

# Exclusive Interview: Pick-Up Artist Mehow Shares His Secrets



By Samantha Mucha

As women, we read countless articles, stories, opinions and anything else we can get our hands on to help us understand what guys want. Now, there is no need to worry anymore, ladies: Mehow has your answers.

Who is Mehow?

Mehow is one of the most well-known Pick-Up Artists (PUA) in the world of seduction. Back in 2006, he started his own Website called Mehow Inc. where he used his experience and his expert advice to help men meet women and develop happy and successful relationships.

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When asked about the top three qualities men look for in women, Mehow replied, “First of all it’s hotness, but that’s just the truth, right? That’s the number one thing for men.”

However, woman who may not be the best looking still have a great shot at getting the guy they want. “Fun and personality are a big factor,” Mehow reveals, but really, “It depends on the guy. A normal dude will look at her stuff, level of fun and see if she’s being logical. She has a better shot, if she has her life together.”

Be fun, cool, compelling and confident. According to this PUA, that’s what it takes to make yourself more attractive to men.

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So how does Mehow know so much about women? He has been working as a PUA for about seven years and has talked to thousands of girls. He has compiled tons of research and sometimes uses hidden cameras to look at women’s reactions to his methodology. He uses specific methods and ways of communication to make women feel comfortable, but also allow the guy to communicate well. Taking his work a step further, he even believes that with the right amount of funding, he could scientifically prove some of his theories.

Believe it or not, “women are primarily attracted to men’s personalities, and men are primarily attracted to women’s looks,” says Mehow.

If that’s true, then what can women do to help guys – and themselves – out?

“Gives guys a chance,” he urges, sharing his number one piece of advice for women. “Guys often ask themselves the question, ‘Is she cool with who I am?’ A guy’s biggest fear is how to

approach a woman.”

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Women also need to remember that there is no perfect guy; they all make mistakes. If your new man messes up once or twice in the beginning of your relationship, forgive him, accept his screw up and move past it.

Mehow also describes “super hot girl A.D.D.” He says that this refers to the “perfect 10” girl who has no problem getting what she wants but cannot focus on anything serious for more than a minute due to the fact that she was handed everything just from being good-looking. “Perfect 10’s screw it up. How a woman appears to the world around her changes her social behavior.” His advice to these women is to slow down and take a risk with someone. Attractive women should find one guy who they like and stay with him.

The moral of the story is to give guys a better shot. No matter what the situation may be, guys are deserving of a second or maybe even third chance to impress a woman and show off their knight-in-shining-armor side.

No matter who you’re dating – even if it’s Mehow himself or someone who he’s trained very well – you have to be able to let go of small errors and see the bigger picture. “Guys can’t be players forever,” Mehow says.

You can catch Mehow using his system to “pair up perfect couples” on his new reality television show coming out this fall.

That’s all Mehow was able to tell us without sharing too many secrets, but we know enough to know that he is the master of getting inside the heads of both men and women.

You can check out YouTube in the meantime to see how his methodology works.

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# Nick Cannon Helps To Launch Badoo Project in New York, Discusses Marriage With Mariah Carey



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Interview by Steven Zangrillo. Video by Richard Zangrillo.  
If you've grown bored of going through the motions with Facebook and Twitter, you'll be relieved to know that there is new social media busting at the virtual seam.

Badoo, an international stalwart in the Social Media community, recently made it's virtual footprint in the chic

streets of SoHo, New York. The Badoo Project, hosted by Nick Cannon, was a 3 day photo shoot centralized around the idea of putting your best foot forward when choosing your profile pictures. The Badoo Project brought together four top celebrity photographers – Dan Martenson, Brooke Nipar, Danielle Levitt, and Kenneth Cappello – to capture 1000 portraits of New Yorkers. We caught up with Nick Cannon and the rest of the Badoo team, who took us through the whole Badoo experience.

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## **Exclusive Interview: Mrs. United States Talks to Us About Life as a Married Beauty Queen**





By Ryan Boyle

For a lot of men and women, the idea of balancing a lifestyle dedicated to both work and love can be downright stressful. Mrs. United States winner, Shannon Ford, filled us in on living the life of a beauty queen as well as a newlywed and how she makes time to enjoy both. Ford, a veteran of beauty pageants since she was 18 years old, is no doubt a busy woman.

"I'm traveling a lot," she said, "from Daytona to Texas to St. Petersburg. It's fun, but it can be tiring as well."

It's easy to see how all of this travel can put a strain on even the healthiest of relationships; not for this couple, however. Ford says of her husband, police officer and amateur Jet Ski racer Ray Quintana, "He's very understanding. There are things of his that I can't attend because of my schedule, and there are things of mine that he can't attend because of his schedule, but we're both trusting and understanding with each other."

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Talk about finding Mr. Right. Ford and her husband met while attending college in Florida and dated on and off for 15 years before finally deciding to tie the knot. As many couples decide to rush into marriage, the decision to wait before



making their vows was a blessing. “I really had no idea who I was or what I wanted to do with my life,” she went on to say.

A major role in any partnership is making time to be with one another. After all, in a marriage, there needs to be a level of common ground that exists between husband and wife. “We’re both very independent,” Ford told us, “but when we go out together, it’s because we want to and not because we’re afraid of being alone.”

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When Mr. and Mrs. United States do find the time, it’s not spent in as traditional of a sense as you may think. “We run a lot of 5K’s” she told us. “We don’t go out to dinner too often. I’m not very comfortable with going out to dinner, but running is a passion of our’s, so we do that together.”

It’s not the camera flashes of the paparazzi that have the beauty queen feeling uncomfortable. “I have Celiac disease,” she informed us. Celiac stems from the inability to process foods containing gluten, so it’s no wonder that going out to eat proves to be difficult for Ford. In fact, she has taken a proactive stance on her condition and has begun a crusade to spread knowledge on the symptoms of Celiac and ways to raise awareness to those who could be suffering.

For more information, visit Shannon Ford’s website. You can also visit ‘1 in 133’ to learn more about the fight against Celiac disease.

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# Exclusive Interview: Khloe and Lamar's Malika Haqq Opens Up About Relationships, Love and Acting Aspirations



By Daniela Agurcia and [Lori Bizzoco](#)

Thanks to the ever-present cameras of *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* and *Khloé & Lamar*, we have all gotten to know and love Malika Haqq, Khloé Kardashian Odom's BFF and former assistant. On the second season of *Khloé and Lamar*, currently airing on E!, we see her deal with the ups-and-downs of being a single woman and navigating the dating world. In an exclusive interview with CupidsPulse.com, the positive-spirited Malika opens up about her past relationships and what she learned from them as well as her acting aspirations.



As many fans know, Khloé and Malika have been friends since they were teenagers and the two have remained tight despite the Kardashian clan's rising fame.

