



All Smiles

Louise Roe, in a custom Atelier Pronovias gown, and Mackenzie Hunkin, in a tailored tuxedo by Reiss, took a moment together on the steps of Eton College Chapel just after the ceremony.

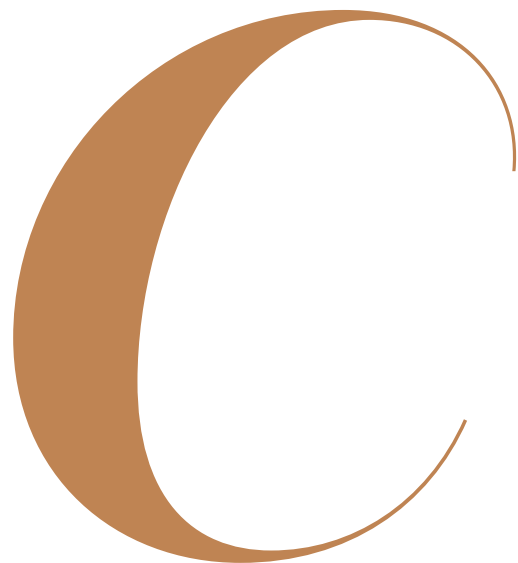
Love, Actually

Sometimes the perfect person is right in front of you—or behind the camera, as was the case with this trendsetting L.A.-based duo. They returned home this fall for a wedding inspired by tradition, autumn's bounty, and the rustic beauty of the English countryside.

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notes of Pachelbel's Canon in D rang through the centuries-old sanctuary, and the groom felt a sense of happiness and calm take over as Louise glided his way. The traditional Church of England ceremony was punctuated with "hymns we call 'belters'—the classics that everyone knows," says Mackenzie. The 142 guests really got into it, "but thankfully we had an incredible choir to help drown out the worst singers," he jokes.

Afterward, guests were handed cans of Pimm's as they boarded vintage red double-decker buses that took them through Eton, where Union Jack flags hung from the buildings, to the privately owned 15th-century Tudor manor house Dorney Court, for the reception. After cocktails on the lawn, the group moved inside for an evening of spectacular seasonal fare and rousing speeches. The estate is just a short jaunt away from the Queen's residence, Windsor Castle. A fitting backdrop for a weekend when, in celebrating with friends and family from around the world, Mackenzie says, "we felt like royalty."

Common wisdom says you ought to marry the person who makes you laugh the most, which means that there was no better match for Louise Roe than Mackenzie Hunkin. The two had traveled the world together—he as director and she as host of the MTV International makeover show *Plain Jane*—and, whether they were cruising the fjords of Norway or taking in the stunning scenery of Lake Como, Italy, "Mackenzie had the ability to make me double over laughing," says Louise. Four years passed with them as friends, and then, after the show had wrapped its final season, something clicked, and the coworkers became a couple.

After asking Louise's father for his blessing over a round of golf near her family's home in Surrey, England, Mackenzie proposed on a New Year's ski trip to Colorado. He planned the engagement for midday, so they'd have more time to celebrate, and they toasted the news with Champagne at the top of Aspen Mountain. The couple, who had relocated to L.A.—where Louise helms the fashion and lifestyle website *LouiseRoe.com*—decided to marry just nine months later, during the peak of fall in the English countryside. They envisioned a celebration inspired by the season, historic venues, and British traditions.

At 2:30 P.M. on October 1, Mackenzie stood at the altar of Eton College Chapel, awaiting his bride. "In England, it's sacrilege to see each other before the wedding, so the first time I saw Mackenzie that day was at the end of the aisle, when I walked in with my dad," says Louise. The



Keep It Classic

Louise's bridesmaids, friends from the U.K. and L.A., wore white crocheted-lace Self-Portrait dresses.

Opposite: "It's very English to have simple, embossed calligraphy on a thick cream card," says Louise of the couple's stationery suite from Wedding Paper Divas.



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Here Comes the Bride

Louise enlisted Atelier Pronovias to design her gown after falling for a lace used by the Spanish fashion house at a runway show. Her dress included a high-neck capelet—which she removed for the reception—and detachable eight-foot train, designed specifically with Eton College Chapel's grand aisle in mind.

