



A Winter WONDERLAND

Cayley & Ian
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Ian and I met in 2004 at Acadia University. Both from the Toronto area, we were lured in by the beautiful east coast of Canada.

When we began planning our wedding, we had initially decided on a typical summer affair. After realizing how much time and effort goes into planning such a detail filled event, we decided to jump the gun and set the date for January 22, 2011. Neither of us are truly winter people but we knew we wanted to do something a little different and agreed it could be absolutely beautiful at that time of year. We also wanted to go for a unique venue rather than the standard banquet hall or golf course setting. The search was over when we found the Capitol Theatre. It had so much character and it was the perfect location for our winter celebration!

While planning, I heard countless times how quickly the day goes by so it was really important for us to have a great photographer to capture the day. I searched online for quite a while and then I came across Manuela Stefan's page. As soon as I saw the image of the winter bride wearing a red cape I knew she would be perfect! Manuela and I (and Ian!) share our love for the colour red! Her style is so unique; we couldn't be happier with how our wedding pictures turned out. We had our engagement shoot in Collingwood on possibly the windiest day of the year but working with Manuela made it easy to be out there. She is so passionate about her work which makes everything a lot of fun!

On our wedding day, one of our favorite moments was when we first saw each other. We had decided to go against tradition and take our pictures prior to the ceremony so we wanted to ensure it was still a special moment. Manuela suggested the most perfect location at the Knox College for this to happen! Ian stood at one end of a covered outdoor walkway with his back to me while I walked towards him for the first time. Manuela captured every second of that great moment impeccably, with every emotion, feeling, and facial expression shining through in her work!

She is so talented and we feel extremely lucky to have met and worked with her. Manuela also writes stunning blogs about her photographic experiences, describing them in words and beautiful images. The moment ours was published, we got amazing reviews from family members and friends. What a nice teaser this was before receiving all our photos! There is not even one single thing we would change about our day: it simply was perfect!

Photography By: [Manuela Stefan Photography](#)

