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Singer Voisine marries Montrealer

MONTREAL (CP) - As many people were fixing ribbons on last-minute Christmas gifts, singer Roch Voisine was tying a knot of his own.

The New Brunswick-born singer married Myriam St-Jean, an accounts manager from Montreal, in a ceremony in the city on Saturday.

The two met this summer at the Montreal Grand Prix and Voisine said it was love at first sight.

Voisine described his 23-year-old bride as "the most affectionate, the kindest" person he had ever met.

Voisine wrote a song about their meeting - Myriam's Song (Will You Be My Life), which appeared on his recent English-language album Higher.

The couple wanted the ceremony to be discreet, but they did allow pictures as they left the Montreal church where the wedding was held.

There were about 100 invited guests.

The 39-year-old Voisine became a francophone singing sensation in the late 1980s and has since become known across North America.

He had originally planned to be a hockey player but was sidelined by an injury.

He came to Montreal from New Brunswick when he was nine years old.

Voisine has put out 14 English- and French-language albums and has won two Junos. He is an officer of the Order of Canada.

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