



Serena – in a strapless Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen princess gown – clasps hands with her new husband, Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian. Left: The newlyweds with their precious daughter, Alexis Olympia.

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facing the aisle to watch the procession. The bridesmaids – one toting the bride's tuxedo-clad Yorkshire terrier, Chip – looked gorgeous in embellished nude gowns by Israeli designer Galia Lahav, while Serena's sister, Venus, stunned in a Galia Lahav plunging white feathered lace bodice with a nude overlay and long tulle skirt. Even baby Alexis Olympia, 11 weeks old, had a turn down the aisle, gazing sweetly at the crowd while cradled in the arms of her grandmother, Oracene Price.

Of course, it was the breathtaking bride who stole the show as she debuted in a custom belted strapless white princess gown by Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen – the same designer who created the Duchess of Cambridge's wedding dress – carrying a bouquet of white roses. All eyes were on her as she walked gracefully toward her 34-year-old beau, who was looking handsome in an Armani suit, and the two exchanged vows under an arch of yellow flowers.

"You are the greatest of all time, not just in sport," said a besotted Alexis, looking into Serena's eyes. "I'm talking about as a mother and as a wife. I am so excited to write so many more chapters of our fairy tale together ... I am so grateful, and I am so in love."

As the couple shared a passionate kiss, the guests jumped to their feet and the newlyweds broke into huge smiles and clutched hands amid thunderous applause.

"It was just magical," a clearly moved Eva, who attended with husband José Bastón, told *Hello!* "Serena and Alexis are really a match made in heaven. Yes, I was crying, I was crying – it was just so beautiful. I am so happy. The one thing you wish for one of your friends like Serena is the best, and Alexis is the best human being she could get."

And with that, it was time to party! Serena, 36, chose a long white feathered and beaded Versace dress for dinner, which took place at four long tables named for her grand slam wins. She switched into a shorter Versace dress for the couple's first dance to "Tale as Old as Time." When *New Edition* took to the stage, the surprised bride swapped her heels for bejewelled



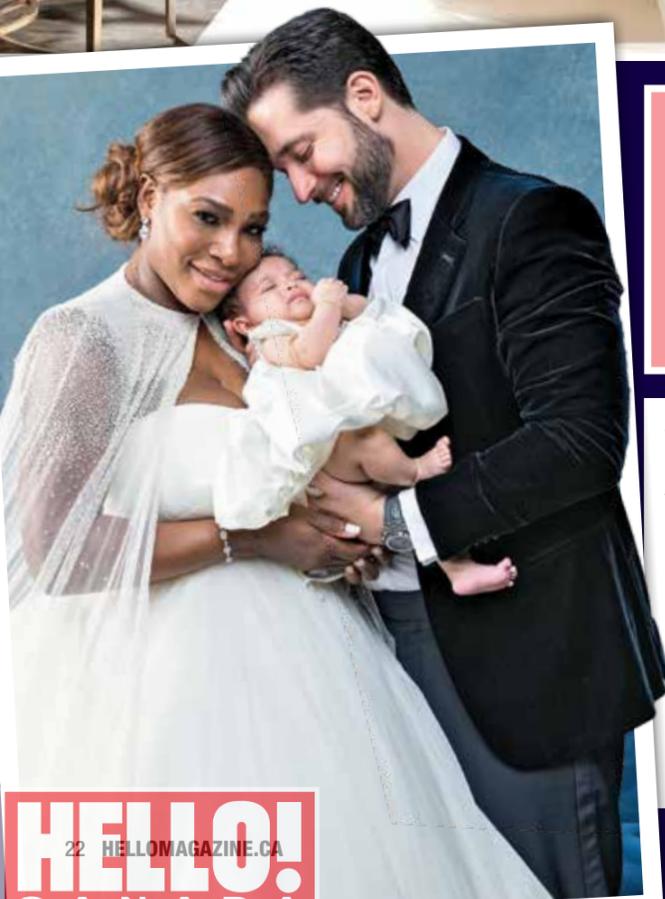
Above: The newlyweds pose with their wedding party, including the couple's infant daughter, Alexis Olympia, and Serena's tuxedo-clad dog, Chip. Below: Celebrity guests included actress Eva Longoria on the arm of husband José Bastón, as well as Beyoncé, who posted a photo of herself on Instagram in the sizzling dress, strappy sandals and thigh-grazing hairstyle she chose for the extravagant after-party.



Nikes, and she and Alexis danced up a storm on-stage. And as desserts dropped from the ceiling during the after-party, which featured a Gatorade recovery bar, Alexis had one more surprise up his sleeve: a full-sized carousel! His overwhelmed wife couldn't contain her excitement, and everyone jumped on for a spin.

It was the perfect way to cap off an affair to remember for two people so very much in love. **H**

REPORT: SUZANNE WINTROB



A STAR-STUDDED SET SERENA WILLIAMS THE TENNIS ACE SAYS 'I DO' TO HER LONG-TIME LOVE ALEXIS

When tennis ace Serena Williams first happened upon Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian at a hotel pool in Rome, she had never heard of his company and he had never seen her play. Yet something sparked, and they fell in love. Less than two years later, they're not only parents to a darling baby daughter, but they're also husband and wife.

In one of the most spectacular events of the year, the delighted couple said "I do" on Nov. 16 (a date chosen deliberately, as it is Alexis's late mother's birthday) at the Contemporary Arts Center in New Orleans before 200 friends and

relatives. The A-list guest list included Beyoncé, Kim Kardashian West, singers Ciara and Kelly Rowland, actress Eva Longoria, tennis pro Caroline Wozniacki and other big names from the worlds of sports and entertainment.

The *Beauty and the Beast*-themed wedding was enchanting from beginning to end, with the beautiful bride and her guests being treated to several surprises as the night unfolded.

The nuptials began with cocktails as guests hobnobbed to the tune of "Be Our Guest." Then they made their way into the ceremony, seating themselves on plush sofas

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