"We refer to one another as sisters from two different misses and misters." Malika jokes. "I get very emotional about a lot of things Khloe has gone through in the spotlight and I can go to her and discuss it. And if she has things she wants to discuss, she knows that she can come to me too."

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When asked about Khloe and Lamar's relationship, the one reason Malika says it works so well is because they talk. "I know that it sounds generic but so many people have issues in their relationship and they don't communicate about it. The thing about Khloe and Lamar is that they are honest and can turn to one another in just about every circumstance."

Khloe and Lamar's relationship isn't the only one fans got to witness this season. There was also a flirtatious display of on-camera chemistry between Malika and Khloé's younger brother, Rob Kardashian, although the two never became an "official" couple.

"Being friends as long as we are and growing up near each other, sometimes you tend to look at people a little bit different than how you once used to but ultimately our relationship never became of a serious nature because what was important to Robert and I was that we would always be friends and that we would always have a relationship," Malika said. "It was a moment in time and it hasn't changed our love for one another at all, in fact Robert is in a relationship now and he's very happy and I am happy for him."

When asked what lessons she could impart to other women who may be in a similar situation with a guy she said, "If you teeter on the line of not being in a committed relationship, then anything can happen. [Not making a full commitment] also

might be a sign that some things just shouldn't happen."

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Malika gave us a glimpse of another relationship on this season's *Khloé & Lamar* as we watched her fall head-over-heels for Arizona Cardinals defensive back, Adrian Wilson. Once the couple got serious, she even moved to Arizona to be with him. "Most of our relationship was quite good," she shares.



Unfortunately, Wilson was in the midst of a divorce – one that began *before* Malika developed a relationship with him – and eventually, the pressure became too much to bear. "It kind of broke us up," says Malika.

Malika walked away from the relationship with another lesson learned. She explains, "Sometimes it's just best to not put yourself in the middle of something [like Wilson's divorce]. Go out with someone who is completely free and clear, and then make the decision to date them or not."

Even though she has no regrets about her faulty relationship with Wilson, Malika has no plans to get involved with another recently separated or divorced man. "I won't be running down that dark street again," she clarifies.

Thinking back on her relationship history, Malika shares one more love lesson with us. She cautions, "We can't ignore our [romance] [rules](#) because of [what our heart wants]" – a mistake

that many girls find themselves making.

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Setting her love life aside, Malika shifts gears and talks about her recent focus: auditioning and producing projects for herself. Starring in the films *Sky High* and *ATL*, she also played the lead role in Omarion's music video for "Speedin'," posting a TwitPic with Omarion onset. She assures us that we'll be seeing more of her soon!

Sharing her positive outlook, Malika says that she always tries to go with the flow and live life with an open mind. "I'm just open to new experiences and doing things I haven't done."

Even though Malika is working on her own projects, you can still catch up with her and her love life on *Khloé & Lamar*, airing on Sundays at 10|9c on E!. You can also follow her on Twitter and Facebook.

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## Video Exclusive: 'DWTS' Contestant Sherri Shepherd Chats About the Three Men in Her Life





By [Whitney Baker](#)

The key to a good life is a happy life – and no one knows better than TV personality Sherri Shepherd. In addition to her co-host gig on *The View* and her work with the recently-launched Clorox Toilet Lounge, she has not one but *three* men in her life: her six-year-old son Jeffrey, her husband Lamar Sally and her *Dancing With The Stars* partner Val Chmerkovskiy. Stepping out of her comfort zone and onto the dance floor, Shepherd is sure to keep us laughing as we root for her week after week.

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## Exclusive: Bachelor Pad 2

# Winner Holly Durst Plans Honeymoon in St. Lucia with Fiancé Blake Julian



By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

This summer, former *Bachelor Pad* reality stars Holly Durst and Blake Julian will have an intimate wedding in South Carolina and set off to the beautiful Caribbean island of St. Lucia for a romantic, one-week honeymoon.

“Blake is everything I’ve been looking for,” Holly gushed. “I liked him from the moment that I met him and I couldn’t deny that. We have the best chemistry together.”

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As many fans know, Holly and Blake’s path to wedded bliss was

all but easy for fans who watched it unfold on national television. Holly and her ex-fiance, Season 5 *Bachelorette* contestant, Michael Stagliano both appeared on the spinoff series, *Bachelor Pad 2* last summer. Although the two weren't together romantically, they partnered as a team, and split the grand prize of \$250,000 dollars. But, for Holly money wasn't all that she won. It was on that show that she met her future husband, Greenville, South Carolina Dentist, Blake Julian.

When asked if she watches the current episode of *The Bachelor*, Holly says she "keeps up" with her reality TV Alma Mater, but says that Blake likes it more than she does. "He likes Ben a lot, they were buddies on their season together."

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Ben and most of their fellow contestants from *Bachelor Pad 2* will be invited to their June 2 wedding in South Carolina.

"Invitations are almost ready to go out," she laughs. "We had a little envelope emergency and the stamps wouldn't stick on the finish of the envelopes so we spread them all over the apartment to get the stamps to stick and dry." Holly says that's the only snafu they've faced, everything else has been easy sailing.

The wedding will take place June 2nd (one day before Blake's 29th birthday) and they are estimating about 150 guests to attend the southern affair that will be decorated in a neutral tone of white. "I wanted a color that wouldn't date the photos. But, there will be a hint of pink throughout, because I love pink so much." Holly chose Alfred Angelo for her dress and pink for her six bridesmaids, all of whom are close friends and family.

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I am the opposite of Bridezilla, she said. "I'm just going to show up the day of the wedding and say alright that's good,



thanks.”

In addition to planning the wedding, this month Holly is launching her first children’s book. “I have been writing for about six years and I have several children’s books and a novel in the works.” Holly says that she always wanted to write a book that inspired kids that they could be and do anything that they wanted to in life. “I wanted to encourage other kids growing up not to be afraid of anything and to follow their dreams.” The result of this passion is “Chocolate Socks,” a book about taking what you [love](#) and doing whatever you want with it. Holly has always had a love for children, and even went to school to be a teacher before deciding that writing children’s books was her calling.

When asked about having kids of her own, she said we aren’t planning for it but if it happens it happens. “Blake wants two kids, and I want two or three, preferably twins!” Dating Michael who was a twin wasn’t what convinced her, she has eight sets of twins in her own family lineage.

Holly certainly keeps herself busy, dental assistant, children’s author and soon-to-be wife. But, regardless of her hectic life, she is still booming with happiness about finally becoming Blake’s wife.

The wedding festivities are set to begin this month with Blake’s ski-themed bachelor party taking place this month in Colorado and Holly’s bachelorette party in LA in May.

Visit [Amazon](#) to get your own copy of Holly Durst’s new inspiring children’s book, *Chocolate Socks*.

