Celebrity Interview: Samantha Michelle, More Than Your Average DJ

By Ashley Johnson

Samantha Michelle is a Canadian disc jockey (DJ) most recently known for being the opening act for Mark Ronson. Earlier this year, she opened up for him at a star-studded celebrity event during the Cannes Film Festival.

However, this former NYU student has proven to be much more than your average DJ. Although she has spun for New York Fashion Week, GQ, SOHO House, & AMEX, the multi-talented performer has impressive acting and directing credits as well. Some of her credits include, *The Captive* (2014), *Lost Girl*

(2015), and *The Strain* (2015) and *The Dark Side of the Sun* (2016).

In our exclusive celebrity interview, we chat with the worldly creative about her greatest passions, the importance of personal growth, and the key to maintaining a successful relationship.

Celebrity Interview with Samantha Michelle: Traveling the World While Exploring Relationships & Creativity

When the Canadian creative is not making music, collaborating with other artists, or acting and directing, she spends her time as an activist. She has worked with Artists for Peace and Justice, which is a nonprofit organization that addresses issues of poverty in communities around the world. Currently, she is the creative director of a non-profit female film festival called Female Voices Rock. The festival is designed to showcase various short films created by women to celebrate female filmmakers in the industry. “It’s nice to be working in partnership with other amazing, strong, and inspiring women,” she said during our chat.

Samantha Michelle. Photo: Tom Belton

When asked what has inspired her about these women she says that they have helped her to realize “the power of saying no.” The musician says she struggles with saying “no” and admits that she has always been a person who needs to please others. Being part of Female Voices Rock, she has learned that through other strong women that saying “yes” all the time can be exhausting. Michelle now realizes she is not obligated to give up any part of herself unless she feels like it will improve her life in some way. The same philosophy holds true for her love life. “When it comes to dating and relationships, you need to ensure that you’re giving your time to somebody who is going to enrich your life and bring you joy and new adventures,” she says.

Related Link: Celebrity Interview: Rafi Anteby, The Man Behind the Gifting Lounge

When Michelle is not working on her personal growth, she is traveling around the globe sharing her musical talent with the

others. The Canadian DJ reveals to us that she been on over two dozen flights this summer and has more travel booked for later this year. But she's not complaining, she counts her blessings and knows that there are still so many places she would like to visit. "I really want to go to Tibet and Kenya," she says. "I'm hoping to move beyond the western world this year."

Traveling the world has created an ever-expanding network for the artist, and it has allowed her to meet new people. She is a believer that everybody comes into your life for a reason. "[Everybody] has something to teach or show you, so I think it's important to live in a way where you're open to that," she expresses. She tells us that she gets her greatest ideas for her artistic work through interpersonal interactions. "I'm a friendly person and I will talk to anyone and everyone," she says. Traveling and meeting new people has helped her to view the world differently.

However, when it comes to forming romantic relationships, that can be a bit tricky for this upcoming superstar. "When you've had the summer I've had, it can be tricky to make lasting relationships," she admits.

Related Link: Celebrity Interview: 'Harry and Meghan: Becoming Royal' Actor Noah Huntley Talks Career, Charity, & Relationships

Be on the watch for this talented musician. She will be a DJ at several upcoming events this year and could be in a city right near you!

You can follow Samantha Michelle on Instagram. You can also listen to her music here on SoundCloud.

Celebrity Couple Jay-Z and Beyonce Dance to 'Formation' at Grammys Afterparty

By Jasmine Igwegbe

Relationships are much like dancing! Celebrity couple Jay-Z and Beyonce were caught in the corner alone dancing at the Absolut Elyx House in Hollywood Hills, for the Grammy Awards afterparty hosted by Mark Ronson. According to *UsMagazine.com*, this pair presented "a rare moment of affection when they grooved together in a secluded area of the party." When Beyonce's new single "Formation" played, they continued to dance together where Jay displayed his genuine kool-aid smile while singing along to every word with a cigar in one hand. This celebrity relationship shows how much joy dancing can

bring to a relationship.

This celebrity couple were getting down on the dance floor! What are some ways dancing can add an important element to your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

There are common factors both a relationship and dancing carry. Cupid has some advice on how dancing is an important element to your relationship:

1. Dancing involves leading: An important rule in dancing is that one person must lead. Leading allows one to keep the routine stable, giving rhythm, and direction. This can tie in with relationships because you should be mindful of everything and give signs of what you want and how you want it done. Guys who are shy and are afraid to lead usually never make it to the next step with a girl in a relationship; this can go both ways though.

Related Link: Celebrity Couple Jay-Z & Beyonce Open Grammy's with 'Drunk in Love' Performance

2. Traditional roles: In our culture it is the norm for men to lead, while it's the woman's responsibility is to make it worth it. She follows your lead and turns it into something beautiful. Leading correctly results in a beautiful partner who does what's in your favor. Of course, it doesn't always have to be male/female based. There are many variations of this concept!

