

## REAL WEDDINGS

ALLISON BEDNAR &  
ALEXANDER CAREY

JANUARY 9, 2016

FROM ALLISON: Alex proposed at home on Christmas Eve. He had prepared a delicious meal, served it by candlelight, and we shared it with a bottle of my favourite red wine. I wasn't completely surprised by his proposal, which is a good thing because I really don't like surprises! He executed this event perfectly, though. **The wedding venue we chose was located in the Thousand Islands along the St. Lawrence River.** Stunning views of the water and adjacent snow-covered woodland made a perfect backdrop for a romantic winter celebration. **One of the main reasons we chose The Ivy Restaurant for our venue was because of the amazing food.** Our menu was comprised of four courses, the first being a cream of Gruyère soup with caramelized onions and sourdough crostini, followed by a red beet carpaccio and arugula goat cheese salad. The main course was a braised beef short rib cooked to perfection, and dessert was the best sticky toffee pudding EVER. **For our wedding favours we went with something everyone loves—chocolate!** Each guest received two truffles at their place setting. Alex and I chose the chocolates to represent our favourite flavours: dark chocolate with amaretto and milk chocolate with orange cream.

## DETAILS

**Bridal Gown** Allure Bridals from Alliance Bridal, [alliancebridal.com](http://alliancebridal.com) **Flowers**

Wedecor, [wedecor.ca](http://wedecor.ca) **Hair** Showpony, [showponyhair.com](http://showponyhair.com) **Makeup** One Fine Beauty, [onefinebeauty.com](http://onefinebeauty.com) **Photography** Anne-Marie Bouchard, [ambphoto.com](http://ambphoto.com) **Venue** The Ivy Restaurant, [ivyleaclub.ca/restaurant](http://ivyleaclub.ca/restaurant) **Wedding Planner** Erica Irwin, [ericairwin.com](http://ericairwin.com)

