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An interview with Sacha Jones by Shelly De Vito
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Celebrating a Wedding on the F-Train in New York

Sacha: A celebrant is somebody who is trained in the art of ceremony and ritual, and that might be somebody who officiates weddings, or funerals, or family-naming ceremonies or, home blessings; there are many possibilities, for a celebrant's work.

Shelly: What is the strangest or the most wonderful place that you've married someone?

Sacha: I recently did a wedding on the F-train, which is a subway line that is headed for Coney Island, there was a crowd of about twenty of us, we actually performed the wedding on the train, it was... it was wonderful.

Shelly: And what did the normal passengers have to say, seeing a wedding happen on the F-train? On the F-train you usually see rats on the quays and... were they excited, or did they shy away; did they participate?

Sacha: It was truly a mixture, in such the New York fashion. There was an older man who just sat right where he was, right in the middle of it all and just continued to read his paper as if nothing was happening. There were a few tourists, who I think were delighted and terrified at the same time, and there was one man, he was a photographer, and he just joined the wedding and ended up coming four extra stops and came all the way with us and just took photos and just joined in; it was great!