



COVER LOOK Photographer Ed Miles. Fashion director Bryony Toogood. Hair Laurence Close for Tabitha James Kraan Organic Hair Care. Make-up Salina Thind, using CHANEL Les Beiges and CHANEL Hydra Beauty Camellia Water Cream. Model Johanna S at Milk Model Management. Embroidered tulle dress, POA, Zuhair Murad at thewedding-club.co.uk. Three-row illusion chandelier earrings with white diamonds set in 18kt white gold, POA, davidmorris.com. 'Vintage' design ring with a marquise-cut diamond set in platinum, POA, boodles.com. Bouquet (jasmine, anemones, sweet peas, O'Hara and spray roses, ranunculus and foliage), from £100, wildatheart.com

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Big day Lookbook

FIVE PAGES OF ITALIAN INSPO

Could there be a more elegant place to host your day than a 19th-century Italian villa?

This beautifully romantic shoot, styled by luxury wedding planners Mitheo Events, took place at the historic Villa Erba on the shores of Lake Como – the dreamiest setting for a fairytale celebration with its magnificent halls and sweeping gardens. Florals by Il Fiore all'Occhiello in a rich palette of berry hues set the opulent tone, complemented by striking tablescapes full of bespoke stationery, cascading foliage and flickering candles. And for the bride? A decadently glamorous wardrobe of designer gowns and luxurious lingerie, with pretty appliqués, twinkling crystals and vertiginous heels. La Dolce Vita never looked so good...

STATIONERY Invitation and envelope, £9, menu, £3, and name card, £3, all brightwhite.gr. Metallic flowers, £13 each, tablecloth, £393, and ribbon, £3 per metre, all mitheoevents.com. Roses, £2.60 each, orchids, £3 each, and buttonholes (freesia, Ozothamnus, rose), £8.60 each, all fioreallocchiello.it →

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SHELENA DAWOOD

The founder of floral-design and event-styling company Bloam Studio created the stunning tablescape that inspired *Pick and Mix* (page 42). She says: 'I love juxtaposing contemporary design with the undone beauty of Mother Nature. Ultimately, flowers make people happy – and who doesn't want more of that on their wedding day?!'



LAUREN HEPBURN

Our newly promoted online & social media manager has worked in print and digital at *Brides*. While probably best known as the unofficial model in our Wedding Dress Wednesday Insta series, she's always working behind the scenes on all things digital. She says: 'My favourite part of the job is being editor of Real Weddings Online. It's great to work on content that's so full of joy!'



MICHAEL THOMSON

Our acting art director this issue has worked at *Brides* for four years, working his magic across both our editorial and Creative Partnerships content. He says: '*Brides* is a dream to design because every page is full of gorgeous ideas, beautiful images and total wedding inspiration. It has been a wonderful eight weeks pulling this issue together.'



MICHAELA THEODORAKAKOU

Michaela is the founder of Mitheo Events, a luxury wedding and event company that offers a bespoke destination-wedding planning and design service in Italy. Michaela and her team worked with top suppliers to curate our *Big-Day Lookbook* shoot in a 19th-century villa on Lake Como – turn to page 31 to see the breathtaking results.

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TABLE Floral displays (including vases, hydrangeas, roses, orchids, astilbe and greenery), £170 each, flower heads on table (including orchids, roses and hydrangea), £52, candelabra with candles, £40, candle holders with candles, £8.60 each, and jars with tea lights, £3.40 each, all to hire, fiorealocchiello.it. **Table**, £85, **chairs**, £9 each, **flutes and glasses**, 60p each, **plates**, £3 each, and **cutlery**, 40p per piece, all to hire, smacrent.com. **Napkins**, £21 each, and **ribbon**, £3 per metre, both mitheoevents.com.



‘An unconventional floral arch created a romantic yet contemporary vibe’
Michaela at Mitheo Events



PLACE SETTING Small plate, 60p, **charger plate**, £3, and **cutlery**, 30p per piece, all to hire, smacrent.com. **Tablecloth**, £393, **napkin**, £20, and **brocade lace flowers**, £13 each, all mitheoevents.com. **Place card**, £3, and **menu**, £5, both brightwhite.gr. **Wine glasses**, 38p each, **water glasses**, 50p each, and **flutes**, 50p each, all to hire, smacrent.com. **Candelabra**, £40, to hire, **jar with tea light**, as before, **mini bouquet (orchids in a silver jar)**, £17, and **roses**, as before, all fiorealocchiello.it **BRIDE** Gown, POA, Galia Lahav at bboutique.gr. **Bouquet** (roses, astilbe, freesias, orchids, eucalyptus, ruscus), £100, fiorealocchiello.it. **Headpiece**, POA, frangos-jewelry.gr **NAPKIN** Ribbon, napkin and buttonhole, all as before **SEMI ARCHES** (ivy, roses, hydrangea, astilbe, orchids), £2,500, fiorealocchiello.it →





URN Floral arrangement (including hydrangeas, roses, clematis, anthurium, astilbe, eucalyptus, ruscus and monstera), £260, [fiorealocchiello.it](#). **Chair** (just seen), £3, to hire, [smacrent.com](#). **PLACE SETTING** Name card, tablecloth and tea-light holder, all as before. **Plate**, 60p, and **cutlery**, 34p per piece, all to hire, [smacrent.com](#). **Flowers**, as before. **BRIDE** Boudoir lingerie, POA, [primalicia.com](#). **Furniture** (just seen), £256 (for sofa and two armchairs), to hire, [smacrent.com](#). **BUTTONHOLES** Flowers, ribbon and tablecloth, all as before →



‘Neo-baroque tableware and handcrafted details gave a regal feel’
Michaela at Mitheo Events



TABLE Tableware, as before. **Flowers** (anthurium, hydrangeas, roses and greenery), £52, [fiorealocchiello.it](#). **BOUQUET** Flowers, as before. **Beaded gown**, POA, Galia Lahav at [bboutique.gr](#). **STATIONERY** Illustrated invitation, £10, [brightwhite.gr](#). **Pieces of hydrangea head**, £4 each, [fiorealocchiello.it](#). **BRIDE** Boudoir lingerie, POA, [primalicia.com](#). **Shoes**, POA, Sergio Rossi at [kalogirou.com](#). **Furniture**, as before

All hair and make-up by Samantha Pretto

All prices quoted are approximate and converted from Euros **13**