## Natalie Portman's Co-Star Says She Will Be 'Best Mom in the World'

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Academy Award winner Natalie Portman is admired by many for her phenomenal acting in *Black Swan*, but her friend and costar, Greta Gerwig, who co-starred with Portman in *No Strings Attached*, is praising her for another reason. "I think if everything else she does in her life is an indication of what a great mom she'll make, she's going to be the best mom in the world," Gerwig told *People* Saturday at the Film Independent's Spirit Awards. "She's a lovely girl to pal around with. It's been really great to know her." Gerwig was nominated for Best Actress at the Independent Spirit Awards against Portman, and although she knew her odds of winning were slim, she was thrilled with her nomination.

How do you know if your partner will make a good parent?

### Cupid's Advice:

Are you wondering if your significant other will be a good parent? There are many qualities for which to look:

- 1. Patience: Patience is the first characteristic necessary to being a good parent. You need to have the ability to tolerate daily circumstances that occur when raising your child.
- 2. Responsibility: Being a good parent means being responsible and putting the needs of your child above your own.
- 3. Reliable: If you can rely on your partner, then you can be sure to count on him or her when your child needs one of you.

## 'Black Swan' Actress Natalie Portman Prefers a Friend with Benefits

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While Natalie Portman still hasn't publicly spoken about her new fiance (and new baby bump), *People* reports that she recently opened up about what she wants in a partner in the new issue of *InStyle*. "I look for all the same things I would in a friend... Obviously, you need the sexual attraction, too, so it's like your best friend who you are also really attracted to." Portman is engaged to French choreographer and actor Benjamin Millepied, who she met on the set of her new movie *Black Swan*. The two are expecting their first child later this year.

How important is it to be best friends with your partner?

### Cupid's Advice:

Plenty of romantic relationships blossom out of friendships. Cupid has some ideas on why your significant other should also be your best friend:

- 1. Get to know each other better: Friends often get to know each other on a deeper level than lovers do, because there's no pressure. Being best friends with your mate will make your relationship even more intimate.
- 2. Build a foundation of friendship: When the honeymoon phase is over and the romance wears off, you still have your best friend. Physical attraction is important, but if you want to

grow old with your partner, make sure you're friends first.

3. Keep your other friends: While it's important that you and your significant other are friends, make sure he's not your only one. It's important to have a social life outside of your partner.

## Pregnant Natalie Portman Gives Tearful Tribute to New Fiance

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Black Swan actress Natalie Portman appeared to having nothing, but love to express for her fiancé, dancer/choreographer Benjamin Millepied, while accepting the Desert Palm Achievement Award at the Palm Springs International Film Festival. Portman and Millepied met while filming Black Swan, reports UsMagazine.com. "[The filming] was seductive to watch...there was no way the attraction could be missed," said an insider. Portman is now three months pregnant with Millepied's child. While on stage, the actress thanked the man who "...partnered me in the movie and who now partners me in life."

What are some ways to thank your partner for being there for you?

#### Cupid's Advice:

You may not get a chance to express your love toward your partner all that frequently, but every once in a while it's

important to convey your gratitude. Here are a few little ways to show you care:

- 1. Write a note: Try writing a heartfelt message on a scrap of paper, and then stick the note into your partner's briefcase or bag. This little action is sure to brighten his day at work.
- 2. Put effort into dinner: Spend an afternoon in the kitchen and prepare your partner's favorite meal, complete with a setting at the dining room table. If cooking's not your thing, then get some of his favorite takeout and make a joke out of eating it on your finest dinnerware.
- **3. Use your TiVo:** Go through the TV listings and record his favorite shows or sports games that to which he's looking forward. When he has time to relax, he'll be pleasantly surprised!

# Black Swan Star Mila Kunis and Boyfriend Macaulay Culkin Split After 8 Years

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After eight years together, Mila Kunis and Macaulay Culkin have decided to amicably end their relationship. According to *UsMagazine.com*, the couple went their separate ways months ago, but decided to keep it quiet while Kunis, 27, promoted *Black Swan*. The actress has never made her fear of settling down a secret. She even admitted to *Blackbook* in 2009 that although she doesn't believe in marriage, she does

want to have children someday. "I will have children," Kunis said. "I'm too selfish to have them now, but when I do, I don't feel like I need to be married. I need to have a person in my life who will care for me and my children — nothing else."

### What are things to consider about your partner before you have kids?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Having children is one of the most important decisions you and your partner will have to make together. Cupid has some things to consider about your partner before you decide to reproduce:

- 1. Happiness: Having a child is a lifelong commitment, and you have to be sure that your partner is content with his life and what he's achieved before you make the decision to alter both of your lives.
- 2. Career: Not only does having a child require a lot of money, but it also requires a lot of time. Both of these factors heavily depend on your partner's career.
- **3. Wants in life:** Sometimes the pressure of feeling like you're *supposed* to do something in life can make you forget what you truly want. Make sure that you both want children for the right reasons.