“Eton College Chapel is so special—I love the history there. Mackenzie’s parents both worked at the school, and he grew up doing homework in the chapel.”
—Louise



One Fine Day 1. The bride and groom posed for portraits at the 15th-century reception venue, Dorney Court. 2. One of Louise's two bouquets included periwinkle-hued delphinium, green bells, and white scabiosa. 3. Louise's mother wore a hat—a tradition for English wedding guests—and dress from Harrods, while her father donned a tux by Reiss. 4. The flower girls, the couple's nieces, wore Monsoon dresses and wreaths of skimmia leaves and ivory piano roses.

Gather 'Round

Mackenzie spent part of his childhood in Italy, and Louise loves family-style dining, so long, rustic tables—set with copper-colored flatware, flax linens, and garlands made from kumquats, olive, skimmia, rosemary, and ruscus—were a natural choice. Simple brown twine cinched place cards to mini loaves of focaccia with olive, rosemary, and feta.



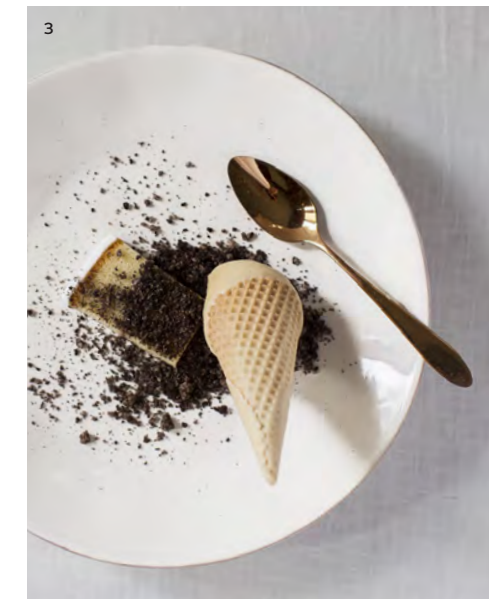
Party Starters

1. Louise's friends Martina Maccherone (left) and Chiara Ferragni smiled for the camera. 2. Hors d'oeuvres included salmon skewers with cucumber and caviar; cheese shortbread with onion cream cheese and chives; and sourdough topped with quail eggs and truffle mushroom duxelles. 3. Mackenzie, with his mates, flashed his wedding ring. 4. Cocktails made with the couple's favorite spirits were served in mismatched vintage glassware on copper platters.



“Mackenzie gave the best speech I’ve ever heard. He had the whole room captivated, crying-laughing, and there were some touching moments, too. It was brilliant, and I was so proud of him.”

—Louise



Eton and Drinkin’ 1. Guests enjoyed dinner entertainment, including DJ sets and a surprise performance by opera singers disguised as waiters. 2. Dinner kicked off with shared charcuterie boards. 3. Inverted cones of Italian gelato and crumbled Oreo topped slices of vanilla sponge wedding cake. 4. “I was obsessed with kumquats,” jokes Louise about the orange fruit, which adorned the cake and reception tables.

On Their Way

The couple adore vintage cars, and they'd initially planned to arrive at the reception in a white classic Mercedes, which broke down the week of the wedding and couldn't be repaired in time. They found this red MG convertible as a last-minute replacement. "I loved the red with the fall colors, and who says you have to have a white wedding car?" says Louise.



LOUISE AND MACKENZIE'S Dazzling Do

WEEKEND EVENTS

Many guests hailed from other parts of the world, "so we wanted them to see a bit of Eton and Windsor," says Louise.

Over the course of the long weekend, the couple organized a stroll along the Long Walk, a tree-lined route that leads to Windsor Castle, where they watched the changing of the guard. The night before the wedding, the couple hosted dinner at one of their favorite local pubs, Bel & the Dragon (belandthedragon-windsor.co.uk) and, on the day of the wedding, Louise, her mother, and her bridesmaids got ready at the Spring Cottage of Cliveden House (clivedenhouse.co.uk), set on a circa-1666 property built by the second Duke of Buckingham. The weekend concluded on Sunday, with a "recovery brunch" of tacos and margaritas at Louise's parents' nearby home.