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# Video Exclusive: Food Network's Anne Burrell Gives Valentine's Day Cooking Tips



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Food Network star Anne Burrell knows a thing or two about spurring the fires of romance over the flame of a hot stove.

Cooking has always been revered as a mutual romantic touchstone, and no day is better to exploit this fact than on Valentine's Day. Be it chocolates or spaghetti with a nice bolognese sauce, treating your partner's palette with care can lead to delicious consequences. Anne dishes on how to cook for your partner this Valentine's Day, using the kitchen as an aphrodisiac atmosphere where love can only grow.

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# Exclusive Interview: Celebrity Attorney Ann- Margaret Carrozza Discusses the Pitfalls of Prenuptial Agreements



By Steven Zangrillo

With the national divorce rate spiking like a batch of Twisted Tea, it's no wonder that we've seen a renewed interest in pre-nuptial agreements. More than ever, these agreements have become an integral part of the arrangements a couple will make before tying the knot. Between high profile splits like the

Kardashian catastrophe to the everyday scenarios of your neighbors down the block, the specter of divorce knows no singular demographic. As your relationship nears towards the ever-ominous edge that teeters between “dating” and “marriage,” you’ll probably be in need of a little perspective.

“Everyone should consider pre-nuptial agreements, especially high net worth individuals,” says New York City based Celebrity Attorney Ann-Margaret Carrozza. “Sometimes they can lose about half of their net worth unless they are properly protected,” Carrozza adds.

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It’s not hard to imagine how difficult these negotiations can become. After all, marriage can be a huge financial risk. In Carrozza’s experience, she says that the party with fewer assets seem to be a little more contentious. “They are big proponents of adding benchmarks to the agreements. That is, these people will make sure they are given a percentage based on the years they dedicate to the marriage,” she says. In essence, they’re arranging prorated marriage agreements. If you put in five years, you get a cut.

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As far as mediating this process with perspective in mind, Carrozza says “It goes beyond being a lawyer; I try to expand the discussion. In fact, I tell many of these couples that this will be the least romantic thing they will ever do!”

In truth, prenuptial agreements sound about as comfortable as dental work and with a recent rash of hotly covered high-profile divorces in Hollywood, it appears attitudes towards commitment are shifting. Seal and Heidi Klum, Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries, Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore, Katy Perry

and Russell Brand, and Jennifer Lopez' heavily documented split from Marc Anthony are all situations that beg a bevy of questions. Is Hollywood getting it wrong? Are we?

Carrozza thinks that it's a little bit of both. She believes that, at the very least, pre-nuptial agreements are indicative of how we approach the institution of marriage. Divorces are going to happen, the best we can do is prepare properly.

"I think that not only with celebrity, but any divorce proceeding, each party wants to protect themselves," she concludes.

That may be all it really is but it's alarming how we've gone from protecting one another to protecting our assets.

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## **EXCLUSIVE: Former 'Bachelor' Contestants Prepare to File Class Action Lawsuit against ABC Producers**





In a move that would be the first-of-its-kind in reality television history, former contestants of the ABC hit reality television shows, 'The Bachelor' and 'The Bachelorette' have spoken to attorneys and are in discussion to file a class action lawsuit, against creators Mike Fleiss and Elan Gale.

This information was disclosed to us in an exclusive interview today by former contestant and 'Bachelorette Season 4' winner, Jesse Csincsak.

"Once you're on the show, they own you," Jesse said. "Even when your contract is up, they still interfere in your life and prevent you from promoting other brands and making money."

Jesse notes that the last straw for him came when Gale contacted his business partners and other companies telling them not to work with him. He says that the producers have also contacted former 'Bachelor,' 'Bachelorette' and 'Bachelor Pad' contestants threatening to blacklist them if they participate in any of Csincsak's events.

**Related:** [Jesse Csincsak Hosts 'Bachelorette Pad Beatdown' on RTVZone.com](http://RTVZone.com)

Since appearing on 'The Bachelorette' Jesse has remained in the spotlight by hosting annual bachelor reunion gatherings



with the former contestants and most recently he launched the successful web show 'Reality Smackdown.'

Discussion about a class action lawsuit surfaced this month after Csincsak was reviewing his rights with his attorneys.

"I had planned to file my own lawsuit last month but after discussions with numerous people and former Bachelor contestants, we realized that this issue is much bigger than me," he said.

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This isn't the first time ABC has been to court regarding the hit show. In 2003, the show's producers filed suit against former 'Bachelor' Season 4 star, Bob Guiney for breaking his contract by promoting his new CD '3 Sides,' and his music video. Guiney won the case.

Last month, spoiler blogger, Steve Carbone (a.k.a Reality Steve) was slapped with a lawsuit by the producers of ABC for coercing former contestants to breach their confidentiality contracts to help reveal spoiler activities for his website.

Jesse a retired pro snowboarder, who won the heart of DeAnna Pappas on Season 4 of 'The Bachelorette' is now married to former 'Bachelor' Season 13 contestant Ann Leuders.

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## Shiri Appleby Dishes about New Web Series 'Dating Rules

# From My Future Self'



By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

It's easy to ask others for dating advice, but sometimes you have to listen to your gut and do what makes you happy. Shiri Appleby (*Roswell/Life Unexpected*) shared that tip with us as we discussed her role on the new web series, '*Dating Rules From My Future Self*'. The series, also starring Taylor Kinney (*Vampire Diaries* and Lady Gaga's current beau), is about a young 27-year-old woman named, Lucy Lambert who starts getting text messages from herself 10 years in the future. The messages warn her about her dating strategy. She soon realizes that the man she is about to marry, isn't the one for her and she must change her life. If only there was an app that would allow us to get advice from our older, wiser self! Well, according to Appleby that may not be a good thing.

Below Appleby gives us the scoop on her new series, and how it relates to her personal life. She also shares some great dating advice with our visitors.

**Tell us more about the show. How does a web series differ from television?**

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It doesn't feel any different from my end. The good thing is that people can watch it at their leisure from their computer and there's an opportunity for it to go viral.

**Does 'Dating Rules' compare to your current love life? Do you relate to Lucy?**

Yes, I relate to Lucy because as I've gotten older, I've realized that if I stop asking everyone else what they think I should be doing with my love life and I just ask myself, I always end up the happiest. For example, when I think about choosing between A and B, I stop and ask myself what do I really need in my life? If I'm really honest with myself I always pick the choice that makes me the happiest. When you doubt and ask everyone else what to do, you get really confused and end up in situations that don't make you feel comfortable. In the show, Lucy starts to understand herself and you see how she blossoms as a woman.

**Do you wish that you had the opportunity at one point to get future text messages like Lucy does?**

No, I don't think so. It would be great, but at the same time you learn a lot from your mistakes and why you chose to date someone. Going through the experience is important because whether it's positive or negative, it helps you to understand what you want in the future.

