

# Sparks Flew

Julie and Drafus celebrated their marriage with fireworks and traditional Balinese dancing under the stars

C hampagne and roses replaced Guns N' Roses when Drafus Chow and Julie Godin got married. Drafus and Julie were friends for two years before anything happened – and then they got together at a rock concert.

"I was travelling wherever the wind took me," says Julie. "Then Drafus invited me to a Guns N' Roses concert in Taipei. And that's how it all started."

The couple courted for four years before Drafus asked his beloved for her hand in marriage.

"He proposed on a Sunday afternoon when I was watching

TV in bed," says Julie. "He did the whole down-on-one-knee-thing and was very shy and awkward about it. It was too funny to say no."

"So I decided to marry the guy."

At first, the couple wanted to elope. "But our mothers weren't exactly keen on it," says Julie. "So we decided to go with Bali."

They put together an intimate guest list that included close friend Williams Belle, who is famous for being a founder of parkour – the daredevil discipline that involves running, jumping and climbing over obstacles in an urban environment.

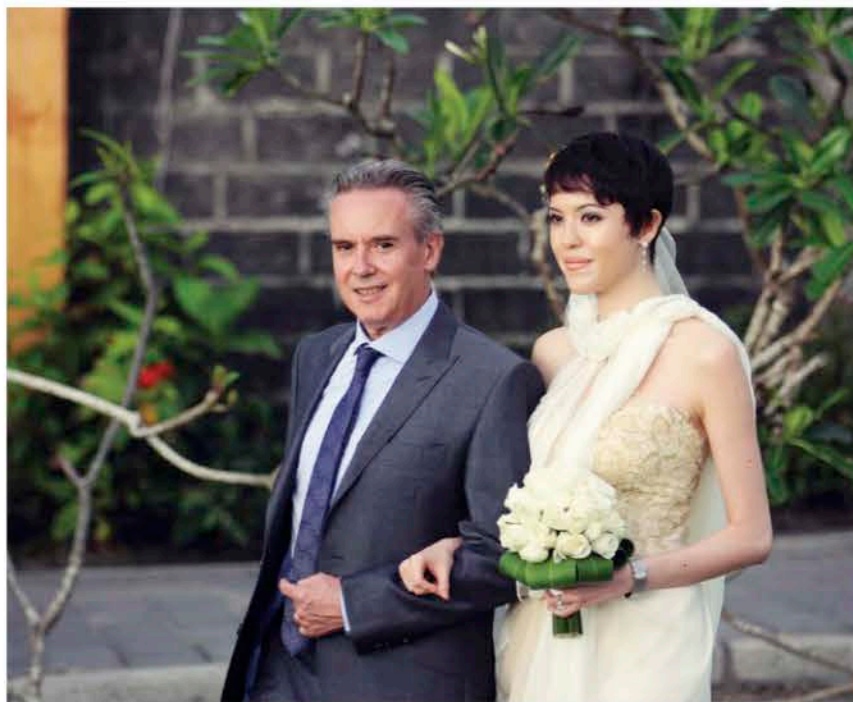


JULIE & DRAFUS

WEDDING November 2, 2013  
WHERE Hotel Tugu Bali, Canggu Beach, Bali







Belle is also a photographer and was entrusted to record the day alongside a photographer from Hotel Tugu Bali, where the couple held their special day.

Julie's choice of dress was perfect for the hotel's relaxed vibe and traditional Balinese setting. "I wanted something ethereal, soft, comfortable and light that would flow in the wind," she says.

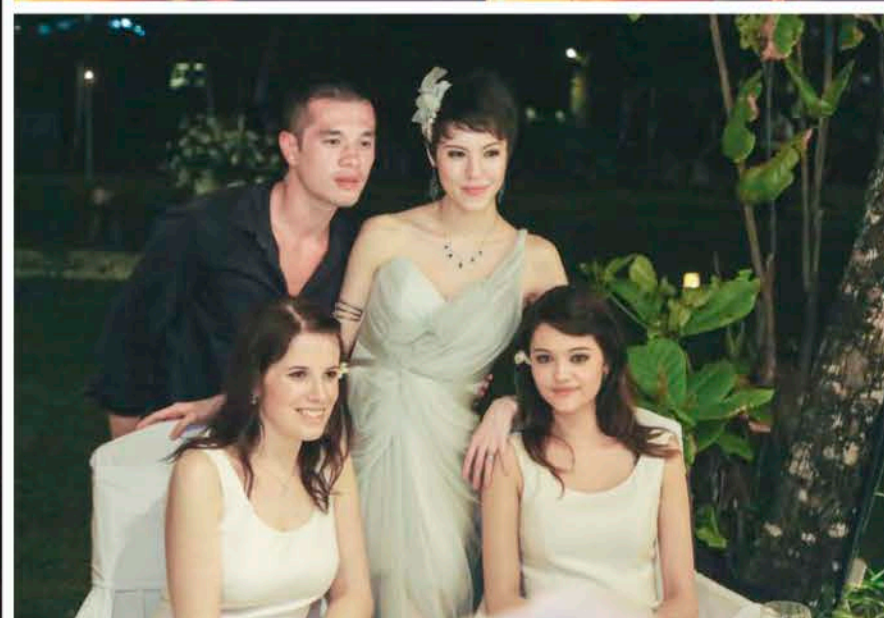
She worked with former Vera Wang designer Vivian Luk, to create a dress that was inspired by the Lord of the Rings novels. "I wanted it to feel like something an elven princess would wear."

Her groom was mesmerised as she floated down the aisle on that tropical Saturday in November. "When I saw Julie coming towards me with her dad, it was the best feeling I could ever have had," he says. "All the reasons I asked her to marry me were bundled within that moment."

Julie's 'confetti moment' happened a little later. "When the fuss was over, we were seated underneath the stars by the ocean and entertained by traditional Balinese







musicians and dancers," she says. "It felt like we travelled back in time to a tribal feast. The sounds, movements, and colors put us all into a trance."

After-dinner celebrations continued around the bonfire, with the happy couple enjoying a surprise firework display while nestled amongst pillows and lanterns. As they joined hands and gazed skywards, Drafus says he felt utterly content. "I knew I would be with the woman I loved for the rest of my life."



#### WEDDING VENDORS

##### PHOTOGRAPHS

Williams Belle and Hotel Tugu Bali

##### BRIDESMAIDS

Bespoke gowns by Vivian Luk

##### BRIDEGROOMS

Saint Laurent

##### HONEYMOON

"We'll get to it soon. We've been busy!"

