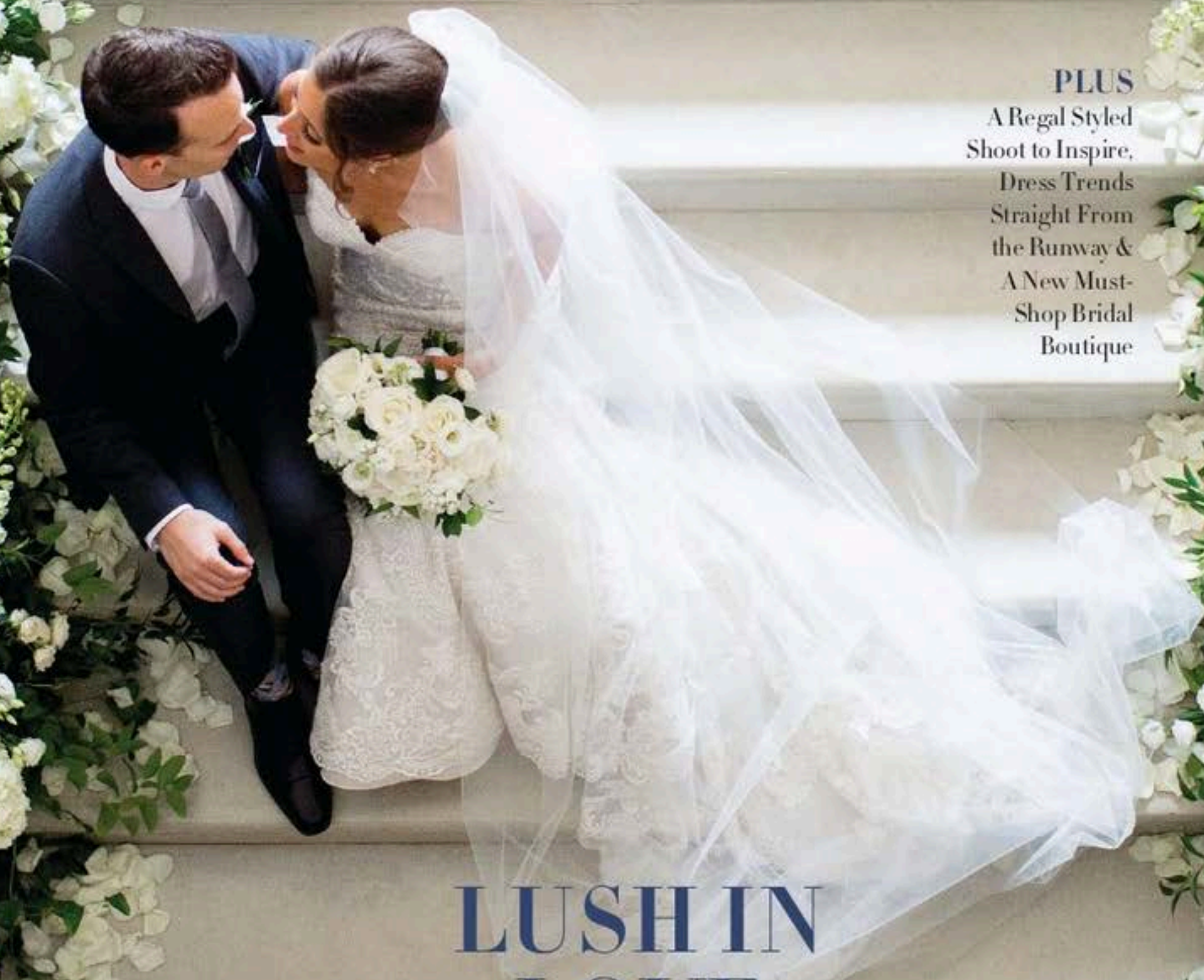


# MODERN LUXURY WEDDINGS

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# style STAR

The Noelle gown (\$4,200) is made with ivory double-faced duchess silk satin.



The classic beauty and elegant style of icons like Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Audrey Hepburn and Princess Diana is what drives the creative mind of Chicago-based wedding gown designer Victoria Sdoukos, whose high-end bridal line, **Victoria Sdoukos Couture**, is now available exclusively at Lake Zurich salon Volle's Bridal & Boutique. "The team at Volle's appreciates that the products are locally made," says Sdoukos, a 14-year veteran of the industry. "That means so much to me as a designer." Her couture creations are made from the finest silks that hug the body like a glove and luxe laces imported from France. The designer will be on hand during periodic trunk shows at Volle's, and in very select cases will make a special trip to meet with a bride about gown customizations. *Gowns \$3,500-\$7,000, Volle's Bridal & Boutique, 53 S. Old Rand Road, Lake Zurich, vollesbridal.com; victoriasdoukoscouture.com* —Alex Talyansky



## Hidden Gems

Mythically, a serpent represents passion and everlasting love. It was this notion that inspired Glencoe-based jewelry designer Ana Stein to debut **Mar Bridal**, the first bridal capsule collection within her Anahita line. "This collection is a bit of a departure from the soft, fluid pieces I'm known for,"

Stein says. "But sometimes you need to shed your skin." The serpent motif translates into edgy designs with a nod to art deco, and—as many brides move away from traditional diamonds—Stein offers customization for both the metals and gems, such as replacing the center stone with a more unexpected white topaz or pink diamond. *From \$2,200, anahitajewelry.com* —Jenny Muslin