Exclusive Celebrity Interview: Former Reality TV Star Brie Bythewood Shares Love For New Baby Girl





By Emma L. Wells

Congratulations to Brie Bythewood, who recently joined the ranks of celebrity moms! The former cast member of Bravo's reality TV show *Blood*, *Sweat & Heels* welcomed her first child, a baby girl named Arya Dien, on Jan. 23 in New York City. "I've never felt so complete," she shares in our exclusive celebrity interview. "My daughter is my everything."

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Brie Bythewood Opens Up About Daughter in Exclusive Celebrity Interview

Bythewood posted an adorable snap of her little one, who arrived at 3:45 a.m. and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz., on Twitter. The photo was captioned, "Love of my life." The reality TV star expands on this feeling, saying, "It was love at first sight. Just when I thought I knew everything about true love, my daughter entered the world, and my heart became hers instantly and unconditionally."

When it came to naming their firstborn, the new celebrity mom explains that Arya (pronounced Aria) was their top choice. "Our goal with her name was to find one that exudes beauty and strength," she reveals in our exclusive celebrity interview. "And then she shares my middle name, Dien."

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Reality TV Star on Being a New Celebrity Mom

"It's the best feeling in the world," Bythewood says of parenthood, "and it's a role that will last forever! I couldn't feel happier or more blessed."

To keep up with Brie's journey as a celebrity mom, follow her on Twitter @BrieBythewood.

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Interview by Lori Bizzoco. Written by Sarah Batcheller. Bravo's Blood, Sweat and Heels reality TV star Brie Bythewood has it all: an impressive career, a devoted man, and soon, a little girl to call her own. CupidsPulse.com Executive Editor Lori Bizzoco spoke with the real estate developer at the OK! Magazine New York Fashion Week event on September 10th to get some insight on her celebrity pregnancy and the upcoming season of the hit show. However, this week, there have been rumblings that Bythewood won't be returning to Blood, Sweat

and Heels, so we followed up with her and got the full scoop on her plans for the future. Here's what we know:

Bravo Star Talks About Reality TV Show

The mom-to-be spoke to us about the recent rumors of her departure from the reality TV show, "It was a decision made months ago," she reveals in our celebrity interview. "For me, my pregnancy is, and has been, my focus."

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When we asked Bythewood if there were any new projects brewing or if she would be taking a break, she said that instead of slowing down, her schedule has actually picked up, and she has a new project in the works, hinting, "That will be something everyone will have to wait to see! I can't really get into the details about it quite yet, but it will be very different from what you saw on *Blood*, *Sweat and Heels*."



Brie Bythewood is thrilled about having a baby girl. Photo: Alicia Bythewood

Brie Bythewood Dishes on Her Celebrity Pregnancy

The Emerson alumna describes the father of her soon-to-be daughter as her "heartbeat" and gushes that he'll be an amazing dad. She goes on to say, "He'll be the first man [our daughter] ever loves, and she doesn't know how amazing of a person that is to have as a first love."

While speaking of the gender reveal party she and her longtime boyfriend hosted, Bythewood reflects on the day their doctor called to announce the sex of their baby. She appointed her mother as the keeper of the secret, as she wanted the news to remain a surprise so she could share the moment with the rest of her loved ones. So when the party came around, the original Mama Bythewood filled a box with pink balloons, and when the couple opened it, they rejoiced at the news of a baby girl on her way.

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It was difficult to meet up with a few of her former castmates to tell them the news of her <u>celebrity pregnancy</u>, and she regrets that they read the story in the press first. She states, "We couldn't get it together, so I said, 'You know what, you're going to read some news; I wanted to tell you first.' But I refused to tell them over the phone."

We're sad that there will be no pregnancy and celebrity romance on the second season of *Blood*, *Sweat and Heels* — we'll miss the class and sophistication that the mama-to-be brought to the small screen!

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Brie Bythewood on Celebrity Baby News: "There Won't Be Any Pregnancy Scenes on the Show"





Interview by Lori Bizzoco. Written by Ann Luther.

We fell in love with her on the premiere season of *Blood*, *Sweat and Heels*. Her name is Brie Bythewood, third-generation New Yorker, real estate developer, fashion goddess, and now, soon-to-be mother to a precious baby girl. She was a class act on *BS&H*, doing her thing as a successful working woman. Still, she left us with *so* many questions about her life off-camera, from dating to fashion and everything in between. On the brink of her celebrity pregnancy announcement, CupidsPulse.com had

the pleasure of interviewing the reality TV star and got the delicious scoop on her <u>celebrity baby news</u> as well as her longtime relationship and love.

Reality TV Star Opens Up About Relationship and Love Interest

To catch fans up to your celebrity baby news, let's talk about Season 1. Your boyfriend was never revealed on the show. Is this a new love interest for you?

My boyfriend has been in my life for quite a while. He is the man that has held my heart and stood by my side before, during and after *Blood*, *Sweat & Heels*. I've said it before, and I'll say it forever: I'm so happy that he will be the first man my daughter ever loves. He's one of the good guys, and he honestly makes me the happiest girl in the world. We're looking forward to beginning this new chapter of our lives together.

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Who was the first person on the cast to reach out and congratulate you?

The first person from the cast to reach out to me was my lady love, Demetria, quickly followed by my sis, Geneva. I love those gals. They are friends like no other and I adore them both beyond words. The following day, I received a very sweet text from Daisy who, fittingly, has always called me Momma Brie.

We heard you had an amazing gender reveal party and that you are having a little girl. Congratulations! What was your

initial reaction to the pink balloons?

