

Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley Dancer and Art Council Development Associate to Wed



Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley dancer Michael Doerner and Arts Council Silicon Valley Development Associate Melanie Kopek will be married on May 28, 2005 in Muncie, Indiana...Michael's home town.

SHOWER AND WEDDING DETAILS

A lovely luncheon bridal shower was held on March 12th in the San Jose home of (hostesses) Sandi Conniff (husband Richard Conniff is a member of Ballet's Operating Board of Trustees and President and COO of Heritage Commerce Corporation). Co-hosting was Ballet Board member Joanne Meninger of San Jose.

There were 17 in attendance, including many members of the Ballet Council, Ballet San Jose dancer Dalia Rawson, and Natalie Haworth-Liu (formerly School Administrator for BSJSV School, and currently a flautist with Palo Alto Philharmonic and Administrative Director for Ives Quartet). Melanie's mother, Nellie Kopek from High River, Alberta, Canada was in attendance and presented her daughter with a beautiful porcelain figurine titled "Circle of Love".

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Nellie Kopek from High River, Alberta, Canada attended her daughter's wedding shower in San Jose on March 12th presented Melanie with a beautiful porcelain figurine entitled "Circle of Love"

Three delicious quiches and a spinach salad were served with a lemon poppy seed cake for dessert.

Ballet season ends for Michael on Sunday, May 8th. The pair will be wed on Saturday May 28, 2005 in Muncie, Indiana...Michael's hometown, where he first studied ballet under Kay Knight at Muncie Ballet Theatre when he was 10 years old - with his oldest sister Monica Doerner. Melanie and Michael have scheduled their wedding over Memorial Day weekend so that guests can enjoy the biggest event Indiana has to offer - the Indy 500! (Out-of-towners will be coming from California, Arizona, Western Canada, Toronto, Montreal, plus United Kingdom, and Austria). The entire wedding party plus parents and friends will attend the race on Sunday, May 29.

Michael and Melanie met in Toronto in 1997 (where he performed with the National Ballet of Canada for 8 years) and Melanie was attending Osgoode Hall Law School. They moved to San Jose for the 2001-2002 season with Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley.