



Linda Wilde as Betsy Ross, Mayor Michael Nutter & Ralph Archbold as Ben Franklin



## POPS ON INDEPENDENCE AND BEN & BETSY TIE THE KNOT!

**Highlights:** Philadelphia, PA - July 3, 2008 - The Pops on Independence is the annual centerpiece to Philadelphia's Independence Day Celebrations! Each year, the Philly Pops play an inspiring program of American music from a stage positioned on the apron of Independence Hall. Under moon and starlit skies guests bring their dinner, blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the concert.

This year's concert featured the wedding of Ralph Archbold and Linda Wilde, widely known for their portrayals of Ben Franklin and Betsy Ross. The special ceremony began with Ms. Wilde's arrival by horse drawn carriage, as friends and family of the bride and groom gathered, donned in colonial attire. Maestro Peter Nero and the Philly Pops accompanied the bride on her walk down the aisle and Mayor Michael Nutter performed the nuptials. After the ceremony, friends and family headed off to a reception at City Tavern.

The concert continued with a welcome from Park Superintendent, Cynthia Macleod, and a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson (Bill Barker). The event's finale included surprise guest conductor, Mayor Michael Nutter.

**Wedding Design:** Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Commission (GPTMC)

**Event Design, Logistics, Production and Management:** Roberts Event Group, Inc.

**Venue:** Independence Hall and Independence Mall

**Lighting:** Vision Technical Group

**Audio:** Clear Sound



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