

AISLING GILHOOLY & BENNY BRADY

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Photography by Aspect Photography





Benny and Aisling first met through friends at a party in Melbourne. Although they had met a year earlier sparks flew this time and they spent the whole night talking. "It was like there was no one else in the room!" recalls Aisling. "Together for three years we got engaged on a trip home to Ireland in 2013. I'd just returned from visiting Edinburgh with friends and Benny collected me from Dublin airport. He drove me down to a little spot by a river near his home in Cavan and proposed!" They took two years to plan their wedding halfway around the world.

VENUE ENVY One of my bridesmaids and one of our dearest friends, Sarah, went down to Inish Beg to look at it on our behalf after I stumbled across it on the internet. We wanted a venue where we could create something magical and unique in a beautiful woodland setting. As soon as she saw it she rang us and told us to book it immediately!

PERSONAL TOUCHES We wanted our wedding to be as much a reflection of us as possible, and to have a whimsical 'Midsummer Night's Dream' flavour. I designed the centrepieces and Benny's father made every one of them for us. All of the marquee decorations and floral centrepieces were conceptualised by me as I had a very clear idea of what I wanted.

THE DRESS It was designed by Karen Willis Holmes, an amazing Melbourne designer who has a store New York.

THE BIG DAY We had an absolutely perfect day for a wedding - it was a cloudless 25 degrees! We had about 100 people come down to West Cork for the wedding.



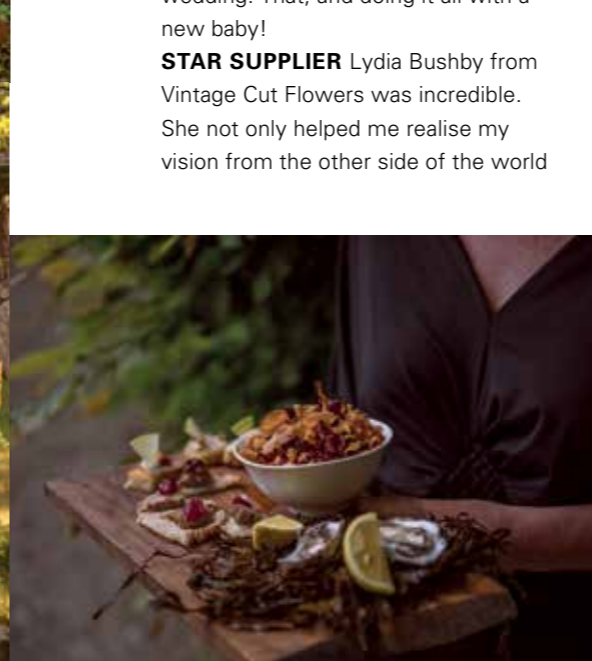
FUNNIEST MOMENT My Dad had a minor collision with a wall in my uncle's car about two minutes before he was due to drive me to the ceremony. No-one told me until after the wedding though!

FAVOURITE MOMENT My absolute favourite part of the day was walking down the aisle, seeing all my friends and family with tears in their eyes and then seeing Benny and our son Jack. I will remember that moment forever.

FIRST DANCE Elton John's 'Tiny Dancer.'

BIGGEST STRESS Living so far away and having to use my imagination and/or the internet to purchase and decide on things. We didn't even see the venue until the week before the wedding. That, and doing it all with a new baby!

STAR SUPPLIER Lydia Bushby from Vintage Cut Flowers was incredible. She not only helped me realise my vision from the other side of the world





but went out of her way to assist where she could.

TOP TIP Don't be afraid to do something different if that's what you both want. Our wedding was a bit different and all our guests really enjoyed the day for that reason as it reflected who we are.

THE HONEYMOON Ten days in Vietnam, booked independently ■

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