**What message do you think the show is trying to send out to viewers?**

It's a show about friendship and realizing how great it is to grow up with true girlfriends that you can ask honest

questions to. It's also telling woman that it's okay to ask for what you need and to figure out what it is that you need. And, how do you get that? You usually get that from listening to yourself.

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**What do you think was the motivation to create a show like this?**

It's important to create something that people will be entertained by, but if you have the opportunity you want to put a good message out there also, especially to young woman.

**Do you have any relationship advice you can share with our visitors?**

Yes. My advice is that it's not supposed to be as difficult as we make it out to be. The best thing you can do is to kill the idea of what you think you need or want. If you get rid of those preconceived thoughts, then you will be able to find the thing that you actually do need vs. what you think you need. Once that happens, you will discover that what you need is a best friend and the list you once had for finding a partner will feel like nonsense.

**How about your own dating life?**

Yes, I'm in a great relationship – it's really nice.

**Before we go, can you tell us about the book you're writing?**

Yes, it's really exciting. I am writing a book about how I've found myself and I tell it through all of the guys I've dated. I'm taking it to publishers at the end of this month. Hopefully it will be a good read.

*For more information about Shiri Appleby you can find her on Facebook or follow her on Twitter @shiriappleby. Dating Rules From My Future Self premiered on January 9, 2012. New*

*episodes will air every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.*

CupidsPulse.com wishes Shiri lots of luck on your new show and book! Would you want to get messages from your future self? Tell us in a comment below.

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## NY Ink's Ami James Chats about New Season and Inking Your Partner's Name



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By Jennifer

The holidays are the perfect time to catch up on television shows, new and old. If you're a fan of tattoos and drama, we have good news for you! The TLC reality hit show 'NY

Ink' will be kicking off Season Two on December 29. We had the opportunity to catch up with renowned artist and main character Ami James, the driving force behind the show and Soho-based tattoo shop- Wooster Street Social Club. In our chat with Ami, we discussed his inside perspective on the series, as well as current tattoo trends. Here's what the reality star had to say in the days leading up to the start of the second season of 'NY Ink'!

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**Tell us about your experience so far in New York. What's been the biggest challenge?**

New York has been home for me for 15 years, although I live in both Miami and New York. I'm constantly going back and forth between the two cities, so I would say the biggest challenge has been giving the Miami and New York shops equal attention, and juggling my family and personal obligations as well.

**How does New York differ from Miami?**

Miami is very laid-back, where New York is more hustle and bustle. You can really feel the energy in the air in New York. So the cities are different, and the shops in the cities are different as well. The one common thread is really the clients.

**Tattoos used to be considered pretty taboo, but it seems there has been a shift in perception. Do you agree?**

The world of tattoos has really changed in the past decade, and with the television shows, tattoos have been brought into people's living rooms. The timing of the shows was right.

People have learned more about tattoos, and there has been a dramatic increase in the amount of the population with tattoos.

**What's the biggest tattoo trend you are seeing right now?**

There are always trends in tattoos, but thought and education are important when considering a tattoo. Be sure to think



long-term and know that the tattoo will likely last a lifetime. That being said, the biggest trend I'm seeing right now is women getting tattoos on their ribs. The upside of this location is the ribs are usually covered by clothes, but the downside is this is a very painful location!

**So many people ink the name of their significant other on their body. We all remember when Kasey Kahl got a tattoo to declare his love for Bachelorette Ali Fedotowsky. What do you think motivates people to do this?**

It's popular to get these types of tattoos, but I don't recommend it unless it's somebody you absolutely know you will love forever. I respect the freedom of choice, but I do try to give people insight that the tattoo is permanent. And I can speak from personal experience; I have a portrait tattoo of my ex-wife [Jordan]! Today, we're best friends so I can honestly say I don't regret the tattoo. I embrace it as part of my personal history.

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**For people who decide to get a tattoo with their partner's name, is there a place on the body you recommend that is best for this type of statement?**

In our business, we don't typically provide recommendations as much as we advise customers of locations on the body that might not work very well. For example, some spots on the body are very painful to get a tattoo. It's all about making sure the customer is informed and making the best decision for their body.

**We all know tattoos are permanent, but sometimes relationships are not. What advice do you give to people who may have a tattoo of a former lover?**

Well, we know relationships have the potential to end up as disasters. I'm thinking of Tiger Woods right now, and we all understand what it's like when a relationship ends.

Personally, I have a tattoo linked to my ex-wife, but we were

lucky. Although our marriage didn't last, we ended the relationship really respecting each other, so I'm okay with the tattoo. If you end up with a tattoo you don't want, you really have two options, cover it up or laser it off.

**How many tattoos do you have, and which is your favorite?**

I have so many great tattoos. I especially like a tattoo I had done in Japan, because it really taught me a lot about the Japanese culture. I also really like my tattoo that is a portrait of my daughter [Shayli Haylen James].

Thanks to Ami for sharing his perspective into the world of tattoos! In case you missed season one of NY Ink, you can pick up the DVD (available on December 20) and catch up before the second season begins.

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## **Food Network Chef Marcela Valladolid Shares Her Sexiest Dish to Impress a Date**





Food Network celebrity Chef Marcela Valladolid released a new cook book this past fall titled, *Mexican Made Easy: Everyday Ingredients, Extraordinary Flavor*. In this interview she talks about food, relationships, and sexy spiked peppermint hot chocolate. What they say is true—food is the key to someone's heart!

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## Tonight: Reality TV Star Premiere Party in Hollywood!





Some of our favorite *Bachelorette* and *Bachelor Pad* all-stars are gearing up to celebrate the premiere of the sixteenth season of ABC's *The Bachelor* during a Reality TV Star Premiere Party hosted by Jesse Csincsak, Jesse Kovacs and David Good. The event will take place at The Parlor Hollywood on Monday, January 2, 2012 from 6 p.m. to midnight.

There will be a Red Carpet Entrance, VIP gifting area, appetizers, cocktails and a special viewing of the Season Premiere of *The Bachelor*—LIVE!

As if that's not enough, rounding out the good time will be a celebrity date auction, featuring *Bachelor Pad*'s Kasey Kahl and *Most Eligible Dallas*' Matt Nordgren. All proceeds benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand, a foundation that raises money to fight childhood cancer. The auction will be followed by music, dancing and a midnight champagne toast!

The party will be hosted by three of *The Bachelorette*'s fan favorites but it will be one huge Reality TV celebration. Expect appearances from your favorite reality stars of *The Bachelor*, *Most Eligible Dallas*, *Survivor*, *Big Brother*, *Dancing With The Stars*, *The Hills*, *The Real World*, and many more!

