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Alex & Taonga

OFFICIAL WEDDING PROGRAMME

27–28 NOVEMBER 2026

Day One · Friday, 27 November

Bride and bridal party preparations

TIME	ACTIVITY
10:00	Arrival at the apartment; set up preparation spaces and confirm service providers.
10:30	Hair and nails begin simultaneously.
12:00–15:00	Bride's room décor, outfit preparation and final wedding arrangements.
15:00–16:00	Detail photography, outfit checks and confirmation of transport and ceremony logistics.
Evening	Rest, prepare outfits and accessories, and confirm the next morning's schedule.

Day Two · Saturday, 28 November

Marriage blessing · Morning preparations

TIME	ACTIVITY
05:00–05:30	Separate final rehearsals for groomsmen and bridal party.
06:00–09:00	Make-up for bride and bridesmaids; other members have breakfast or assist with preparations.
09:00–09:15	Final bridal checks and touch-ups.
09:15–09:45	Breakfast.
09:45–10:00	Final checks and departure preparations.
10:00	Depart for the venue, allowing for travel time.
10:30	Guests arrive, are welcomed and directed to their seats.

Marriage Blessing Ceremony

Saturday, 28 November · Ceremony proceedings begin at 10:40

TIME	PROGRAMME	DETAILS
10:40	Welcome remarks	The MC welcomes guests and explains the ceremony proceedings. Soft instrumental music plays in the background.
10:45	Groom's entrance	The MC announces Alex. He walks in to a traditional wedding instrumental played by the violinist.
10:48	Flower girls' entrance	Lubuto and Zoey enter to the same traditional wedding instrumental used for the groom.
10:50	Bridesmaids' entrance	Bridesmaids walk down the aisle to the same traditional wedding instrumental, repeated as needed by the violinist.
10:55	Bride's entrance	The MC asks everyone to stand. Taonga walks down the aisle with her father and mother to the traditional wedding instrumental, played continuously.
11:00	Opening prayer	The officiant opens the marriage blessing with prayer.
11:05	Marriage vows and exchange of rings	The couple exchange formal and personalized vows, followed by their rings.
11:20	Signing of the marriage certificate	The couple and required witnesses sign while the violinist plays soft instrumental music.
11:30	Preaching and blessing	The minister delivers a sermon lasting no more than 30 minutes, followed by the concluding blessing.
12:00	Certificate presentation and congratulations	The officiant acknowledges the certificate and congratulates the couple.
12:10	Recessional	Alex and Taonga walk out to "For Better or Worse" by Abel Chungu. Guests toss confetti in the designated area, followed by the bridal party and groomsmen.
12:20	Bouquet toss and celebration	The bride tosses her bouquet, followed by a brief celebratory toast if permitted by the venue.
12:30–13:00	Family photographs and transition	The photographer captures priority family portraits before guests proceed to refreshments.

Violinist instruction: *Use only a traditional wedding instrumental for the groom, flower girls, bridesmaids and bride. Repeat it as needed to match each procession. No lyrical songs during the aisle procession.*

Cocktail Hour · 13:00–16:00

Saturday, 28 November

TIME	ACTIVITY
13:00–13:15	Guest refreshments and guestbook messages for Alex and Taonga.
13:15–14:25	Formal photographs: parents, immediate families, siblings and bridal party.
14:25–15:15	Couple portraits and remaining priority family photographs.
14:30–15:00	Bridal party lunch, coordinated by the matrons, after group portraits.
15:00–15:15	Candid photographs and final priority groups.
15:15–16:00	Couple freshens up; reception team checks décor, seating charts, cake, champagne tower and music cues.

Photography List

The bridal party can have lunch after its group photographs while couple and priority portraits continue.

TIME	GROUP
13:15	Couple with both sets of parents
13:25	Couple with bride’s immediate family
13:35	Couple with groom’s immediate family
13:45	Couple with siblings
13:55	Full extended family
14:05	Full bridal party and groomsmen
14:15	Bride with bridesmaids; groom with groomsmen
14:25	Husband and wife portraits
14:45	Grandparents and any remaining priority groups
15:00	Candid photographs

Wedding Reception · 17:00 onwards

Nude, white and gold décor · Guest attire: black and gold

TIME	ACTIVITY
17:00–17:20	Guest arrival and seating according to the seating chart.
17:20–17:30	MC's opening remarks and welcome.
17:30–17:40	Parents' entrance — song to be confirmed.
17:40–17:50	Bridesmaids' entrance to "Baby Where the Hell Is My Husband?" by RAYE.
17:50–18:00	Groomsmen's entrance to "Spanyorita" by Chanda Na Kay, cued to "your husband is coming."
18:00–18:15	Main entrance dance: "Carolina," followed by "Bulongo," then "Pile."
18:15–18:25	MC introduces the bridal party and couple; guests take their assigned seats.
18:25–18:40	Wedding games: shoe game, "Who Said It First?" and "Most Likely To."
18:40–18:55	Champagne tower and celebratory toast.
18:55–19:00	Dinner announcement and preparation.
19:00–19:45	Dinner, accompanied by Shulamite and the DJ.
19:45–20:00	Cake cutting, feeding and distribution to parents.
20:00–20:10	Father–daughter dance.
20:10–20:20	Husband-and-wife first dance.
20:20–20:50	Speeches: groom, bride, both guests of honour and both siblings.
20:50–21:00	MC's closing acknowledgements.
21:00–21:15	Final dance by Alex and Taonga, with guests joining at the agreed cue.
21:15 onwards	Open dance floor and celebration.