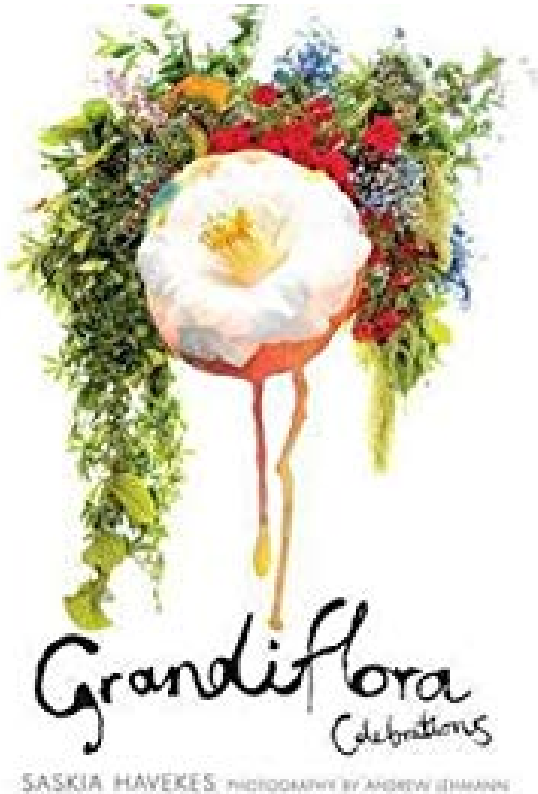


# Grandiflora Celebrations



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As owner of the much-loved and internationally acclaimed Grandiflora shop in Sydney, Saskia Havekes creates floral arrangements to match the mood and setting of every occasion. In *Grandiflora Celebrations*, the follow-up to *Grandiflora Arrangements* (2007), she takes us behind the scenes as she prepares arrangements in some of Australia's most beautiful private homes and public spaces. She invites us to forty special occasions, including birthdays, weddings, fashion shows, gala dinners and - of course - Valentine's Day. Photographer Andrew Lehmann captures the unfolding story of each event as Saskia and her team bring their creative vision to fruition. We follow them as they visit the flower markets and prepare the blooms for display, then as they produce their floral installation in situ. There are over sixty arrangements to delight and spark the imagination, from table centrepieces and bridal bouquets to floating wreaths and floral chandeliers.

Nothing than works of art, they prove that Saskia's ingenuity knows no bounds. Visually rich, exciting and evocative, *Grandiflora Celebrations* is a celebration of flowers and their pivotal role in special occasions. It is also an intimate portrait of an artist at work and a behind-the-scenes glimpse into some of Australia's most exclusive events.