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# 'Married to Rock' Josie Stevens Talks About Communication, Patience and Roller Skating Naked



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By Shoshana

Being in love under the spotlight comes with many disadvantages. All your critics have something to say about you. Celebrity marriages have lasted between nine days (Carmen

Electra and Dennis Rodman), to two weeks (Mario Lopez and Ali Landry) and the infamous 72 days (Kim and Kris). With the start of "Kourtney and Kim Take New York" last week on *E!*, fans are hoping to get a glimpse into what caused the new marriage between Kim and Kris Humphries to collapse. It's not just rich and famous relationships that are tough. For every two marriages in the United States each year, there is one divorce. Most couples could learn a lot from what makes designer Josie Stevens' marriage to rocker Steve Stevens special.

Josie, featured with her husband of Billy Idol Fame on another *E!* Network reality show, "Married to Rock," knows what it takes to keep that wedded bliss going and not fall victim to the typical relationship hurdles. "What keeps the spark alive starts outside the bedroom," she said. "We video chat, we text, we call each other, we send each other cute emails, photos, little presents or flowers." Josie also claims that the key to a stress-less relationship is communication and patience. "No one is perfect, and everyone is going to have a few quirks that drive you crazy, but you have to remember that you have a few that drive them crazy too."

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The couple met in person for the first time at a store called The Pleasure Chest almost ten years ago and have been together ever since. They avoided having a public wedding in 2008, and were married in a park by a justice of the peace they found online. The decision to have a smaller ceremony was largely because Steve's father had just passed away and they did not feel it was appropriate to have a big event. A year later they joined the cast of "Married to Rock", and during the taping of the show they threw a rock star sized wedding of their dreams. Josie and Steve's dream wedding took place in a castle and had lots of pink accents. It was also broadcast on



the same network that televised the Kardashian mega-wedding.

Kim has been quoted in the media as saying she felt a burden to move forward with her nuptials due to being a public figure, but Josie felt quite the opposite. "The only pressure I got was from some of my friends to have a more traditional wedding, but I knew what I wanted and just followed my heart." She continued, "I think a wedding should reflect your personality, relationship and love." The Stevens' wedding did just that. Josie came down the castle roof on a trapeze, and the bridesmaids wore Hello Kitty necklaces.

Josie is a makeup artist by trade, and just launched a new clothing line called Josie Loves JValentine. Steve tours on his own, with Billy Idol's band, and occasionally with The Magnificent Seven and Camp Freddy. Although the two lovebirds travel between two to nine months a year, they make an effort to be together whenever they can, and often go on the road as a pair. Josie credits Steve as an inspiration for her work, and she acts as his stylist, make-up artist and day to day business manager.

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"One of the most important things in any relationship is to always make the other person feel loved and appreciated, whether you are together or apart. It's easy to take the other person for granted or get too comfortable." "On Married to Rock," Josie went as far as to create a "Josie Doll," which was a complete replica of herself to send to Steve while he was on the road. "Don't get so caught up in life that you stop taking time to just have fun and enjoy each other. Do something silly now and then."

The Stevens' are a good example of a couple who know how to keep the romance alive, and still focus on their careers. If all else fails, Josie has "found roller skating through the studio naked tends to work wonders," for getting Steve's

attention.

For more information on Josie's fashion line, you can find it at [www.jvalentinecatalog.com](http://www.jvalentinecatalog.com).

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# 'The Voice' Winner Javier Colon Shares His Holiday Date Night Plans During Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting



By Steven Zangrillo

As the weather goes from brisk to brash, we drag out our North Face jackets and holiday scarves in preparation for the winter ahead. Sometimes it takes the glow of a loved one to keep us cozy, which is why the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree can produce some of the warmest moments of the holiday season.

Beneath the glow of the freshly lit evergreen, Javier Colon (Winner of NBC's "The Voice") serenaded a crowd with Christmas classics. Afterwards, we chatted with him about his upcoming plans with his family for the Holiday season.

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## Food Network's Anne Burrell and Geoffrey Zakarian Talk Holiday Cooking and Love





By Steven Zangrillo

As the Holidays draw closer and families get together, it's easy to get roped into the manic hustle and bustle. Cooking with your loved ones, especially your special someone, can act as a great escape from all of the stress. It can even bring you and your partner closer. CupidsPulse.com spoke with Food Network's Anne Burrell and Geoffrey Zakarian and got their take on whipping up some holiday romance in the kitchen.

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**'Bachelor' Alumna Ann  
Csincsak and Partner Katie**

# Meyer Open Vintage Sweet & Chic Boutique



By Lauren

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Get ready to shop! Ann Csincsak (née Ann Lueders) of '***The Bachelor***' Season 13 and her business partner, Katie Meyer will be opening a new clothing boutique in Breckenridge, Colorado called Vintage Sweet & Chic on November 12, 2011.

Although formerly a dream of Katie's, when she met Ann, the two joined forces to get the business off the ground. During a recent interview, both ladies expressed their overwhelming excitement about the venture and emphasized the need for a place on Main Street that carries cute and trendy pieces.





"Breckenridge's staple clothing piece is snowboard pants and tall tees," Ann said. "So unless we wanted to dig through our husband's closets to fit in them, we decided to make a change rather than conform." The ladies also decided to keep the name of the place simple. "Vintage Sweet & Chic, comes from 'Vintage' which speaks for itself, 'Sweet' is the old fashioned candy wall, and 'Chic' defines that it's a totally



awesome boutique for the ladies.

Despite the fact that Ann and her husband **Jesse Csincsack**, the winner of '*Bachelorette*' Season 4, are both very busy with their newborn son Noah (the store mascot), Ann does plan on being at the store as much as possible. In fact, for the time being she and Katie will be the only employees. "We are everything from the cleaning crew to the head buyers to the personal stylists of the store," Katie noted. For the single ladies traveling to the area, Ann and Katie say that if you happen to meet someone on the slopes, come by their shop. They will help make sure that your outfit turns that weekend



fling into a lifelong romance! Vintage Sweet & Chick inspires great date night clothing pieces and also offers vintage fur coats, an essential winter piece in a chilly place like Breckenridge.

This is one Grand Opening event that you don't want to miss.

In addition to Ann's husband, Jesse, here are a few names of famous reality stars you may see on the red carpet:

Natalie Getz – Bachelor 13 / Bachelor Pad 1 Co Winner  
Erica Rose – Bachelor Rome / Bachelor Pad 2 / VH1 Cut off  
Jeff Medolla – Wine Maker / Bachelorette 7 = THE MASK  
Nikki Kaapke – Bachelor 13 / Bachelor Pad 1  
Eliza Orlins – Survivor  
Richard Mathy – Bachelorette 4  
John Hardesty – Bachelorette 5  
Kirsten Pittman – Bachelor 14  
Mark Huebner – Bachelorette 5  
Suzie Williams – Bachelor 5

Also attending are some ladies from the upcoming season of "The Bachelor" with Ben Flajnik and survivor 'South Pacific' contestants. The event is being sponsored by Popchips, Freaky Muscato and Rubywood at Paragon Lodging.

