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# City Serenade

David Miller & Sarah Joy Kabanuck  
AUGUST 8, 2009

**THE COUPLE**  
TENOR DAVID MILLER  
IS THE ONLY  
AMERICAN MEMBER OF  
SIMON COWELL'S INTERNA-  
TIONAL OPERATIC  
POP GROUP IL DIVO.  
SARAH JOY KABANUCK IS  
AN OPERA SINGER AND  
BROADWAY PERFORMER.



## FULL BLOOM

Punch up a neutral palette with bright flowers in coordinating hues like these peach- and plum-tone garden roses.

## GARDEN STATE

For an authentic French garden feel, Hatch Creative Studio lined the aisle with benches, bistro tables, vintage iron gates, and terra-cotta planters filled with hydrangea, dahlias, tulips and roses.



# Getting to "I Do"

**HOW THEY MET** Sarah Joy Kabanuck, 30, and David Miller, 36, met as castmates in Baz Luhrmann's 2003 Broadway show, *La Bohème*. "In the middle of rehearsal one day I lost my place," says Miller. "I was looking into her eyes—the whole world disappeared."

**THE PROPOSAL** Five years later, while on Hawaii's Big Island, Miller popped the question. "We went for a walk on the beach, and there was this beautiful canopy set up with rose petals, candles, and champagne," says Kabanuck.

**THE RING** The pair spied Kabanuck's Cartier ring—a 1.5-carat cushion-cut sparkler—while shopping in Paris.

**WHERE THEY WED** Event planner Annie Lee, of Daughter of Design, transformed N.Y.C. event space 632 On Hudson. Three opera-themed rooms offered food to match: *Madame Butterfly* with sushi from Nobu, *La Traviata* with foie gras, and *La Bohème* with Tuscan-grilled vegetables.

**WOW MOMENT** Kabanuck walked down the aisle in a silk-satin and silk-tulle dress by Michelle Rahn for Gabriella New York as a string trio and harpist played "For Sarah Joy," a song composed by Miller for the occasion. "In Italian you call what we have *anima*. It means 'soul,'" says Miller. "We have so much love for each other." —ANGELA SALAZAR

**BRANCHING OUT** Baker Ron Ben-Israel designed a winding blossom tree for the three-tiered cake. The branches were made of sugar paste and bloomed with sugar jasmine, hydrangea and cherry blossoms.



## L'I'L BOW WOW

A family pet deserves a special spot in the bridal party. The couple's maltese, Cosmo, suited up to serve as ring bearer.