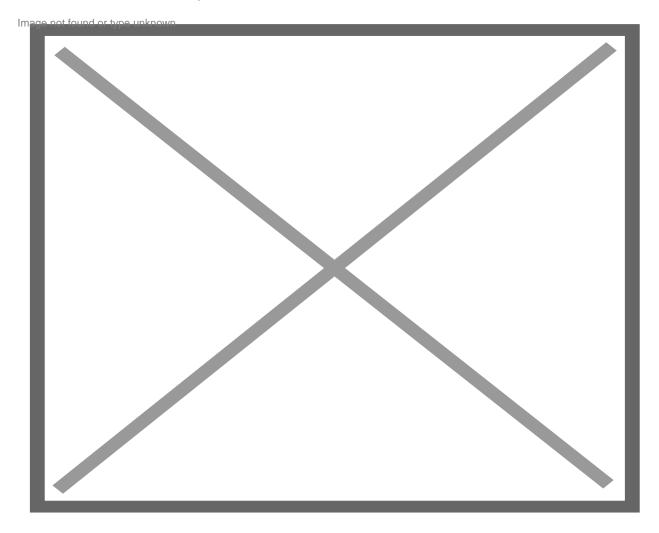
Machel Montano Weds Longtime Girlfriend Renee Butcher; Love to be Celebrated With Fans at Final Machel Monday Feb. 17

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Machel Montano with brie, Renee Butcher. By. MACHEL MONTANO

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, CMC – Trinidad and Tobago's "King of Soca", Machel Montano, married his long-time partner, Renee Butcher, in a civil ceremony at the newly renovated Parliament building on Friday, Valentine Day.

Among those attending the ceremony, officiated by Pastor Clive Dottin of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, was Attorney General Faris Al-Rawi.

Montano, who has had a long list of musical hits, was dressed in a white suit, while his bride wore a white two-piece pants and off the shoulder top outfit with a trail attached. She wore a colourful flower hair piece.

The guests, close friends and relatives of the couple, were also dressed in all white.

Media photographers were not allowed on the compound and the staff at the Parliament building called "Red House" lined the balcony on the top floor with their cameras in hand to record the event.

Montano's signature annual event, Machel Monday, comes to a grand end with the final show on February 17. Called "The Wedding", Montano is expected to fuse the final show with a theme of love, and has invited artists far and wide to celebrate the affair. Attendees are encouraged to wear white at the so-called "champagne-popping event".

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