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## **RH00C: Fernanda Rocha Speaks Out About Fitness, Love and Being the First Lesbian**

# Housewife



By Whitney

Baker

Many reality television viewers know Fernanda Rocha as a new addition to season six of *The Real Housewives of Orange County* (RH00C) – and the first lesbian housewife to boot. But Rocha's story begins far away from the O.C. and long before her television debut. Before moving to Los Angeles, Rocha received her degree in kinesiology and worked as a personal trainer and gym manager in Brazil.

"I grew up in Brazil in a small and simple family filled with love. They always supported my crazy mind," she says. "And the freedom that they gave me to follow what I wanted to do was very important – it made me who I am."

That type of support led Rocha to land a spot on Bravo's wildly popular reality television show. It all began after a photo shoot for a line of fitness clothing when Rocha went to

a restaurant in Laguna Beach, where Bravo happened to be filming. The “Housewives’ began talking to her about her clothing line, and shortly after, Tamra Barney, and two friends came to one of her Brazilian Booty classes at a local gym. Last year, when Bravo called to see if she wanted to join the show, she was ready to take a risk and try a new experience. And, based on the response from her fans, it appears that the risk has paid off.

“I get a positive answer from people – very nice and very loving. The show put a good message out there about me,” she says.

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As for her status as the first lesbian housewife, for Rocha, the message is simple: equality. She strives to show that there is no difference between her and the other girls, saying “I’m not this way. I’m like you! It’s so important to stop labeling.”

When asked what she’s looking for in a partner, it’s no surprise that Rocha knows exactly what she wants. “I want someone who is sexy and fun. I look for chemistry, attraction, honesty, someone who knows what they want sexually,” she says. “I want someone who is happy with herself and with what she does. I want someone who is positive about life and believes that we are here to dream big and be happy.”

Rocha adds, “There are a lot of bisexual people out there, but I don’t want that for me. I had to go through my own process of knowing the difference between being with a woman and a man, and I know who I am.”

With that thought in mind, Rocha has certainly done her part in the fight for gay rights. She supports the NOH8 Campaign as well as It Gets Better Project (TM), a project to give hope to

LGBT youth. Most recently, she served as the grand marshal of Chicago's Gay Pride Parade 2011. "It was so exciting, just being there and being Fernanda. Any opportunity that I have to go and support [LGBT causes], I'm 100% there."

Of course, it wasn't always an easy road of self-discovery.

Keeping her own experiences in mind, she encourages young people to be honest with themselves. "Don't expect people to accept your choice; be happy with yourself and embrace it.

Focus on that, and don't worry about acceptance," she continues. "If you know who you are and you're happy and proud of yourself, [acceptance from others] doesn't matter."

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Rocha uses her interest in fitness to promote her beliefs on self-assurance. In order for her workout routine to reach people outside of Orange County, she is currently working on a series of Brazilian Booty workouts, set for release at the end of the year and available on seven DVDs and also OnDemand.

Additionally, she is creating Fernanda's Weekly Body Transformation, an online program that includes nutritional supplements. This fitness guru is also a supporter of Let's Move, a program developed by First Lady Michelle Obama to solve the epidemic of childhood obesity.

Rocha's positive outlook and joie de vivre shines through all aspects of her life, whether it be her role as a reality television star or her fitness empire. Even when it comes to finding the one, her energy is contagious, "I have hope. I don't want to settle; I want everything. I am open to love!"

You can follow Fernanda on Twitter or find her on Facebook.

And be sure to stay tuned for the next season of *The Real Housewives of Orange County*!

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# Tough Love Miami: Michelle Betts Talks About Life Before and After Romance Bootcamp



By Andrew Pryor

Michelle Betts is no stranger to tough love. As a personal trainer, she's the one who is usually dishing it out to her clients. So how would someone like her handle being a contestant on VH1's *Tough Love Miami*, taking part in a relationship bootcamp run by dating drill sergeant and master matchmaker Steve Ward?

Very well, as a matter of fact. "I could take it because I

knew how that type of criticism worked,” says Michelle. “I’m a personal trainer, and I know that sometimes you can be soft and encouraging, but other times you really have to break people down.”

Before her appearance on the show, Michelle lived a very disciplined life, keeping a strict and structured schedule for every activity—including finding love. “I wasn’t the type of person who obsessed over a date calling me back,” says the *Season 4* contestant. “I wouldn’t call someone out of desperation.”

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The few lasting relationships Michelle did have in the five or six years before *Tough Love* she says she’d like to forget. Michelle devoted herself to living a life of positivity, emphasizing exercise, meditation, and her now-infamous “vision board,” where she would build a collage of all the qualities she wanted in a man.

“*Tough Love* was rehab for my broken heart,” she says. “Honestly, if I hadn’t gone on the show, I would have spent 5-10 more years being held back by my own personal issues. People would always ask me, ‘Why are you single?’ and eventually I started saying, ‘Yeah, why *am* I single?’”

Initially, it was difficult for Michelle to adjust to the new environment because she had not lived with other women before. Over time, she did form bonds with the others and even left the show with “two lifelong friends.”

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But Michelle never forgot the true reason she was there. “I went in for myself,” says the fitness expert. “I went in not to meet a guy, but to have the tools I needed to build a relationship when I went back to California.”



So did Michelle find love through the *Tough Love* process?

“I can’t tell you that much yet,” she laughs. “What I can tell you is that it was a difficult process, and the challenges definitely got harder as the season went on. Oh, and there’s a whole lot of drama this season.”

Always a good reason to keep watching!

*Tough Love: Miami* is on VH1 on Sundays at 8 ET/7 CT.

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## **Tough Love Miami: Steve Ward Talks About A “FunSexyCool” Way To Find Love In The Digital Age**





By Andrew Pryor

Simply put, Steve Ward knows his way around the human heart so well it's a wonder he's not a cardiologist in his spare time.

Having joined the family matchmaking business straight out of Drexel University, he's currently the CEO of Master Matchmakers, working alongside his mother, JoAnn Ward. They also co-host the breakout VH1 series *Tough Love*, now in its fourth season.

Being a co-host of *Tough Love* helped Steve share his relationship expertise with a much wider audience, and the show itself provided VH1 with a reprieve from the stigma of past shows like *Flavor of Love* and *Rock of Love*. "The executives over at VH1 were looking for more transformative programming," says Steve, "so that was kind of our hook." And that "hook" turned into a successful program that brought him and his mother into the limelight.

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So what's a big part of their success, both on-and-off-camera?

Well, in Steve's opinion, a lot of it has to do with the way their business melds hands-on relationship advice with new technological developments. "I really enjoy being on the

cutting edge of technology, especially when it comes to the dating world,” he says. “We just have to keep up with the times. Dating and mating are evolving faster than we are.”

