

Jason & Ann's Wedding

July 9th, 2016

Welcome

There is a lot of symbolism in Chinese weddings. In Western customs, white is associated with weddings; in Chinese customs however, white is associated with funerals. Hence, most of the decorations you see around you are some shade of red (which represents good fortune) instead of white. In marriage, the Groom is represented by a Dragon, who is balanced by a Phoenix representing the Bride. Many of the plates are also symbolic as explained in this menu. We've tried to highlight ingredients for our guests with food restrictions. The dishes are served family style and there are *a lot* of them. So make sure to pace yourself!

Program	
First Dance	
Father/Bride & Mother/Groom Dance Warner/Ann DuBose & Jenny/Jason Li	
Matron of Honor Speech Carla Wardell	
Groomswoman of Honor Speech Sasha Ivanova	
Bride's Sister Speech Lee DuBose Fuhr	
Groom's Sister Speech Jessica Li	
Bride's Mother Speech Judy DuBose	
Groom's Father Speech Kwok-leung Li	
Anniversary Dance	
Bride/Groom Shoe Game	
Bouquet / Garter Toss	
Wedding Cake	
Wedding Party	
<u>Parents</u>	
Warner DuBose	Kwok-leung Li
Judy DuBose	Jenny Li
<u>Grandparent</u>	
Margery B. Wilson	
<u>Matron of Honor</u>	<u>Groomswoman of Honor</u>
Carla Wardell	Sasha Ivanova
<u>Bridesmaids</u>	<u>Groomsmen</u>
Ashley Hopchak	Brian Glas
Lee DuBose Fuhr	Tom Sarachan
Justine Schultz	Jon Hamstead

Cold Appetizer Platter
(錦繡大拼盤)

A plate of squid, jellyfish, beef shank, and shrimp dumplings. Banquets traditionally start with a cold dish to balance the hot dishes.

Crab Claw w/ Minced Shrimp
(百花釀蟹鉗)

A crab claw enclosed in minced shrimp, battered and fried. A popular Chinese banquet appetizer that is also occasionally found at Chinese dim sum.

Crab & White Asparagus Soup
(蟹肉西筍羹)

Soup with Alaskan king crab meat and white asparagus in a thick seafood base. While not traditional, we felt it was a better soup choice for more of our guests!

Lobsters in Ginger & Scallion Sauce
(薑蔥焗叁龍蝦)

Lobster served in ginger and scallion sauce. The word "lobster" in Chinese is literally "dragon shrimp". Thus, this dish represents the "dragon" (the groom).

Walnut Shrimp in Mayonnaise Sauce
(西汁合桃蝦)

Shrimp in slightly sweet mayonnaise sauce served with candied walnuts and broccoli. Enjoy Jason's favorite dish of the evening!

**Sea Cucumber, Abalone,
Black Mushrooms & Chinese Cabbage**
(海參玉鮑北菇扒白菜)

In Chinese, "sea cucumber" and "abalone" are homonyms for "good heart" and "plentiful abundance". Eat this dish so we will avoid conflict and have a prosperous marriage.

Black Pepper Steak
(黑椒焗牛柳)

Slices of beef in a black pepper sauce with onions and peppers. Ann's favorite dish of the evening! This dish is just a tiny bit spicy, but not very. Put it this way - Jason likes this dish too!

Crispy Chicken
(當紅炸子雞)

Lightly fried chicken served with shrimp chips. The word "phoenix" in Chinese also refers to birds such as chickens. Thus, this dish represents the "phoenix" (the bride).

**Chilean Sea Bass in
Ginger & Scallion Sauce**
(清蒸大鱈魚)

The word "fish" in Chinese is a homonym for "abundance". Eat this dish to wish abundance for us in our marriage.

Yin-Yang Style Fried Rice
(鴛鴦炒飯)

A decorative half-and-half dish with shrimp fried rice topped with tomato sauce on one side, and chicken fried rice topped with cream sauce on the other.

**Almond Cookie, Coconut Gelatin,
and Homemade Jam**
(美點雙輝)

Light traditional Chinese desserts and our homemade jam! Try each flavor and decide which one to take home. Read about our jam on the back of this menu.

Wedding Cake

British sponge cake! The filling is made using vegetable shortening and our homemade strawberry jam! A gluten-free version is available upon request. Thanks to Kelly O'Neill for baking!

Kid's Appetizer Plate
(牛肉串, 鍋貼, 春卷)

A combination plate of beef skewers, pan-fried dumplings, and pork & shrimp spring rolls. Served at select tables for our young guests. Parents should ask kids to try all the dishes – we promise they're tasty!

Vegetable Soup
(雜菜豆腐湯)

A mix of vegetables and tofu in soup. Each vegetarian and/or seafood allergic guest will receive this soup in place of the Crab & White Asparagus soup.

Crispy Eggplant
(脆皮茄子)

Lightly fried eggplant with a vegetarian savory sauce. Served at select tables for our vegetarian guests. Please make sure those guests have enough to eat before trying!

Salt & Pepper Tofu
(椒鹽豆腐)

Lightly fried tofu seasoned with salt and pepper. Served at select tables for our vegetarian guests. Please make sure those guests have enough to eat before trying!

Black Mushrooms & Broccoli
(北菇扒西芥蘭)

Shiitake mushrooms with broccoli in a vegetarian brown sauce. Served at select tables for our vegetarian guests. Please make sure those guests have enough to eat before trying!

Mixed Vegetables
(素雜錦)

A medley of broccoli, nappa cabbage, baby corn, carrots, mushrooms, and bamboo shoots in a cornstarch-based sauce. Served at select tables for our vegetarian guests. Please make sure those guests have enough to eat before trying!

Homemade Wedding Jam

We realized we were getting married long before getting engaged, so we've been planning our wedding favors for quite some time. We picked our fruit, diced it, made the jam and canned it. We embossed the lids with our homemade seal. Our friends and family helped decorate the jars and we're serving small portions of the jam with dessert so you can try each flavor. Jars have a colored ribbon indicating the flavor:

Red - Strawberry
Pink - Watermelon
Blue - Black Raspberry
Orange - Apricot

Photo Booth

You may have noticed a large red booth near the front of the restaurant. It's a photo booth! You can take photos with props (including life sized Jason & Ann floating heads) and send them to yourself via email. You can also leave us a personalized video note! We would love to hear from all of you so please remember to record a greeting in the booth before you leave!

Thank you to our friends and family for helping us build and cover the photo booth. What started as a pipe dream idea has become a reality!

Picture Sharing & Live Slideshow

We'd love to see pictures of our wedding from your point of view! We're using Capsule (trycapsule.com) to collect pictures from our guests. Download the CapsuleCam app for your iPhone or Android device and use join code: **3GGVC**

You do have to create an account (sorry!) but it is free!

The slide show running on the projector is a live feed from our Capsule album. That means pictures you add through the app will scroll onto the screen live!