Related Link: Beyoncé and Jay Z Lock Lips at MTV Video Music

Awards

3. Knowing when you misstep: When dancing, it is important to address a misstep to avoid sabotaging your routine. In relationships, you should be able to identify when your relationship is having a fall out and act in response to fix it. This can lead toward a healthy relationship.

What do you believe are some other ways dancing can add an important touch to your relationship? Share your thoughts with us below!

How Celebrity Couples Celebrate Labor Day Weekend

By Whitney Baker

Labor Day weekend is often filled with beach and barbeque, giving people an opportunity for an extra day off before the summer ends. Some celebrity couples like to keep things simple as they spend time together with the sand and the sun, while others add a little glitz and glam to the usual date plans.

In anticipation of the upcoming holiday weekend, let's look back at how the hottest duos in Hollywood celebrated Labor Day last year:

1. Partying in Las Vegas: Stars seem to flock to Sin City for a final summer blowout. Before she was on baby bump watch, Nicole 'Snooki' Polizzi hosted a bash at PURE Nightclub inside Caesar's Palace with then-boyfriend Jionni LaValle. That same night, Carmen Electra and her former fiancé Rob Patterson hosted a party at Nikki Beach in the Tropicana Hotel.

Related Link: Date Idea: Venture Out on Labor Day

2. Lying Poolside: Other celebrity couples prefer to focus on relaxing and soaking up the last bit of summer sun. Gabrielle

Union and Dwayne Wade spent the afternoon at a Miami Pool with Wade's two sons, while Dave and Odette Annable enjoyed some newly-wedded bliss before celebrating their one-year anniversary in October.

3. Saying "I Do": Many celebrity couples choose to tie the knot over this three-day weekend. Last year, Lauren Bush wed David Lauren, son of fashion icon Ralph Lauren, on his private ranch in Telluride, Colorado. Additionally, Mark Ronson, a well-known DJ and the brother of designer Charlotte Ronson and DJ Samantha Ronson, and actress Josephine de la Baume celebrated their wedding with a two-day celebration in Aix de Provence, France. It sounds like the perfect way to mark the end of the summer.

Related Link: Five Celebrity Couples Who Had a Low Profile Wedding

4. Hanging Out with Their Kids: Some Hollywood pairs opt for a more traditional route and enjoy low-key plans with their family. The Malibu Fair and Chili Cookoff was a popular spot last year: Tori Spelling and Dean McDermott took their kids, while Pink and her husband Carey Hart were there with their daughter. Also in Malibu, Nicole Richie and husband Joel Madden spent Labor Day on the beach with their two children.

5. Working: Even celebrities have to show up to work on a holiday once in a while. With the 13th season of *Dancing with the Stars* underway, many of the dancing duos, including Cheryl Burke and Rob Kardashian as well as Lacey Schwimmer and Chaz Bono, were spotted practicing for the next show. Similarly, Selena Gomez was in Colorado for her 'We Own the Night' tour, keeping her away from boyfriend Justin Bieber.

What are your plans for Labor Day weekend? Tell us below.

Mark Ronson and Wife Honor Amy Winehouse at Wedding

Mark Ronson, the late Amy Winehouse's producer and friend, honored the singer at his wedding in Aix de Provence, France. Ronson married French model Josephine De La Baume. The producer, 35 and Baume, 26 tied the knot after planning their two-day wedding affair in just six months. Shortly after Amy Winehouse, 27 was found dead in her London home on July 23rd, Ronson took to Twitter to express his grief, "This is one of the saddest days of my life." A source told *UsMagazine.com*, "Amy was a great friend of both Mark and Josephine and they would have been thrilled to have her with them at their big

day, but sadly it wasn’t to be.” The bride and groom found a way to turn their feelings of grief into feelings of gratitude toward Winehouse on the happiest day of their lives with a memorable toast.

What are some ways to remember deceased loved ones at your wedding?

Cupid’s Advice:

If you have a family member or friend who has passed away that you want to honor at your wedding (without tissue boxes and running mascara), find a way to incorporate the individual into the nuptials without ruining the joyous mood:

1. Favorite song: If your loved one had a song he or she enjoyed, have the DJ dedicate the tune to that person, and get the crowd up and moving. Think “YMCA” or “The Electric Slide.”

2. Memorabilia: Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue.Carry an item that belonged to the person who’s no longer with you in your bouquet (a picture or jewelry, for example).

3. Wedding program: When you watch a movie or read a book, there’s often closing credits that read, “In Loving Memory.” Well, “In Loving Memory” can be the first words in your ceremony program dedicated to your loved one. Just remember to keep it simple and meaningful.

Have you ever been a guest at a wedding that turned sour because of a memorial to a deceased loved one? Share your experience below.