This particular subject made its way onto a recent episode of *Tough Love*, where the women were taught how to text responsibly and were ambushed during dates with photos from their Facebook pages.

And Steve’s newest innovation: a smartphone app named FunSexyCool. It combines technology and matchmaking in a way that’s accessible and fun to use. It’s an app that let’s you upload a photo of yourself, look at the photos of other users, and rate them as Fun, Sexy, or Cool, hence the name. It’s also one of the few social romance networks that actually rewards you for being active—the more pictures you rate, the more conversations you can have with other members of the site. It also includes a feature where you can contact a user in your general vicinity and chat with them.

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“Me and a couple of tech developers I know were talking about how people seemed frustrated with the options that were out there for finding love, so we worked together to come up with something new,” he says.

Interested daters can sign up for the app at [funsexycool.com](http://funsexycool.com).

And for those who want more of Steve Ward, visit [MasterMatchmakers.com](http://MasterMatchmakers.com) or watch *Tough Love* at 8 ET/7 CT.

Steve may be a practitioner of tough love, but it’s definitely not difficult for people to fall in love with all that he’s done to better people’s lives.

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# NBC 'Chuck' Star Vik Sahay Shares 10 Love Lessons for Men (Lester Patel Style)



By Whitney

Baker

With the fifth and final season of NBC's television series, 'Chuck', set to premiere this month, fans of the show are anxiously awaiting its return. When we last left the gang, Chuck (Zachary Levi) had to lead a team to fight against a deadly plot by Vivian Volkoff (Lauren Cohan) to save his [bride](#), Sarah (Yvonne Strahovski) – all the while planning the beginning stages of his freelance spy agency.

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Canadian actor, Vik Sahay, who has been a series regular since the second season, plays Lester Patel, a "Nerd Herd" member

and vocalist of Buy More's resident rock band, Jeffster. When asked about his relationships for the upcoming season, he reveals that he wants his character to find the right girl, and "to be made a better man by a big, bad love." Of course, it'll take more than your average woman to capture Lester's heart. "She must be beautiful, smart, daring, and powerful," explains Sahay. "I don't think he'd settle for anyone who didn't scare him a little."

Before diving into his personal perspective on romance, Sahay gives us a peek into the inner thoughts of his character. Here are a few lessons in love according to Lester:

1. Don't ask her to pick you up. If you can't get your hands on a car, spring for a cab.
2. No arm wrestling.
3. Don't take calls from your mother at the table.
4. Beer is not a good kissing drink. Vodka is.
5. Smile. No frowning, grimacing, or raging.
6. Laugh at her jokes.
7. Know her name. Remember it throughout the night. Sprinkle it in conversation liberally, but not aggressively.
8. Don't expect a woman to pay for your dinner.
9. If you intend to bring her back to your place, pack up any cosmetics, including hair products, moisturizers, and fake eyelashes. A woman does not want to know you have more beauty products than her.
10. Music is great for setting the mood...on a stereo. Save the serenades for anniversaries down the road, if you can get there.

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## Relationship

For Sahay, there is one piece of romantic advice that rises above the rest: be funny. “There are well-sculpted hunks of male beef in gyms all over the planet. You look good, so then what?” he says. “Laughter is sexy and emotional. It gets you in your body and opens your heart. I can’t think of anything more conducive to falling in love.”

Fortunately, Sahay’s relationship history has yet to mirror Lester’s romantic troubles – although he adds, “I have been told that my energy can be exhausting, as I’m sure his would be.”

Even so, dating in Hollywood comes with its own unique challenges. According to Sahay, the most challenging part is “the fact that everyone is constantly ‘on’ in this town – constantly working, constantly career-building, etc.” He expands, “Plus, with distances across the city (and insane working hours), it’s a major commitment to hook up for a drink, making it tough to be casual about it.”

That’s not to say that it doesn’t have its benefits too. The biggest perk? Sahay says, “Many romantic restaurants have patios year-round. Coming from Toronto, that’s a major plus.”

And if humor and romantic restaurants fail to impress a date, Sahay has one more trick up his sleeve: dancing. When asked if he’s ever used his dancing skills to win over a woman, he responds, “Oh yes. Many a move has been busted on dates.”

*Tune into the season premiere of Chuck on NBC on Friday, October 28 at 8/7 c.*

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# 'Bachelor Pad 2' Winner: Michael Stagliano says "I've Never Been Happier"



By [Lori Bizzoco](#) and Melissa Caballero

It was exactly one month ago today that Michael Stagliano and his ex-fiance, Holly Durst had their victory win on the season finale of ABC's 'Bachelor Pad 2.' Despite the uncomfortable (and surprising) public announcement on the show that Holly was engaged to contestant Blake Julian, Michael took the high road and chose to share the winnings with her. But now, that's all behind him and it's his turn to smile. "Right now my job, my music and my life outside the *Bachelor Pad* are good. I've never been happier," he says.

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## Engagement

Grabbing life by the reigns, this *Bachelor Pad 2* winner is keeping his chin up and learning from his past experiences.

When it comes to finding love, Michael is definitely an optimist. "I am so ridiculously in love with love. I'm such a lover. Don't get me wrong, I was down and out for a bit. But, I'm back!" he says.

Yes, single ladies you heard that correctly: Michael Stagliano is on the prowl. "I like the hunt. I love the idea of finding love naturally; in the grocery store or just walking down the street." And, it's safe to say that if you do see this talented musician strolling around town or parading in the produce aisle, his mind is grooving to the beat of a song, preferably one of his own.

This former break-dance instructor is taking his energy and passion and putting it straight into singing and song writing.

"I can talk about my music for days and days. I think there's nothing in the world like music," he says.

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Michael has always been in love with music and emphasizes the importance of his lyrics. When asked where he finds his inspiration, he says, "I think what I appreciate the most about my songwriting is that it comes from everywhere. I literally try to use everything. It sounds broad, but I mean it specifically. It's events, it's things in life, it's things I see and things I hear. I feel that songs write me rather than me writing songs."

For example, he tells us the story of how he recently bumped into his ex-girlfriend from college and there was a rush of nostalgia so big that he wrote his newest single, 'College Love,' on the car ride home. Michael's other two songs, 'Everything You Do' and 'Take Me To Her' were inspired by his

relationship with Holly and a quote that his grandmother once said to him: "I lived my life. Now go live yours." As if there wasn't reason enough to fall in love with this former *Bachelorette* contestant, add "soulfully romantic musician" to the list.

Speaking of falling in love, when we asked Michael to name his celebrity crush, he didn't hesitate. "**Rachel McAdams. So hot. Call me!**" he chuckled.

