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It was a day of happiness, humor, and a touch of chutzpah when **Dame Maureen Lipman**, the beloved *Coronation Street* actress, married her partner, business consultant **David Turner**, in London on **Sunday, September 7**.

The **79-year-old actress** looked radiant in a **blush-pink silk dress with a matching hat and shoes**, an ensemble designed by **Scottish bridal couturier Joyce Young**. “She made me exactly what I wanted,” Lipman shared, describing the experience as the *“nicest I’ve ever had.”*

? A Day of Unexpected Surprises

The intimate ceremony at Turner’s son’s home was filled with planned delights and accidental moments:

- A **Labour peer’s mishap** left the bride’s dress splashed with champagne, which Lipman took in good humor, joking: *“I felt like Gene Wilder in The Producers: ‘I’m wet and I’m hysterical.’”*
- At precisely 3pm, the **UK Government’s Emergency Alerts test** rang out on guests’ phones, coinciding with Turner smashing the glass underfoot. “It felt monumental,” Lipman laughed.
- The bride arrived in **the Duchess of Windsor’s car**.
- Guests enjoyed a **Scrabble board-inspired wedding cake**.
- Music filled the air, with performances including a **Jewish tune on bagpipes**, **jazz by Clare Teal**, and clarinet by **Giacomo Smith**.

? Family, Humor, and Love

Her children, **Amy and Adam Rosenthal**, gave a playful speech imagining Lipman as *their* child, teasing her about being a “man hunter.” Her brother Geoffrey added humor to the tradition of “giving away the bride,” quipping: *“I’ve been trying to give her away since she was bloody born.”*

Lipman's first marriage was to playwright **Jack Rosenthal**, with whom she shared three decades before his death in 2004. She later found love with **Guido Castra**, who passed in 2021. This wedding marks a joyful new beginning after years of loss.

Interestingly, Lipman herself proposed to Turner in **2024 on a train**, during **Tu B'Av, the Jewish festival of love**, which celebrates women asking men to marry them.

? **Beans on Toast and a Blood Moon**

After the lively celebration, the couple attempted to watch the **blood moon**, but cloudy skies obscured the view. Instead, they ended their wedding day simply and sweetly — with **beans on toast at home**.

? **A Wedding with Meaning**

Reflecting on the day, Lipman said: *"The idea that you can do it at this age, with all that's gone on in the past, with all that's happening at the moment, was important. Everybody was so happy to have a day where we didn't talk about anti-Semitism and didn't bleed internally."*

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