

Priya Saraswati and Eric Strand



Priya is Canadian and Eric is American, but they met halfway around the world when both living in Japan. They were married in Edmonton and a fusion of eclectic cultures marked their wedding day. In a calm Japanese garden, guests were treated to traditional Indian appetizers before Hindu and Lutheran ceremonies. The bridesmaids dressed in saris and the ushers in Nehru suits. In the evening, guests arrived to a sushi and sake reception. Before an Indian and Western dinner, the bride changed into a beaded silk dress and the bridesmaids changed into cocktail dresses. Everyone danced the night away to the West African rhythms of Juno Award-winning musician Alpha Yaya Diallo and his seven-piece band. "They rocked the party," says Priya. ➔

Nitty-gritty

Catering: New Asian Village and Koto Japanese Restaurant, both Edmonton.
Ceremony site: Devonian Botanic Gardens, Devon, Alta.
Flowers: Graham & Lane, Edmonton.
Photography: J. Alleyne Photography, Edmonton.
Reception site: Royal Glenora Club, Edmonton.
Wedding coordinator: I do! I do!
Wedding Consultants, Edmonton.