If you're not Rachel McAdams, there's still hope. We asked Michael what he looks for in a woman, and he kindly shared his top three (more like 15) list of qualities and features:

**1. Physical characteristics:** He says this one is the most fun to talk about, but not the most important. "I'm a sucker for blondes. Always have been, always will be. Not *Playboy* bunny blonde; naturally blonde. I like shorter girls, 5'2 to 5'7. And, blue or green eyes, that would be great," he adds.

**2. Showing love:** "I really have that down. I know how to treat a woman, but still be the man. I know how to make them feel special and let them know that I'm not looking at anybody else. I just want someone who reciprocates that. I haven't had that yet."

**3. Fruits of the Spirit:** Michael says there's nine qualities he looks for that come from the biblical term called, 'Fruits of the Spirit.' "I'm totally going to misquote this, but basically I mean patience, kind, caring, forgiving, someone who is slow to anger and quick to forgive," he says. For those of you who are unfamiliar we thought we'd help out. The nine fruits are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Open and honest, you have to admire this reality star's take on life and love. After such a painful public experience, it's nice to see a renewed man coming out on top. We have a feeling that this hopeless romantic will meet someone very

special and that his music will be around for a long time.

To purchase Michael's singles, head to iTunes. Or, for more information on his show dates and appearances you can follow him on Facebook or Twitter.

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# Hair Battle Spectacular's Blondie Talks Hair Tips for Dating



By **Melissa Tierney**

Picture yourself getting ready for that big first date. You've picked a cute outfit, shoes and bag to match. You searched high and low for that great bracelet to go with it. You're

finally getting ready to do your hair and make up when crisis strikes. Hair catastrophes are unique for everyone, which makes Oxygen's Hair Battle Spectacular such a compelling show.

Hair Battle Spectacular, hosted by Eva Marcille, pits up-and-coming fantasy hair stylists against each other for the top \$100,000 prize.

**Ashley Stone**, better known as **Blondie**, left an indelible mark on audiences, judges, and fellow contestants alike. Not only did she win the big challenge of the first episode with her Nicki Minaj-inspired hairpiece, but she also made it to the final four. Despite running her own salon and business for the better part of a decade, Blondie was new to avant-garde and fantasy looks. However, she hit the ground running and has catapulted herself to the forefront of the competition.

Blondie recently talked to us about her experience on the show, giving us some behind-the-scenes insight. She also shared a bit of hairstyle advice when it comes to date night or a break-up as well as what hair trends to expect this fall.

**What influenced you to leave your salon to compete on the show?**

The girls I worked with. They are all younger than me and kept pushing me to do it. They thought it would be a great experience, which it was. As a business owner, you must be able to take risks and know when to take them, and I felt this was the right time.

**Was the show what you expected it would be?**

I didn't know what to expect before I went on. It taped in six weeks, and I was only allowed to make one phone call home per week for just five minutes, so that was hard since I was away from my husband and son.

**Why did you decide to do "show" hair when so many stylists shy away from doing up-dos, let alone extravagant hairdos like you**

**do on the show?**

I never really decided to do “fantasy” hair. I’m a colorist now, but I started my business by doing bridal parties and going on-site for big events. I love up-dos, but I never had experience with fantasy hair, so it was completely new to me. Other contestants knew how to use materials and techniques that I didn’t, but I learned things along the way and got the hang of it.

**How did it feel being in the final four?**

I had mixed emotions. At that point, I was very homesick. If I had to go home, I wouldn’t have minded, and I would have been happy knowing I tried my best. But I wasn’t surprised I made it (not to sound over-confident). I just feel that I’m a great hairdresser, and I was confident in my abilities even though I didn’t have as much experience as the other contestants.

**Do you have any regrets about doing the show or anything that may have happened on or off the screen?**

No, I don’t. I didn’t like a few people on the show, but I also ended up making some friends from the show, so it went both ways. I don’t like the drama, and certain contestants were all about that. A few of them liked to play mind games, and I’m so not about getting into people’s heads.

**Since we are a love and relationship advice site, what tips would you give the single ladies out there for a perfect first date hairdo?**

It’s very simple. If you’re going from work to a date, just leave your hair straight during the day, and when you get home, curl some pieces of your hair with a curling iron and pin them back into a little up-do. It’s the perfect date look and only takes ten minutes to do.

**Any advice for women who just ended a relationship? Should they do a completely drastic change – color, cut, etc.?**

I would say a change is definitely in order but I wouldn’t recommend something too drastic. If there’s something women



should change when they are going through different stages in life, it would be their hair color. Color can always be fixed, while a cut cannot. If you chop it all off, it will cost a pretty penny to get extensions to try and mend the situation.

A different color will give you that instant boost after a break-up. You can change the base color, do a glaze or add some highlights, and it's a great pick-me-up.

**Are there any tricks of the trade you can share with us to help women out there look fabulous even if they can't hit the salon as often as they wish?**

I'd suggest women allow their hair to air dry the night before and then go over it with a round brush and blow dryer in the morning. It will be easier to blow out and isn't as bad as when your hair is soaking wet.

**What major trends are you seeing this fall?**

I'm seeing a lot of women dye their hair red – either a copper red, a violet red or a bright red, anything on that spectrum. When it comes to how women are wearing their hair, it's either beach waves or silky smooth and straight thanks to Keratin treatments.

**And finally, how would you describe your own hairstyle? How did you get your nickname "Blondie"?**

I've always been a blonde, and I've tried every shade of blonde out there. I typically keep my hair straight, but occasionally, I curl it.

I got my nickname from my sister-in-law; she always calls me "Blondie." Also, I feel I've always been a blonde in a sea of brunettes.

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# Onion News Network Saves the World with Ice-T, Coco and Other Reality Stars



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When the world is ending, who will you love? Tonight, IFC presents the Onion News Network's spin on the apocalypse.

With an asteroid supposedly speeding towards earth, I jumped on the red carpet to ask Ice-T, his wife Coco and two Mob Wives how and with whom they would spend their last days. "A pool boy and some Pina Coladas," said Renee Graziano, Mob Wives star. Ice-T, whose memoir was just released, had some more positive things to say about romance. "You have to spend time together without the cameras. You can't let producers

run your life or separate you.” Other guests included Karen Gravano, Tanisha Thomas and Onion News Network hosts.

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Ice and Coco just renewed their vows, after eloping ten years ago. “He told me five, but I had to wait ten years,” Coco laughed. On whether they will still be together when the asteroid hits, Ice explained “Ass-gravity” to the Onion News Network’s Brooke Alvarez in a private taping. According to Ice, Coco’s luscious behind has its own gravitational pull and can re-direct any incoming asteroids, saving us all and keeping their marriage strong. The loving and hilarious couple will also be burning the midnight oil when we all go up in flames. When asked how they’d spend their final hours, Coco smiled sweetly, “Jungle sex.” The planet goes KA-BOOM! tonight at 10pm, with exclusive coverage from ONN on IFC.

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