

Timeless elegance was the order of the day, with the groom and his groomsmen opting for charcoal vintage-inspired tuxedos, and the bride choosing a classic ivory strapless Alvina Valenta gown of French Alençon lace.



Jennifer Kerr *and* Terry McBride

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# Sweet Harmony

Two music (and yoga) lovers unite in an intimate and elegant backyard ceremony

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*“We met at the airport on the way* to the same 10-day yoga retreat in Tulum, and have been inseparable ever since,” says Jennifer Kerr of her new husband Terry McBride.

It was an instant connection that surprised them both, and was strengthened by many shared interests and coincidences: before meeting they lived a block apart, they both owned vacation properties on the same stretch of B.C. coastline, they’re both entrepreneurs, serious yogis, and they share a deep love for and professional connection to music (Jennifer is a real estate appraiser and former classical piano instructor, and Terry is the CEO of Nettwerk Music Group and YYoga).

Back in Vancouver, the inseparable pair continued to bond over yoga dates. Then, “Terry proposed exactly one year to the day of our first date at the same restaurant,” says Jennifer, who became pregnant the following year, and had their daughter Ava three months before their wedding last September.

“We really wanted an outdoor setting for our special day and right away knew it was the perfect location,” says Jennifer of the “absolutely beautiful” private residence in Vancouver, “with an acre of mature gardens, a gazebo, a water fountain, a barn and an open grass area with an apple tree,” which hosted 100 of their closest friends and family.

“Erin Bishop of Filosphi Events executed our vision to each and every detail,” says Jennifer of the rustic French-vintage garden-themed wedding that she and Terry envisioned together.

“We had such a fun time planning our special day, from designing our invitations to the bridal party dresses,” she says.

Adds Terry, “About a month before the wedding, each night we would go through all of our music to narrow down our final song selections. We had so much fun picking out all of our own music for the ceremony, reception, and music for dancing in the barn. There was a lot of laughing, singing, storytelling and dancing involved.”

Their late-afternoon ceremony took place in the home’s front garden, with antiqued lanterns marking each row of rustic cross-back Sonoma chairs. “The ceremony arch was covered in jasmine vine and clematis,” says Jennifer, “Cailyn Bays from Delovely Creative did an incredible job with our décor.”

The couple chose personal and non-traditional music for their walk down and up the aisle. “We had a live acoustic guitarist play instrumental versions of ‘Bloom’ by Paper Kites for walking down the aisle and ‘Wagon Wheel’ by Old Crow Medicine Show for walking out as a married couple,” says Jennifer.



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## *The Dream Team*

### Photographer

Ophelia & Romeo Photographers  
opheliaandromeo.com

### Venue

Private residence, Vancouver

### Wedding Planner

Filosofi Events  
filosofi.com

### Bride's Dress

Alvina Valenta, from Bisou Bridal  
bisoubridal.com

### Bridesmaid Dresses

Alison Hartford for Manuel Mendoza  
manuelmendoza.com

### Hair

ML Makeup Artistry  
mlmakeup.com

### Groom's & Groomsmen Outfits

The Tux Store  
thetuxstore.com

### Décor, Stationery & Flowers

Delovely Creative  
delovelycreative.com

### Invitations

John Rummen, Netzwerk Productions  
(friend of couple)

### Catering

Savoury Chef Foods  
savourychef.com

### Officiant

Friend of couple

### Disc Jockey

Brent Faddes (DJ BFAD)  
vancouver-dj.ca

### Live Music

Rob Hamilton, SideOne  
sideone.ca




“We even had one of our good friends officiate the ceremony, which made it that much more personal and emotional,” says Terry.

Guests then moved to the backyard for live music, cocktails and canapés, where lanterns were hung in the trees and along the pathways, illuminating lounge areas set up throughout the grounds. “We had vintage furniture under the apple tree with chandeliers to inspire an indoor look outside,” says Jennifer, “and we had one large clear tent with chandeliers for the dining area,” where guests were directed to next.

“Savoury Chef Foods did a wonderful job providing our food and drinks,” says Terry. “We had chef stations so people could choose what they wanted, and to create a nice flow for people to mingle,” he adds of the fresh, local and natural options like quinoa cakes with wild mushrooms and braised leeks or the roasted wild salmon with wasabi-scented edamame purée and ponzu reduction. “We also had a yummy dessert station to suit every kind of sweet tooth,” notes Jennifer.

After dinner, the couple and their guests moved into the barn along a pathway lit by lanterns, where the ceiling was strung with café lights and the walls draped in white fabric, for a night of dancing and joyous celebration.

“It was a truly magical day to marry my soul mate, best friend and my love in front of close friends and family,” says Terry. 



The ceremony took place in the front yard before moving to the back for a tented reception featuring cocktails, tasty West Coast fare and live music. The vintage-rustic theme continued throughout, from the retro-inspired lounge area to the organic styling of the florals and homey touches like chalkboards, mason jars and old-fashioned lanterns.



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