESSE DANGER. INVITATIONS & PAPER PRODUCTS: MINTED.COM. FAVORS: LINDA KULINSKI. CEREMONY MUSIC: THE BOSTON STRING QUARTET. OFFICIANT: SHERYL KENT-BORTON. RECEPTION ENTERTAINMENT: MIXTILL6. REHEARSAL DINNER: AMRHEINS RESTAURANT.