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## *Wedding Bells — and Guitars*



**SOMEHOW ABOVE THE** scream of electric guitars and pounding of drums, those were wedding bells ringing in Leningrad earlier this month as Beverly Hills' Joanna Stingray, left, traveled to the Soviet Union to marry her beau. For coverage, see page 11.



Fred Nicholas, Sergey Kuryokhin, Boris Grebenshikov, Joanna & Yuri, Joan Nicholas



## Rockin' Wedding

Yuri and Joanna as they appeared on the Music Ring, a popular rock program on Soviet TV. Below: Outside the church, the newlyweds toast with champagne.



**I**t took State Department and Congressional intervention, but Beverly Hills' rocker Joanna Stingray traveled to Leningrad earlier this month to marry her guitar-playing, Russian-born beau, Yuri Kasparyan. The international affair, Stingray reports, began with the "official 30-minute ceremony." Then, she says, "we did the traditional Russian wedding tour of the city. Yuri and I, and our guests, stopped at the river where I washed my hands in the Neva, laid flowers at the statue of Peter The Great, and kissed while our wedding car circle the famous ring 12 times. Our reception for 200 guests—including my parents (Joan and her stepfather Fred Nicholas), my sister (Judy Ann) and best friend (Marc Saleh)—was held at the 'Aosteria' restaurant at the famed Peter and Paul Fortress." She adds that she and Yuri will wear their rings "Russian style," on their right hand, and that Yuri is hoping to come to Beverly Hills in January for a second, U.S.-based wedding. "After that," she says, "we plan to be together, sharing time between Los Angeles and Leningrad."



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