

July 9 • Burbank
stefania
&
derek

engaged: a year and a half
photography by the vondys.
at Warner Bros. Studios Backlot



The dramatic purple invitation suite was foil stamped in rose gold and designed with a subtle Chihuahua silhouette that invoked the Batman symbol.



THEIR STORY

BRIDE Stefania Mitrano, 36, an eBook production manager at Pearson Education **GROOM** Derek Asaff, 37, a screenwriter **HOW THEY MET** On Match.com **WEDDING STYLE** Aubergine with hints of onyx, charcoal and pewter set the tone for this vintage Hollywood meets sophisticated Gotham City gala on a studio back lot. —CM

After a ceremony at a lush on-set garden, butlers guided the couple's guests to the open-air reception, located amid brownstone buildings on the lot. "We wanted to give our guests a truly unique and authentic Hollywood experience," Stefania says of choosing the venue. A subtle Batman motif provided further odes to the cinematic theme. "Warner Bros. quickly won the bid when they told us we could have as many Batmobiles at our wedding as we wanted!" she says.



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White bouquets and intense purple lisianthus sat atop the long banquet table alongside textured mercury glass votives and vases. Vintage silver cloches held bat masks for guests to wear throughout the night. The superhero theme also parlayed into the menu: Guests dined on “Two-Face” surf and turf.



A moody lounge with billiards tables created a relaxing spot for guests to mix and mingle.



“We designed custom movie posters that depicted Derek, our two Chihuahuas and me in movie parodies,” Stefania says of the reception area accent pieces.



The newlyweds made their grand entrance to the original Batman theme song in the 1966 Batmobile, which stayed parked behind their sweetheart table. “There are no rules to weddings,” Stefania says. “Don’t feel obliged to include things if they aren’t your style. It’s your day—make it your own.”



STEFANIA & DEREK'S
WEDDING INGREDIENTS

- CEREMONY & RECEPTION SITE
Warner Bros. Studios Backlot, Burbank
- PHOTOGRAPHY Justin and Shannon
Vonderach/the vondys. VIDEOGRAPHY
Cloudless Films EVENT PLANNING
& DESIGN Kristin Banta Events FLOWERS
R. Jack Balthazar OFFICIANT Vanessa
Pegram (friend) GOWN Inbal Dror,
Panache Bridal & Eveningwear,
Beverly Hills SHOES Badgley Mischka
- ENGAGEMENT RING Jean Dousset WEDDING
RINGS Bride: Jean Dousset; groom: BlueNile.com
- BRACELET Nadri HAIR & MAKEUP Fiore
Beauty MENSWEAR Klein Epstein & Parker;
shoes: Ted Baker STATIONERY Invitations:
Bliss and Bone; menu cards: Gold Image
Printing RENTALS Classic Party Rentals; Pretty
Vintage Rentals; R. Jack Balthazar CATERING
Warner Bros. Special Events DESSERTS Sprinkles
Cupcakes MUSIC String quartet: Scott
Cummings Music; dinner & after-party: Cowling
Band/West Coast Music PHOTO BOOTH Warner
Bros. Special Events TRANSPORTATION
Shofur; Warner Bros. Special Events
- ACCOMMODATIONS Loews Hotel Hollywood
- GUESTS 88 BUDGET \$\$\$\$\$ (see key, p. 8)