From China with love


Rebecca Kanthor (C) and Liu Jian (R) smile during their traditional Chinese wedding in Dong'an at the central province of Henan, Wednesday, February 9, 2011. Rebecca Kanthor moved from New York State to China eight years ago, where she met Liu Jian, a young musician from the central Chinese province of Henan. REUTERS/Carlos Barria

Liu Jian (L) carries his wife Rebecca Kanthor after their traditional Chinese wedding in Dong'an at the central province of Henan, February 9, 2011. After several years together they decided to get married in a traditional rural wedding. REUTERS/Carlos Barria
Liu Jian rides a horse during his traditional Chinese wedding in Dong'an at the central province of Henan, February 9, 2011. In the ceremony, the groom arrives on a horse while his bride is carried around the town by four men, announcing the marriage. REUTERS/Carlos Barria

A local television crew interviews Rebecca Kanthor (L) and Liu Jian after their traditional Chinese wedding in Dong'an at the central province of Henan, February 9, 2011. Liu is the first person from Dong'an to marry a foreigner. REUTERS/Carlos Barria
Local residents perform wearing costumes during a traditional Chinese wedding in Dong’an at the central province of Henan, February 9, 2011. Beyond headlines about climate change and trade relations, Rebecca and Liu’s union is symbolic of the growing cultural integration between China and the United States. REUTERS/Carlos Barria

Liu Jian (L) and his wife Rebecca Kanthor celebrate with relatives after their traditional Chinese wedding in Dong’an at the central province of Henan, February 9, 2011. Since the 1972 visit to China by U.S. President Richard Nixon, the two countries have developed what is arguably the most important relationship among major powers with huge economic implications. REUTERS/Carlos Barria
Local residents walk next a traditional Chinese wedding procession in Dong'an at the central province of Henan, February 9, 2011. Now, three decades in, the United States and China have settled into what some describe as a "mature marriage," bound together by mutual interests and mutual respect. REUTERS/Carlos Barria

Local residents perform wearing costumes during a traditional Chinese wedding in Dong'an at the central province of Henan, February 9, 2011. REUTERS/Carlos Barria
Men put on boutonnieres before a traditional Chinese wedding in Dong’an at the central province of Henan, February 9, 2011. REUTERS/Carlos Barria

Rebecca Kanthor (R) and Liu Jian (L) drink red wine as part of their traditional Chinese wedding in Dong’an at the central province of Henan, February 9, 2011. REUTERS/Carlos Barria
A local vendor watches a traditional Chinese wedding in Dong'an at the central province of Henan, February 9, 2011. REUTERS/Carlos Barria

Rebecca Kanthor and Liu Jian walk along an empty street after their traditional Chinese wedding in Dong’an at the central province of Henan, February 9, 2011. REUTERS/Carlos Barria