

# Princess Bride

Simplicity and tradition are in abundance for this stunning springtime wedding in Adelaide



"I ONLY cried once, when thanking my bridesmaids for travelling from all over the world to be with me."

## Philippa & Andrew

**WHO** Philippa Hanson, 28, model, and Andrew Douglas, 30, managing director.

**WHEN** November 24, 2007.

**WHERE** A ceremony at St Peter's Anglican Cathedral in North Adelaide, followed by a reception on the lawns of Palm House, Adelaide Botanic Garden.

**GUESTS** 140.

**THEME** "We drew inspiration from both Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Sofia Coppola's *Marie Antoinette*."

**DRESS** "An ivory, silk-taffeta gown, which was fitted to the knee with a full bustle train."

**HAIR** "Braided across the front, then pulled into a French roll. A hairpiece was used to create the

braid on top of my head. I wasn't sure about the idea at first, but I was thrilled with the result."

**HEADDRESS** "An ivory, cathedral-length veil edged with French Chantilly lace."

**BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES** "I had five stunning bridesmaids, who wore pale-pink strapless dresses with bow detailing at the bust. Our flower girl, my cousin's daughter Charlotte, wore an ivory dress with a pink sash."

**THE RECEPTION** "There was Champagne and nibbles around Palm House, then guests moved into the marquee for dinner. It was Andrew's job to pull the song list together, and it was perfect! We had specific songs at different points in the reception – for example, *I Want Candy* by Bow

Wow Wow as we cut the cake, and *Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend* for the bouquet toss."

**DECORATIONS** "Tables were decorated simply with white damask tablecloths and vases filled with David Austin roses and peonies. Chandeliers hung from the ceiling, and Palm House was lit with pink lights, which shone through the sheer marquee walls."

**ENTERTAINMENT** "The jazz band played classics by Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra."

**CAKE** "A white-chocolate fudge cake with raspberry butter cream and white-chocolate ganache. And an edible ribbon!"

**FAVOURS** "Pale-pink boxes tied with white ribbon, filled with pink sugared almonds."