Celebrity Couple: Jana Kramer and Fiance Brantley Gilbert Vie for Same ACM Award





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Jana Kramer, and fiance Brantley Gilbert recently competed yesterday at the Academy of Country Music Awards for the "best new artist" trophy. The couple got engaged the 28th of March at the historic Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee. The twosome are now settled in Nashville, with Kramer focusing on her music for the tour with Blake Shelton this summer. Kramer plays around with <u>People</u>'s reporters saying, "We're up against each other and we've got our gloves on!" Although neither half of the couple won "new artist of the year," they did each win an award. Kramer won "new female vocalist of the year" and

Gilbert won "new male vocalist of the year."

How does friendly competition keep your relationship fresh?

Cupid's Advice:

Depending on you and your mate's competitive levels, you may not want to engage in friendly competition. The results for the mass are grand. However for the few, they can vary. Throwing friendly competition into the valuable of a relationship keeps it fresh, keeps it alive. It allows you to bond with your partner, knowing them better than simply factual information. Cupid has some more advice on friendly competitions:

- 1. Awe factor: Having a competition with your beau allows either of you to gain some awe towards one another. It can be your partner to you. You can discover how competitive your mate is, but in the slightest of ways. For you of course, so he doesn't hurt you. If they win 'said' competition, you become aware of how hard they worked to get to that position. Aware of how they work in general, and as always, how much they love you.
- 2. Knowledge of partner: Knowing more of your partner is never a bad thing. Unless they secretly store extinct, decrepit Tasmanian Tigers in all of their closets. Since hopefully this is not the case for you, having a friendly competition allows you to know your mate more. How they think on command, what they do in pressured situations. How they react in certain scenarios. You pick up on their little mechanisms, eventually putting them altogether to analyze the whole machine.
- 3. Something to do: As much as you and your beau are in love, relationships can get dull. It's a fact. It's not you, or your partner, or the both of you together. It's simply that you two may and most likely will get bored. Adding a friendly competition into your relationship keeps it fresh and going.

It gives you something to do on a Friday night when neither of you want to go out. Yet you don't want to sit on the couch all night watching re-runs of Dr. Phil.

Has friendly competition ever kept your relationship fresh? Explain below!

Taylor Swift to Take Teenage Cancer Patient to ACM Awards





It looks like Taylor Swift has a new man on her arm. The country singer, 22, is taking leukemia patient Kevin McGuire, 18, to the ACM Awards to make up for missing his senior prom,

reports <u>RadarOnline</u>. "Kevin I'm so sorry but I won't be able to make it to your prom," Swift posted on Facebook. "But I was wondering, the ACM Awards are coming up. Would you be my date?" McGuire, who was diagnosed with leukemia at 13, invited Swift to his senior prom after prompting from his sister. "I tried to think of a kind person who would make me feel OK. And laugh," said McGuire. "A person who would look amazing, and the one person who would make me feel special for one night. It was her."

What are some ways to make it up to your partner when you have to cancel plans?

Cupid's Advice:

Canceling plans can put you and your partner in a tight spot. Here are a few ways to make it up to your partner when you're forced to bail:

- 1. Make new plans: After canceling, take it upon yourself to plan something for the next time you and your partner are both available. With a little effort, you will be able to show your partner exactly how much they mean to you.
- 2. Change plans: If you don't have time for a movie, you may have time for a quick ice cream run later in the evening.

 Offering other suggestions that work will let your partner know how much your time together means to you.
- **3. Be tactful:** If you're tactful and polite when you cancel the plans, you may not need to do as much damage control. Be sure to give your mate valid reasons as to why you're bailing, and apologize for not being able to follow through.

What are some other ways to make canceling OK? Feel free to leave a comment below.