ON THE DANCE FLOOR

The couple performed their first dance to "By Your Side," by Sade. Afterward, Louise and her father and Mackenzie and his mother danced to Frank Sinatra's rendition of "Fly Me to the Moon."

IN BLOOM

Louise wanted to change up her look for the ceremony and reception without changing her dress, so her florist suggested carrying two different bouquets. Her ceremony bouquet, inspired by the one Grace Kelly carried at her wedding, was created from lily of the valley, stephanotis, and ruscus foliage.

For the reception, Louise switched to a bouquet that felt more "English countryside," including wax flowers, green bells, olive and white scabiosa, and delphinium.

"You are the finest, loveliest, tenderest, and most beautiful person I have ever known—and even that is an understatement."

QUOTE FROM F. SCOTT FITZGERALD, FEATURED ON THE COUPLE'S CEREMONY PROGRAM

RAISE A GLASS

"Cocktails were a priority for us—Brits and Americans love a drink!" says Louise. Adam McVay of full-service beverage company Holy Water created a lengthy menu of signature drinks for the wedding, which included:

Spicy Grapefruit Margaritas Mixed with lime, pink grapefruit, agave, and jalapeño, they included the couple's favorite tequila, Casamigos. "We drink a lot of it in California." **Bulletproof Martinis** Served along with dessert, the martinis were made with Reyka vodka and bulletproof-style espresso, with grass-fed butter and coconut oil. "A nod to L.A., since everyone is all about it there." **Old-Fashioneds** "We wanted a masculine, spicy drink," says Louise of the cocktails, which were garnished with honeycomb and dehydrated Angostura-soaked oranges.

Honeymoon Dispatch

The couple took a four-night mini-moon to Positano, Italy, after the wedding. Highlights included sipping Aperol spritzes while taking in sweeping views of the Mediterranean at **Le Sirenuse** (sirenuse.it); a romantic thunderstorm observed from boutique, cliffside **Monastero Santa Rosa Hotel & Spa** (monasterosantarosa.com); and zipping around the Italian coast in a rented vintage car. They had their favorite meal—seafood pasta and rosé—at beach club and restaurant **La Fontelina** (fontelina-capri.com) during a day trip to Capri.

SOURCES

Locations Eton College Chapel (ceremony); Dorney Court (reception) **Event planning and design** Savile Rose **Catering** Steven Edwards of Etch **Flowers** Lavender Green Flowers **Photography** Amy Fanton Photography **Cocktails** Holy Water **Stationery** Wedding Paper Divas **Escort- and place-card calligraphy** Lamplighter London **Cake** Juliet Sear **Music** Andy Huntley; the Three Waiters **Rentals** Classic Crockery Event Hire; Jones Furniture & Equipment Hire; Northfields **Videography** RockingStone Weddings **Bride's gown** Atelier Pronovias **Bride's accessories** Folli Follie (custom jewelry), Stuart Weitzman (shoes) **Groom's and groomsman's tuxedos** Reiss **Groom's accessories** Thomas Pink (tie); Church's (shoes) **Bridesmaids' dresses** Self-Portrait **Flower-girl dresses** Monsoon **Engagement ring and wedding bands** Niwaka **Hair, nails, and makeup** Priv using Mary Kay

By the Numbers

1440

The year Eton College was founded

4

Generations of brides who had been presented with the lace handkerchief Louise's mother passed down to her as she got ready for the wedding

857

Hours that went into creating Louise's custom bridal gown

2

Hours it took to slow-cook the reception's main course: a saddle of lamb stuffed with sage and onion, created by Mackenzie's childhood friend Steven Edwards of Etch catering and restaurant

4

Trips Louise took to Barcelona for wedding-dress fittings

60

Length, in feet, of the birch trees draped in smilax, asparagus fern, and globe lights, suspended above each reception table

3

Rousing hymns sung at the wedding ceremony