Celebrity Couples: Music's 5 Most Powerful Pairs





By Jasmine Igwegbe

We all fantasize about <u>celebrity couple</u> relationships, and we hope our relationship can stack up to all of that amazingness. <u>Celebrity relationships</u> are often times portrayed as a fairy tale romances, and the couples may also influence our belief and high expectations for love. All of that is even more enhanced when the two celebs in question are full on music icons!

Cupid has the top most powerful

celebrity couples in the music industry:

1. Jay-Z and Beyonce: Jay and Bey have been dating since Bey was 19 years old. Before these two publicized their relationship, they were the subject of relationship rumors from 2002 up until 2006. They tied the knot at a private ceremony at Jay-Z's Tribeca apartment in New York. Today, this powerful celebrity couple is happily married with a daughter, Blue Ivy. They're all about secrets and continue to have their celebrity marriage on the low.

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2. Kanye West and Kim Kardashian: This powerful couple started dating in 2012 after Kanye met Kim in NYC while filming her famous celebrity reality TV show, Keeping Up With the Kardashians. The following year, they gave birth to a girl, North West. Recently, they welcomed their baby boy into the family. West and Kardashian married in May 2014 and continue to help each other grow in the industry with love and support. Let's not forget about how powerful Kanye's marriage proposal was to Kim.

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- 3. Swizz Beatz and Alicia Keys: We all remember Alicia Keys for her phenomenal work, *The Diary of Alicia Keys*. She has been singing about the struggle of love since 2003, and today she is considered one of the most powerful musical couples with producer Swizz Beatz. Swizz and Alicia wed in 2010 in Corsica.
- 4. Meek Mill and Nicki Minaj: Nicki and Meek are fairly new to the game, but they've displayed the features of a powerful

couple already. They spend quality time together influencing the strength of their celebrity relationship in the last few months. Meek Mill finally got the girl of his dreams and is now in a committed happy celebrity relationship. Awesome!

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5. Janet Jackson and Wissam Al Mana: Even if you got secretly engaged, you can still be qualified as a powerful celebrity couple. Janet and Wissam met in Dubai in April 2010 at a hotel opening. The celebrity couple has a deep bond that can go a long way. These two tied the knot and are happily together.

Who are some other powerful couples in the music industry? Comment below.

Secret Celebrity Weddings





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Justin Theroux and Jennifer Aniston

After a three-year engagement, this celebrity couple finally
tied the knot in a secret celebrity wedding at their Bel Air

home. They surprised their famous friends -- like Lisa Kudrow and Ellen DeGeneres -- by claiming it was a birthday party for Theroux. Photo: Emiley Schweich / PR Photos

Real Life Celebrity Duets





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Beyonce and Jay Z

Known as the queen and king of music, this couple is one of the most powerful celebrity duos. Not only has the hot pair been together for over a decade, they collaborate regularly with too many songs to count and recently performed their On The Run Tour together for thousands of fans around the U.S. Photo: Janet Mayer / PRPhotos.com

Alicia Keys and Swizz Beatz React to Hurricane Sandy by Reaching Out





By Nic Baird

Hurricane Sandy, a storm that shut down the New York Stock Exchange for the first time since 1888 and killed over 40 of the city's inhabitants alone, has left New York resident and singer Alicia Keys and her husband Swizz Beats without power or running water, reports <code>Essence</code>. The couple and their two year old son, Egypt, were forced to evacuate their \$17-million Manhattan penthouse on Monday and take shelter at Keys' mother's apartment, which fortunately did have power. "God forbid there's anything else coming — but if it did, I want to be more prepared about how to handle it and be able to ride it out," Keys said. "My heart really goes out to all the people out there going through crazy circumstances." The singer added, "I really feel for people and am reaching out in any way I can."

What are some ways to participate in charitable causes as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Charitable causes can be a great way to work with your partner

towards meaningful goals. If sudden disaster hits — like a Hurricane for example — share your altruistic passion with your significant other. Try these ways you can participate in charitable causes with your partner:

- 1. Grassroots kindness: You don't have to formalize your good deeds by scheduling them. Open your heart and your home to those in need. The most meaningful impact you can hope for is to change someone's life for the better. Having your partner to brainstorm with you on the best ways to lend your neighbor a hand will make things easier. Be ready for opportunities, your relationship can handle the spontaneity!
- 2. Local fundraising: You may not know how to build homes, or repair power lines, but you and your partner can think up tons of ways to raise money with friends. Bake sales, car washes, book/garage sales, casino nights, the list goes on. As a couple, showing your compassion together allows you to clarify your relationship's identity. The Red Cross is currently accepting donations for the Hurricane Sandy relief fund!
- 3. Volunteering with an organization: There are many great systems in place to accommodate volunteers in a range of charities for a range of positions. Don't expect any reward besides self satisfaction. Check the internet for groups that are active near you, or ask around at local churches and community centers. Having your partner volunteer with you will make the time pass painlessly.

What are some ways you've contributed to causes with your partner? Share your experiences below!

Alicia Keys Throws Husband Swizz Beatz Roller Skating Birthday Bash





Even superstars enjoy a shock. Alicia Keys threw her husband Swizz Beatz a surprise party for his 33rd birthday, reports <code>UsMagazine.com</code>. Many friends, including Carmelo Anthony and Lala Vasquez, joined the couple for the celebration at NYC's High Line outdoor roller skating rink. Keys tweeted earlier in the week, "Happy birthday to the most INCREDIBLE man I know! [Here's] to a life of endless shining between us!"

What are some ways to make your partner's birthday extra special?

Cupid's Advice:

Though Valentine's Day and anniversary celebrations are special, they're focused on your relationship and not specifically on your partner. Here are a few ways to make your partner's birthday memorable:

- 1. Consider your partner's likes: Plan a celebration that your partner will enjoy. If your partner is laid-back and outdoorsy, disregard any notions of an elegant, classy party. Your partner will appreciate the thought that you put into the event.
- 2. Invite old friends: If you host a party for your partner, invite friends that they haven't seen in a while. Buddies from college or childhood pals can really make the day one to remember.
- 3. End the day together: After the birthday festivities end, don't immediately start cleaning up. Instead, take your partner out for a relaxing dinner. After talking and laughing with so many people, your mate will enjoy the casual time with only the two of you.

What did you do for your partner's birthday? Feel free to leave a comment below.