



# *An Irish* CONNECTION

*Rebecca's first time in Ireland is  
definitely one she'll never forget*

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*The Couple*  
**Rebecca & Andrew**

*Rebecca Cleary, 32,  
Communications  
Consultant and Andrew  
Dawson, 36, Lawyer*

*A beautifully styled  
celebration in an Irish  
castle, organised perfectly  
from overseas*



Rebecca and Andrew, who met through mutual friends, knew from day one that they would marry each other: “We didn’t talk too frequently about marriage but one thing we both agreed on was that it would be in Ireland because of our roots. And Rebecca had always dreamed of getting married in a castle,” says Andrew.

A Parisian proposal was in store for Rebecca when Andrew popped the question at the top of the Eiffel Tower in November 2012: “After dinner he took me outside, overlooking the Seine, and surprised me with a Tiffany ring. We shared the news with family and celebrated by drinking champagne at the hotel until the wee hours of the morning,” says Rebecca.

Living in Canada and planning a wedding in Dublin was difficult at times, the couple admits. “Rebecca had never been to Ireland, so, we relied heavily on the castle staff, online recommendations and instinct,” Andrew says.





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Choosing beautiful Luttrellstown Castle in Co Dublin as the ceremony and reception venue certainly helped.

“There were times, as we got closer to the wedding day, I felt we were unprepared, but it all worked out. 83 of our closest family and friends all had to travel and arrange to visit Ireland – so the logistics were stressful at times but all the right people were there and no one had any travel nightmares,” reveals Rebecca.

“We were confident with all of our decisions, but until the day-of you can never be sure,” says Andrew. However, every vendor exceeded their

expectations – one of their favourite parts was choosing the food: “It was a real treat in the middle of the hectic planning process. This was provided by Luttrellstown Castle - they shut down the Club House and had a table set up for us. We love dining out and trying new food, so it was great fun sampling so many amazing dishes and wines, while enjoying each other’s company,

“Enjoy the process and always trust your instinct. Remember what the day is really about - your commitment to one another,” advises Rebecca.” ❀



## The Details

**Dress and Headpiece** McCaffrey Haute Couture, 001 613 789 4336, [mccaffreyhaute couture.com](http://mccaffreyhaute couture.com)

**Bridesmaids** The Dessy Group, [dessy.com](http://dessy.com)

**Menswear** Canali Tuxedos from Robert Simmonds Clothing, 001 506 455 2500, [robertsimmonds.com](http://robertsimmonds.com)

**Flowers** Michael Costello, 087 778 0714, [michaelcostello.ie](http://michaelcostello.ie)

**Cake** Creative Cakes, 087 763 8300, [creativecakes.ie](http://creativecakes.ie)

**Hair** Susan Peggs from The Powder Room, 01 403 3030, [thepowderroomgirls.com](http://thepowderroomgirls.com)

**Makeup** Lisa McLoughlin, 086 162 4179, [lisamcloughlin.com](http://lisamcloughlin.com)

**Stationery** Minted, [minted.com](http://minted.com)

**Rings** Tiffany, [tiffany.ie](http://tiffany.ie)

**Church Music** Astral String Quartet, 087 286 7604, [astralstringquartet.com/About\\_Us.html](http://astralstringquartet.com/About_Us.html)

**Reception Music** Velvet Lounge Band, [velvetloungeband.com](http://velvetloungeband.com)

**Favours** Laduree, 0033 1 40 75 40 70, [laduree.com](http://laduree.com)

**Officiant** Tom Farrell, 086 265 7171, [spiritualceremonies.ie](http://spiritualceremonies.ie)

**Service and Reception** Luttrellstown Castle, 01 860 9600, [luttrellstown.ie](http://luttrellstown.ie)

**Wedding Planner** Rebecca Cleary, 001 902 304 0113, [rebeccacleary.com](http://rebeccacleary.com)

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