

MARRY ME IN PARIS

HAPPY & TIAN



Names & Ages: Happy Dong (28) Tian Luo (34)

Location: Seattle, WA

Tian's Occupation: Tech Product Manager

Happy's Occupation: Artist

Wedding Date: Flexible

Approximate Wedding Budget: 20-30K

Approximate Guest List: 120 guests

The Backstory... Happy is originally from Beijing and moved to the states when she was seven years old, whereas Tian, who is originally from Shanghai, moved to Canada when he was two years old. They both met back in 2012 while working together at Microsoft in San Francisco. They were best friends for years, always confiding in each other when a relationship went sour (or even when it was hot and heavy!). After many breakups and dating horror stories on both sides, they decided to give a romantic relationship a try and have been in love ever since.

Their Dream Wedding... The theme of their wedding is East Meets West, as they will need to incorporate their Chinese heritage into their big day with modern elements. Their list of non-negotiables include Chinese lanterns, fireworks, paper flowers and the color red *everywhere*. They want to serve their 120 guests a "hot pot" meal, a Chinese cooking method prepared with a simmering pot of soup stock in the middle of each table. They want their venue to be in an outdoor setting, but an elegant one that will also allow firecrackers and partying into the morning, along with an MC that the couple requests will be well-versed in hip-hop. Above all us, Happy wants to be carried in by a traditional Chinese procession line, where she'll be sitting in a decked-out throne that is carried by four men.

Why Now... This couple needs Billy and Paolo's help now more than ever, as their lives have been nothing but planning. They've recently taken a leap of faith and purchased a new home to build roots in a new city. In addition to the stressors of selling their previous home, buying a new home, and renovating, Tian also left behind a lucrative career to find a new job in Seattle. The daily headache of planning and budgeting has driven them to insanity, so they need Billy and Paolo to plan this wedding for them or else they worry they won't ever make it down the aisle.

Challenges for Billy and Paolo... Paolo will be tasked to create a traditional Chinese gown in red, which will certainly stray from the classic, white gowns that he is a pro at designing. There are many traditions that Billy will need to facilitate that surpass the ceremony and reception as well. For instance, he will need to set up a morning scavenger hunt and series of challenges for Tian, as he tries to win over the bride's family for their daughter's hand in marriage. Happy and Tian are expecting a celebration that not only reflects their culture, but is also a night that they- and their guests- will never forget.