

BALLET SAN JOSE

PRESS RELEASE

**Wedding announcement
Haley Elizabeth Henderson & William Easton Smith
of Ballet San Jose**



Haley Henderson and Easton Smith in a pas de deux from Dennis Nahat and Yong Yao's MIDDLE KINGDOM--ANCIENT CHINA created for BalletSan Jose.

Photo by Marty Sohl from the Contra Costa Ballet 20th Anniversary Gala.

A dancers focus must always be the dance. No outside distractions should be allowed as the dancer practices his or her craft. But attraction between two people can outweigh even the most stringent concentration. That is how it was for Easton Smith when he first saw Haley Henderson. He describes walking into the studios at Ballet San Jose for practice and being almost instantly smitten. He remembers trying to stay focused on the dance, but almost unconsciously trying to be closer to her during ballet practice. He tried to deny these feelings, but when he found himself together with Haley in a social situation, without the discipline of the dance, his feelings insisted upon expression.

Four weeks after being hit by Cupid's arrow, Easton finally told Haley how he felt. And wonder of wonders, it was mutual. Six short weeks later they were wed.

Haley Elizabeth Henderson of Oxnard, CA and William Easton Smith of Marion County, IN took their vows June 2, 2007 in a relaxed and intimate ceremony in Ventura California. The happy event was attended by close family members. The newlyweds then took off for a secluded honeymoon in Kauai before resuming their demanding dance careers at Ballet San Jose.