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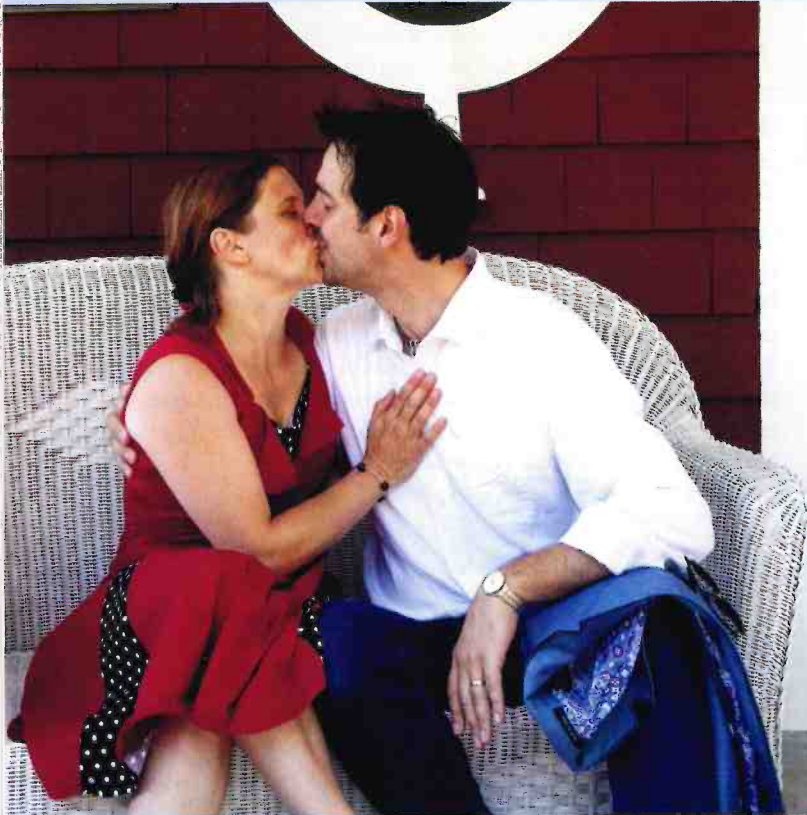


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If you've ever strolled through a local museum and felt history come alive, you might have crossed paths with someone like Darren St. George. With a career built on turning the past into immersive, theatrical experiences, Darren's passion for storytelling and education is matched only by the enthusiasm he brings to his roles as husband, father, and adventurer.

Darren and his wife Cassandra, both 38, have made Sound Beach their home for the past nine years, where they raise their two children, Colin, 9, and Cora, 4. Though their address reads Sound Beach, their hearts often beat in rhythm with the North Fork community, especially through Darren's work with the Southold Historical Museum and his lifelong commitment to public engagement and cultural preservation.

A Love Story That Started on Stage

Darren and Cassandra's story began long before marriage and parenthood. The two met at just 10 years old when Cassandra was cast in a show with St. George Living History at the historic Deepwells Estate in St. James, a family-led project that Darren was deeply immersed in from the time he could walk. Years later, Darren would return to that very same spot to propose, and they ultimately exchanged vows on those beloved grounds. This year, the couple celebrated their 11-year wedding anniversary, a milestone rooted in a lifetime of shared passion and memories.

A Life of Education and Creative Expression

Darren's educational background is as impressive as his professional achievements. He earned degrees from Fordham University and also studied at Stony Brook University and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). His academic path was defined by a unique intersection of research, performance, and public service.

Professionally, Darren has carved a niche in museum education and historical interpretation. As Creative Director of St. George Living History Productions, he has designed immersive experiences and dynamic museum programming that bring audiences face-to-face with the past. His work has spanned theater, film, and television, but at the heart of it all is a desire to engage people through storytelling, making history feel personal, accessible, and alive.

The Next Generation of Explorers

Colin and Cora are quickly becoming little adventurers in their own right. Colin is involved in Scouts and soccer, thriving on teamwork and outdoor exploration. With a love for science and a knack for problem-solving, he seems to be following in his dad's puzzle-loving footsteps. Meanwhile, Cora lights up any room she enters. Whether she's dancing around the house in her

ballet shoes or creating impromptu performances, her creativity and energy are a constant source of joy.

The St. Georges have instilled in their children a love of curiosity, learning, and discovery, values that Darren and Cassandra continue to nurture through travel, hands-on experiences, and quality family time.

A Life of Service

Long before becoming a father, Darren was committed to service and cultural immersion. Through the Global Outreach program, he participated in—and later led—international service trips that left lasting impressions on his worldview. In Ecuador, he worked with Rostro de Cristo, tutoring children and assisting in community development while living on less than a dollar a day. In Peru, he led a team through Community Links, teaching English and living with a host family while exploring the breathtaking Machu Picchu. In Nashville, he provided care for AIDS patients through Nashville Cares.

These experiences taught Darren the power of empathy, connection, and shared humanity. They also deeply informed his professional philosophy and his approach to community engagement.

The Power of Disconnecting to Reconnect

When Darren and Cassandra planned their honeymoon, they didn't book a typical resort getaway. Instead, they bought a one-way ticket to Paris and a return flight from Rome, with nothing planned in between. For three unforgettable weeks, they wandered,





explored, and dined their way through France and Italy, meeting people, dancing in the streets, and immersing themselves in the culture. The twist? They left their phones and laptops behind.

That unplugged adventure was so profound that it sparked a family tradition. Whenever life gets overwhelming, the St. Georges embrace the simple joy of disconnection, trading screen time for new experiences and a deeper connection with each other and the world around them. It's a tradition their kids have fully embraced. Birthday wish lists often feature road trips or dinners at new restaurants instead of toys, proving that a love of exploration runs deep in the family.

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Rooted in Community, Driven by Passion

While they may not live in Southold yet, the St. Georges are closely tied to the North Fork through Darren's work and growing friendships within the community. He sees Southold as more than a town; to him, it's a tapestry of stories waiting to be celebrated and preserved. Through his role with the Southold Historical Museum, Darren hopes to connect more deeply with residents and uncover the personal histories that shape the community's unique identity.

"I want to connect with as many neighbors, locals, and businesses as possible," Darren says. "The Southold Historical Museum is an integral part of this town, and no one knows better how it can serve the community than the residents themselves."

He encourages people to stop by the Museum Gift Shop on Main Road and say hello, whether to share a story, offer a suggestion, or simply enjoy a friendly conversation.

A Message to the Community

"Southold is a truly special place," Darren says. "The charm of this seaside town, paired with the remarkable hospitality of the local community, is as delightful as it seems."

As he continues to bridge the past and present through his work in public history, Darren is also focused on building a future rooted in curiosity, kindness, and community. Whether he's leading a museum program, sharing travel stories, or chasing his kids through the sand, Darren St. George is living proof that life is best experienced through connection—one story, one moment, and one neighbor at a time.



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