



# Capital Affair

Janice and Craig tied the knot just a stone's throw from St Paul's Cathedral  
where the groom had proposed





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McQueens created a fabulous bouquet with Akito roses

**CITY BRIDE** As well as being on the doorstep of where Craig had popped the question, Stationer's Hall was right in the heart of the City where they both worked. "We knew as soon as we saw inside that we wanted to get married there. And as we work nearby, we go back there whenever we want to," says Janice. It was a perfect summer's day when the couple exchanged vows in the stunning historic courtroom at Stationer's Hall on 6 June 2009, with 75 close friends and family looking on. Janice arrived in an ivory 1950s Citroen Avant and was greeted (secretly organised by Craig) by two City of London policemen on horseback wearing livery.

**SAY I DO** Wearing a gorgeous Johanna Hehir gown with Jimmy Choo slingbacks, Janice walked in to the Mancini String Quartet playing *Pachelbel's Canon*. They had written personal vows and chosen the bride's sister to read *Carrie's Poem* from *Sex and the City*. "The ceremony was so emotional, at one point the Registrar had to step in," says Janice.

**ALL IN THE PLANNING** Janice and Craig had long shared a dream for their big day and had great fun planning it all. The theme was relaxed, yet glamorous with cream, white and touches of silver. Stationer's Hall needed little decoration

*Stationer's Hall was so resplendent that it hardly needed any decoration – touches of cream, white and silver were the perfect addition*





A tower of iced cupcakes was topped by a Victoria sponge and decorated with fresh flowers



with its ornate interior and beautiful antiques. For the reception, antique banqueting tables were set out in an 'E' shape. They were decorated with alternating candelabra and silver bowls of white flowers. Small crystal flowers from Cox & Cox were sprinkled on the tables, each of which was named after romantic-sounding streets in the City of London - *Bride Lane, Hart Street, Love Lane and Huggin Hill.*

**SILVER TOUCHES** The table name cards and place cards were decorated with ornate silver brooches with a pearl in the centre. A drinks reception was held in the pretty gardens with a string quartet playing before everyone sat down for a fabulous three-course banquet with salmon tian, roulade of chicken and a trio of desserts. The cake was a stunning tower of 120 vanilla sponge cupcakes topped by a Victoria sponge. Fresh flowers were placed in between the cakes for decoration.

**LET'S DANCE** In keeping with the relaxed atmosphere, the couple had planned a 'let your hair down' party for the evening. Their first dance was to *At Last* by Etta James - "It said everything we wanted to say to each other," says Luke. Afterwards, a live band, Time After Time, sang music from the 70s, 80s and 90s, dressed up in flares, wigs and sunglasses. They went down a storm and had everyone up dancing. When the celebrations came to an end at midnight, the newlyweds stayed at the romantic Rookery hotel nearby. "We plan to spend our first anniversary there too," says Janice.

**JET AWAY** The couple spent a luxurious two weeks at the five-star island resort of Velassaru in the Maldives, a wedding gift from the groom's parents.



Janice arrived in an elegant vintage Citroen decorated with white ribbons and flowers



### Janice's Little White Book

**Photographer:** Studio Images (01621 860698, studioimages.co.uk)

**Venue:** Stationers' Hall (020 7248 2934, stationers.org)

**Caterer:** Life's Kitchen (0800 9150978, lifeskitchen.com)

**Wedding dress:** Johanna Hehir (020 7486 2760, johanna-hehir.com)

**Bridesmaids:** Coast (020 7629 1038, coast-stores.com)

**Groom's outfit:** Gieves & Hawkes (020 7434 2001, gievesandhawkes.com)

**Music & Entertainment:** Time After Time Party Band (08456 751311, 1311events.net)

**Cake:** Shikhita Singh at Faircake (07528 801718, faircake.co.uk)

**Flowers:** McQueens (020 7251 5505, mcqueens.co.uk)

**Hair & Make-Up:** Jo Reid at Blush (07941 175578, blush.uk.com)