

## Kiss Seen Round the World Marked 30th Anniversary of 8,000 Couples

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**Media coverage of the 30th Anniversary Gala of 8,000 Couples gave unprecedented attention to Unificationists on July 2, 2012.**

BBC News sent a camera crew to cover the Lovin’ Life Sunday Service which surfaced for the first time on British news, and the anniversary was eloquently recalled by John and Cathy Williams of New Jersey



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The Williams couple was filmed preparing for the big day and explaining what it felt like to be guided into marriage and blessed by the Lord of the Second Advent. “The day itself was a very spiritually significant event, but the logistics were such that it became a very physical event,” joked John. “It was tiring,” said Cathy who was involved for several nights making 2,300 bridal veils for her fellow brides. The couple exchanged affectionate strokes of conversation in what any viewer would see as a warm portrait of their relationship. “This was going to be my honey, this was going to be honey, this was going to be my knight in shining armor, but that wasn’t my first thought, which was, Oh – I’m math and science, he’s artistic,” said Cathy Williams recalling her matching experience.

The 200 or so couples who gathered on the sidewalk of the main post office building opposite Madison Square Garden for a historic photo shoot in 90-degree weather were given their due in a two-page spread in *Newsday*, the daily based in Long Island, New York.

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*A unison kiss was the iconic image for the event.*

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