

Going the Distance: Celebrity Couples Who Make It Work



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Everyone has heard the saying that “relationships are hard work.” But it seems that in Hollywood, relationships are even harder work, and celebrity news is always full of star couples calling it quits. We’re only a few months into 2012, and this year we’ve already heard of Russell Brand and Katy Perry’s divorce, the conclusion of Drew Carey’s five-year engagement to Nicole Jaracz, and the shocking end to Heidi Klum and Seal’s seven-year marriage.

We are always looking to celebrities for the latest trends in clothing, music, and movies. But with these couples frequently dissolving in divorce and disputes, are there any famous couples we can look to for inspiration in the love, romance, and marriage department? Cupid checked it out, and here are three couples who have been lucky in love, despite the constant glare of the spotlight:

Kurt Russell and Goldie Hawn: These lovebirds have been together for a quarter of a century, despite never tying the knot. Goldie was quoted in a 2007 *Woman’s Day* article saying, “We have done just perfectly without marrying...I like waking up every day and seeing that he is there and knowing that I have a choice. There is really no reason to marry.” What’s the best part of their romance? They make their own rules and live life their way. Make your own rules in your relationship and do what works best for you and your honey.

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John Travolta and Kelly Preston: The *Saturday Night Fever* star

and *Jerry Maguire* beauty have been married since 1991. While both have built enduring, interesting careers in the film industry, personally they have experienced great sorrow with the death of their son Jett in 2009 (due to a seizure) and joy in 2010 when they welcomed son Benjamin into the world. What can we learn from them? John and Kelly share a common foundation in their religion, Scientology, and it's obvious that these shared beliefs have guided them through life's trials and tribulations. Whatever your beliefs, it's easier to cope with life when your partner shares a similar belief system.

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Mark Consuelos and Kelly Ripa: Millions of people start each day with Kelly on the show *Live! With Kelly*, and she's always an open book on all aspects of her life, including her marriage to Mark, which started after they met on the set of *All My Children* in 1995. Between two showbiz careers and three children, Mark confided in a YourTango interview that the secret behind their successful marriage is remarkably simple. Mark said, "We have a lot of respect for each other. Our children are our priority and we come from two families where both parents are still together, and we hold that in high regard." Keep that in mind with your other half; don't lose sight of the basics, such as respecting your partner and putting family first.

So while it may initially seem like Hollywood is full of short-lived romances, it turns out there are successful love stories as well. Thanks to Kurt and Goldie, John and Kelly, and Mark and Kelly for showing us all about love – Tinseltown style!

What are some other celeb couples who continually make it work? Share your ideas below.