

WEDDING



DE GUZMAN-LIMCAOCO

Filipino Festivities in San Francisco

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From top: The bride waiting in preparation; the groom moments before the wedding; wedding invites by Katie Fischer Design of New York

Carl DeGuzman and Patricia Limcaoco met when they were studying at Stanford University. “We were both members of the Pilipino American Student Union,” says Limcaoco.

Together for 10 years, DeGuzman proposed while they were both on vacation in El Nido, Palawan, in January 2020.

To keep everyone safe, all guests were required to present proof of COVID-19 vaccination and proof of negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to attending the wedding.

The wedding weekend took place in San Francisco. They started with a welcome cocktail reception at the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park, for all their guests who were coming from out of the Bay Area. “San Francisco had late-spring-like temperatures in February that winter weekend which made all the outdoor activities enjoyable,” says the couple.

This was followed by a Nuptial Mass at Saint Ignatius Church, where the choir learned to sing Fr. Manoling Francisco, SJ’s song I Will Sing Forever for the Recessional Hymn. Fr. Manoling Francisco’s nephew, Gasby (the bride’s cousin) then sang “Tanging Yaman” as the communion hymn. “This beautiful rendition brought us and many of our guests to tears,” says Limcaoco.

The arrhae used was first used at the wedding of the bride’s paternal great-grandparents, Maria Villanueva Kalaw and Jose Roxas Katigbak in June 1934. The coins were minted between 1886 and 1888, were dipped in gold, and are part





of the collection of the bride's great-great-grandmother Pura Garcia Villanueva (the first Queen of the Manila Carnival) who was the wife of Teodoro M. Kalaw.

The arrhae was then used at the weddings of the bride's paternal grandparents Josefina Kalaw Katigbak and Felix Hemedes Limcaoco, Jr. and her parents Helen Banzuela Castro and Jose Teodoro Katigbak Limcaoco. "We are the first of the fourth generation of my family to use these arrhae," says Limcaoco.

Limcaoco wore a diamond bracelet from her maternal grandmother, Consuelo Banzuela Castro, which first belonged to her maternal great-grandmother, Vicenta Lat Banzuela. This piece was then used by her mother Helen and her aunts at their weddings.

The reception took place at Pier 27 on The Embarcadero, where guests danced to tunes spun by the Filipina- American DJ Umami, who DJs for the Golden State Warriors at Chase Center.



Clockwise, from top left: The wedding ceremony took place at Saint Ignatius Church; Dean and Cloudeliza DeGuzman, the bride, the groom, Carlos and Clare DeGuzman; Andres and Helen Limcaoco, the bride, the groom, TG and Regina Limcaoco and Eric Hokazu; Raymond Buhay, Dean DeGuzman, Gabriel Ramos, the groom, Ray-An Buhay, and Charles Amaya; Savannah David, Isabel Chamberlain, Elysia Chu, Monica Climaco, Regina Limcaoco, the bride, Carla Remulla, Saadia Rahman, Shashika Abe, and Cristina de Leon; Raymond Buhay, Dean DeGuzman, Gabriel Ramos, the groom, Ray-An Buhay, and Charles Amaya





Bridal Gown OLIVER TOLENTINO
Reception Gown BOOM SASON
Bridal Shoes JIMMY CHOO
Makeup and Hair JULIE DY AND TEAM OF SAN FRANCISCO
Mother of the bride's outfit NONO PALMOS
Bridesmaids' Gowns OLIVER TOLENTINO
Groom's Barong OLIVER TOLENTINO
Wedding Rings TIFFANY & CO.
Wedding Planner MORGAN DOAN OF MORGAN EVENTS OF SAN FRANCISCO
Wedding Stylist NATASHA LISITSA OF WATERLILY POND
Wedding Collaterals KATIE FISCHER DESIGN OF NEW YORK
Welcome Cocktail TASTE CATERING OF SAN FRANCISCO
Reception Caterer ETHAN MANTLE OF COMPONERE FINE CATERING
Wedding Cake JASMINE RAE CAKES
Sunset Cruise Caterer TASTE CATERING OF SAN FRANCISCO
Videography SIG AND MARIANE REBOQUIO AND TEAM OF REB6STUDIOS
Welcome Cocktail Reception Music PRESTON TURNER AND HIS JAZZ QUINTET
Wedding Reception Music MUSIC SYNCHRONICITY STRINGS
Wedding Host LOVE IN THE MIX STUDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO
Wedding DJ DJ UMAMI
Wedding Giveaways BAY AREA PRODUCTS, AURO CHOCOLATES HERITAGE COLLECTION, RECCHIUTI CHOCOLATES FROM SAN FRANCISCO

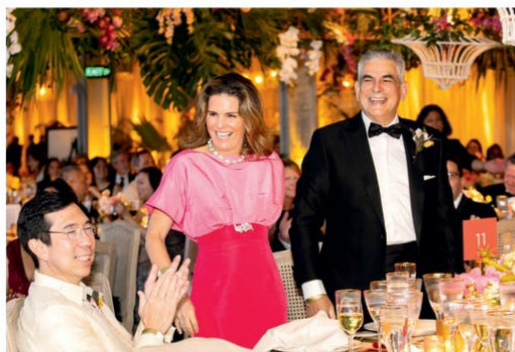
The next day was a lunch at The French Laundry for out-of-town guests, and a sunset cruise on the San Francisco Giants' yacht California Spirit for the closest friends of Limcaoco's parents, TG and Helen Limcaoco.

Instead of gifts, many of their guests, including those unable to attend, gave charitable donations to Caritas Manila and the Filipino-American Development Foundation's Bayanihan Community Center in the Bay Area.

According to the couple, they have to hold off on the honeymoon. "Pats is a resident physician of the Foot and Ankle Surgery program at the Kaiser Santa Clara Medical Center so she went back to work right after the wedding," says De Guzman.

According to the couple, the original plan was to get married in Manila in 2021. Due to the shifting nature of the pandemic, they decided to change their plans and hold their wedding in the Bay Area. "This is where we met and we consider it our second home," says Limcaoco.

Despite not being able to celebrate in the Philippines, they decided to showcase the beauty and culture of the country and combine that with the spirit of the Bay Area. "All outfits were by Filipino designers and made in the Philippines," says Limcaoco. "We served Filipino desserts. Our florals and design sets were reminiscent of the Philippines. Many of our vendors had Filipino/Filipino-American representation." ■



Clockwise, from top: The five-tiered cake was from Jasmine Rae Cakes; TG Limcaoco, Lizzie, and Jaime Zobel de Ayala; The reception at The Embarcadero was filled to the brim with blooms; (top row) Christopher Jeng, Ha-hyang Kwon, Carl, Pats, Shashika Abe, and Daniel Tobin (bottom row) Jasmine Qureshi, Cristina de Leon, Kelly Go, Elysa Chu, and Timon Van Oersveld; the happy couple during their first dance

