

HARMONY & JARED



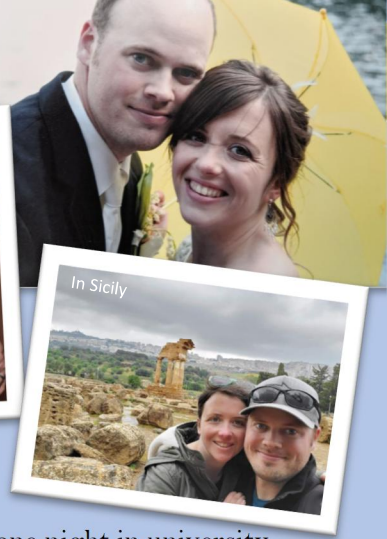
Jumping over the Grand Canyon!



Hiking nearby



Night out at the museum



In Sicily

Love at First Sight

Harmony first caught Jared's eye across the pool table one night in university. He was impressed by her energy and encouraging nature, even though her pool skills were lacking. For Harmony, it was Jared's sweet humour and constant positive support that night (and today!) that wooed Harmony, and she even got some in the pocket! They both are full of passion for life, and they have fun in all the moments that life creates!

Building and Growing a Life Together...Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

We started dating in 2003 and never looked back. We quickly realized that we had a lot in common, including a love of dancing, music, theatre and a number of mutual friends. In the past 17 years we've travelled the world together, and have experienced 45 different countries and cultures! One day, in Iceland, on a remote black sand beach, with nothing but the Arctic Ocean waves crashing beside us, Jared adorably fumbled his way through a successful proposal! We were married 6 months later in May of 2012 in our gorgeous hometown of Victoria, B.C., with all of our family and friends celebrating alongside us.

We have always talked about adoption as a way to build our family. Both of our lives include family members who have joined us through adoption in different ways. We're lucky to have such a loving family who is equally excited with our plans for adoption as we are. Thank you for taking the time to review our story. We are honoured for the chance to share it, and hopefully, our future as well.

Family is Everything to Us

Family and friends have always been important for both of us. Family is our foundation and our most shared value, and our love and commitment to our family has continuously strengthened our relationship over the years. We love our time with our nephews and niece, and we frequently babysit and play with all of the little ones who have joined our friend group in the last several years. We recognize that your decisions during this time are challenging, and we would welcome an open relationship to share life's experiences as they continue for all of us. We promise to respect your experiences, emotions and wishes throughout the adoption process and onwards.



Family photos on our Wedding Day



Charles!



With our parents and Grandpa



Enjoying Fall at the Butchart Gardens



Adventures at sea with family!

About Harmony (from Jared)

Creative, loving, and compassionate are just a few words to describe my wife. She constantly wows me with her talents in design. Harmony works both in theatre, making and designing costumes, and with a well-known local fashion company, where she has been designing and making clothing for ten years. I can't wait to see what Halloween costume she can come up with for a little one! Whether it's a performance or making a scrumptious meal, her passion for everything she does shines through. I can't wait to be a parent with her!



With our newest family friend!

About Jared (from Harmony)

I fell in love with Jared's tender compassionate soul and cannot wait to parent with him. He is devoted, caring, and thoughtful; he is good at whatever he puts his mind to and he shares his thoughts and feelings openly with those closest to him. Jared is passionate about music and nearly went into it as a profession until he realized his major strength is working with people.

He is now a General Manager of a drilling and blasting company and he holds the company together with calmness and ease. I'm constantly blown away by his people skills and empathetic nature. Everyone loves Jared!



Reading with a friend

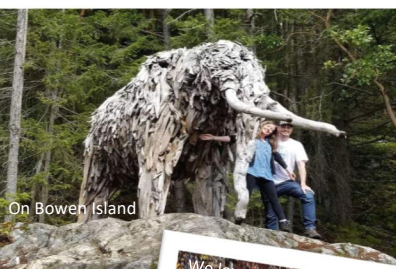
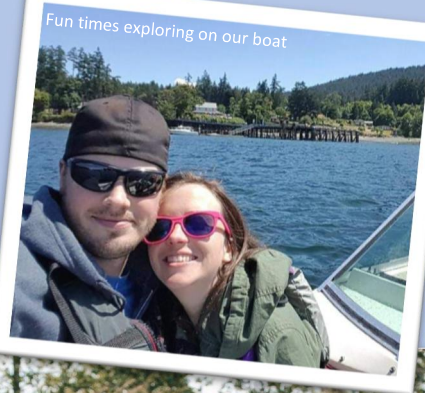
Hiking in the Swiss Alps



About Harmony & Jared Together

We love getting outdoors around Vancouver Island and beyond. Our favourite weekend activity is getting out on our boat and visiting one of the many remote islands nearby. Evenings are usually filled with neighbourhood dog walks with our sweet little dog Charles who loves to "visit" the numerous duck ponds in our area. Camping and hiking during the summer are some of our favourite ways to get outside and appreciate our beautiful part of the world. We love having movie nights, going out for dinner, seeing a play or just dancing in our living room. We make each other laugh all the time, and our love grows stronger as the years go by. As we've been together since 2003, we have been lucky enough to share in so many of life's milestones, which has helped us to grow our relationship in exciting and unique ways. We are excited to share all these experiences and more with our child, while providing a loving and compassionate home where they can feel comfortable and loved.

Fun times exploring on our boat

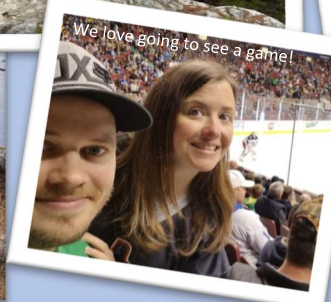


On Bowen Island

Out and about and having fun!



We love going to see a game!



New Year's Eve

