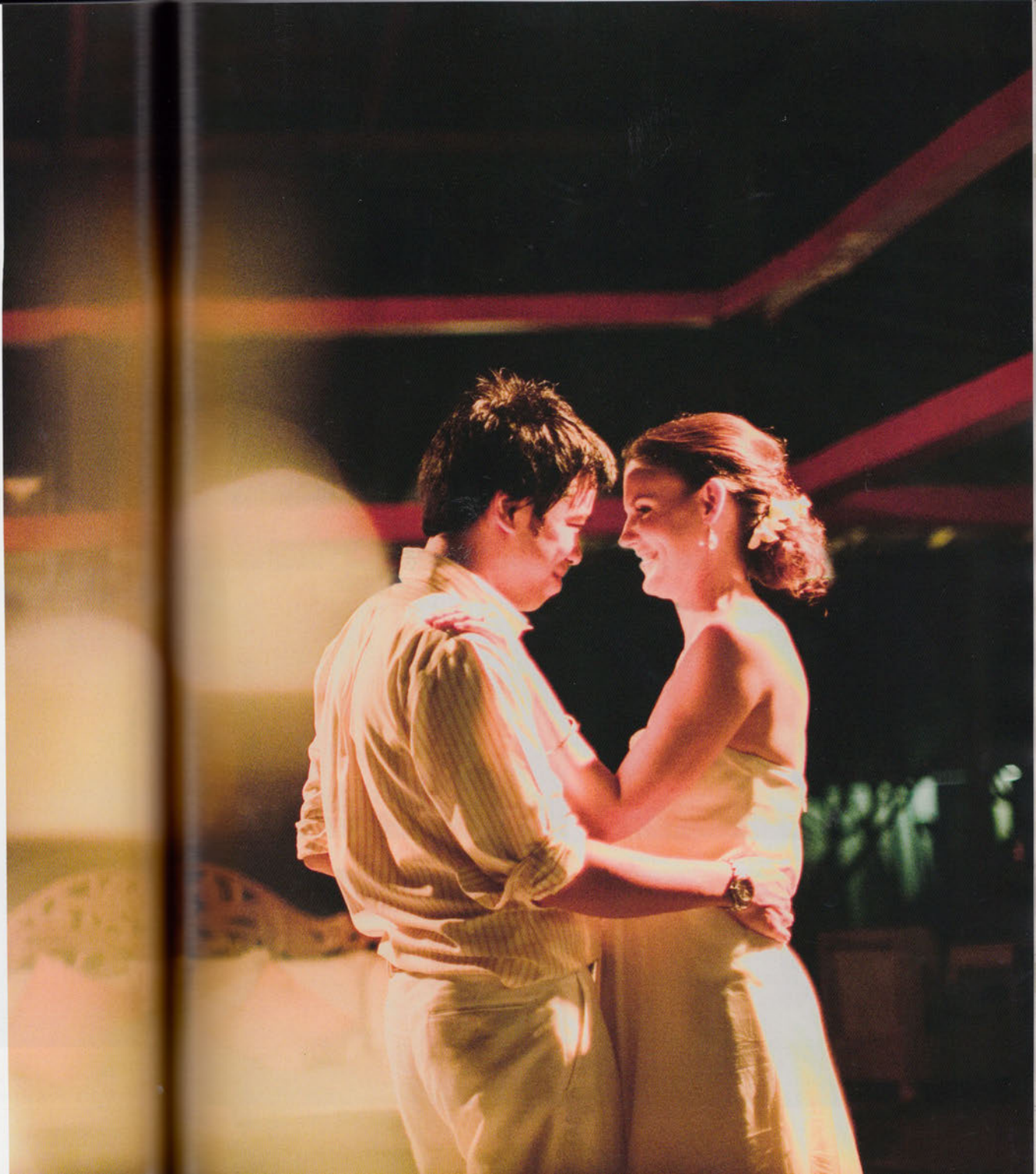




THE *Art* OF
LOVE

TEN YEARS AFTER A STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER IN SINGAPORE, AANA AND BILLY EXCHANGED VOWS AMIDST ENVIRONS AS INTRIGUING AS THE COUPLE THEMSELVES.

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Billy met Aana at the National University of Singapore 10 years ago while on a student exchange program where she was a full time undergraduate student. Their initial encounter in the school canteen, while interesting was not exactly memorable – or so Aana thought.

Following an entertaining weekend trip to Kuala Lumpur one thing led to another and Billy's 6-month student exchange morphed into 10 years of perpetual adventures as their romance and relationship blossomed.

A little over a year ago, Billy invited Aana out for a special dinner. As he wanted it to be a surprise he blindfolded her and gently led her back to where it all began. "When I took it off I was back where we first met," recalls Aana, "he proposed in front of a canteen full of hungry university students. I, of course, said yes!"



During their 10 years of travel together Billy and Aana had been to Bali at least a half dozen times. Each time they visited the island they learned more and more about it, and found themselves falling more and more in love with it. "As sure as we always were that we would get married," says Aana, "we have known for years that we would get married in Bali."

Their affections for Bali and love of adventure found a natural home when it came time to choose a venue for their wedding, the incomparable Morabito Art Villa. In the midst of a flowery one-hectare tropical park, facing the Indian Ocean, the property is an endlessly intriguing convergence of contemporary and ancient works of art. "We fell in love with the place from the get go," recalls Aana, "[owners] Pascal and Marie Eve have an extraordinary eye for design and detail."







"We were equally blown away by the work of Terralogical," enthuses Aana, "they did such an incredible job of capturing the details, feel and emotions of the day."

The couples theme of white and marigold perfectly complimented the landscapes tropical colours and stone artwork. "We wanted to keep the look and feel relaxed, casual, and consistent with the breathtaking location," says Aana. It encompassed everything from Billy's marigold coloured shoes and sun parasols to customised food creations including orange chocolate brownies in Bailey's Cream, chocolate lollipops, and even yellow macarons.

"We decided early on in the planning process we both cared about venue, photography, and food," says Aana, "and not so much about elaborate outfits or live music; it made [budget] decisions pretty simple."

From the property's ocean front perch guests gathered to enjoy the spectacular sunset, after which everyone was provided a lantern. By turn candles lifted them skyward to the heavens above, each one carrying aloft wishes of infinite happiness for Billy and Aana.



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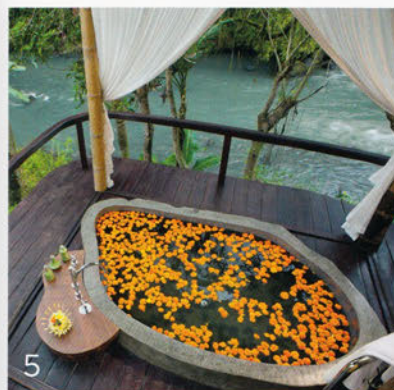


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