

What Is Christina Ricci's Favorite Thing About Being Engaged?



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Christina Ricci and James Heerdegen are officially engaged. According to [People](#), it takes just one word to make Ricci smile. "Getting to say 'fiancé' instead of 'boyfriend,'" is the engaged actress's favorite thing about her relationship status, she told PEOPLE at Sunday's Citi-sponsored *Smurfs 2* premiere in N.Y.C. Ricci is looking forward to calling Heerdegen her husband. "I can't wait for 'husband' because then I can really throw my weight around," Ricci said.

What are some benefits to being engaged versus boyfriend/girlfriend?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting engaged is not only a fun and exciting time in your relationship, but there are some benefits to being engaged versus boyfriend/girlfriend:

1. Satisfaction: Both partners have the satisfaction and peace of mind that you are both in a stable and committed relationship. You don't fear that your partner has the need to be with anyone else. Being engaged makes you feel confident in your relationship in that everything will work out. Being able to put your fear at rest will allow you to love your partner more and allow you to be more happy and trusting without jealousy and stress.

2. The Ring: Having a ring on your finger that is publically displayed has its benefits. Wearing an engagement ring can make you feel more confident and loved and it allows people to know that you are in a committed and loving relationship. This ring will seem to make jealousy go away and will make you feel safe when your partner is not with you and out with their friends.

3. Planning your future: When you are engaged you get to plan a future with someone you love. The wedding, children, your careers and your whole life is now shared with someone you will be with for the rest of your life. Just think of all of the special memories you'll get to share with one another.

What do you think are some benefits to being engaged? Share your thoughts below.