From the moment we found out we were expecting, I believed we were going to have a baby girl. So much so that I made a bet with my boyfriend. He confidently accepted because he was certain our baby was a boy. The moment we opened the box at our gender reveal party and the pink balloons appeared, I screamed and jumped up and down as I quickly exclaimed, "I knew it!! Told you so!!!" For one week my boyfriend had to incorporate pink in his wardrobe, which he did quite creatively and with great pride, knowing it was all in celebration of his baby girl.



Brie's gender reveal party.

Photo: Pamela Mahmoud

Brie Bythewood Shares More Details About Celebrity Baby News and Pregnancy

How are your parents handling the news?

They adore my boyfriend and absolutely love the relationship that he and I have. Naturally, they were thrilled for us and for the future we're building together as a family. They melted with so much emotion and love when we broke the news to them. They instantly fell madly in love with my belly. My Mom actually started a collection of books and toys quite some time ago hoping she'd one day have a grandchild to share it all with. And now, she finally does. I used to laugh at her for her purchases, but now it all makes perfect sense. And my Dad is too cute. He's already planning a family vacation based on dates that he asked my boyfriend and I to approve with the doctor just to make sure his granddaughter would be healthy enough to fly at that time. It's all about her now and that's such a beautiful reality. They shower my baby girl with so much love, care and attention. It's the most beautiful thing sharing this experience with my parents from the eyes of a parent rather than just as their child. They've always been the most amazing parents and now I'm standing on the outside witnessing them take on their newest role as the most amazing grandparents.

What are some of the things going through your mind as you think about having a little girl? What are you most excited about?

I can't wait to revisit my childhood through my daughter. I'm excited to share the experiences with her that my parents shared with me. It makes me giggle when I find myself humming a song only to realize it's a nursery rhyme. She's alone in there, so I want her to be as comfortable as possible knowing

that mommy and daddy are here awaiting her arrival and are already singing her soon-to-be favorite songs.

Do you have any thoughts surrounding the theme of the baby's room? Have you started a registry yet?

We are in the initial stages of the registry process, which is actually quite overwhelming. I can't believe how many versions of the exact same product exist. Just when we think we have items to add, we read the reviews and find ourselves back at square one with zero entries. It's by no means an easy process when you're selecting items for your child. We haven't even gotten to the room decor yet, but it'll definitely be fit for a princess.

And what about you and your lucky man? Do we hear wedding bells in the near future? Plans for more children?

We were hearing wedding bells long before we found out we were pregnant. So yes, that day will come, as will a second baby... maybe even a third. So stay tuned! Life just keeps getting better and better.



A note written from Brie to her boyfriend before the baby's gender was revealed. Photo: Pamela Mahmud

So what does pregnancy mean for BS&H? Have you started filming yet and will you be filming while pregnant?

As far as I'm concerned, there won't be any pregnancy scenes on the show. I can't go into any further detail than that.

Although we didn't see it revealed so much on Season 1, from talking to you in the past we know that you are such a hard worker! Are you going to slow down after Baby B. is born?

I absolutely plan to slow down a bit before my daughter is born and will continue to take some time off after she's born to adjust to motherhood. I want to spend every waking moment with her, holding her, kissing her, watching her, learning her, admiring her and falling more and more in love with everything about her. And my boyfriend intends to do the same.

We're looking forward to learning the ropes of parenthood together. I do have a new project that I'll be working on shortly after my daughter is born, but she'll never be too far from me.

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Lastly, what do you enjoy most about being pregnant? What are you most nervous about?

I wouldn't trade this experience for the world. I have been enjoying the wonder of my journey step by step through each and every stage. I love the butterflies, the anticipation, the mystery and the excitement. I love knowing that I've been blessed with a beautiful gift of life that I'm carrying in my belly. I can't wait to meet my little girl, to hold her, to love her, to teach her, and to watch her grow. I wonder what her voice will sound like and what her laugh will sound like and what her first word will be.

On the contrary, I'm extremely worried about the pain of labor, the delivery, and the amount of time it will take to recover. But I've been reminded that it can't be that bad because women welcome babies to the world every day and choose to do it over and over again. So, whatever the pain may be, it'll surely be overshadowed by the feeling of love that'll take over. I can't wait to look into the eyes of my baby girl and be so happy that she's finally here and proud to say she's mine.

You can keep up with Brie on Twitter @BrieBythewood. Be sure to tune in to Blood, Sweat & Heels when it returns for its second season on Bravo!

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CupidsPulse.com Executive Editor Lori Bizzoco recently met up with *Blood*, *Sweat and Heels* reality TV star Brie Bythewood at the New Yorker Suite at the Carlton hotel, located at 88 Madison Avenue between 28th and 29th. The gorgeous 1,050 square foot penthouse includes a separate bedroom and living spaces with beautiful decor, as shown in the celebrity video

interview above.

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"I think we have a really great platform for a show," Bythewood said of Bravo's popular reality show. "We have an interesting and unique group of women. Whatever the formula, it worked, and it's been a success!"

Celebrity Video Interview with Reality TV Star Brie Bythewood

Given her crazy schedule, we had to ask: How does she manage it all? "In terms of balancing my relationship and love life with work and the show and everything that comes with it, I would be lying to say it's easy — because it's not," she explains. "It's challenging. It varies day to day." For her, though, her job is her number one focus. "That's always my priority — my work — because that provides me with the life I'm able to lead."

Yes, that's right — Bythewood is in a very happy relationship! While she stayed mum on details about the lucky guy, she divulged that they've known each other for over a decade and that she believes that best relationships are built on strong friendships. As for whether or not he'll be on future episodes of the reality TV show, we'll just have to wait and see. "I wonder that too! I don't know. I'll have to see if I can talk him up to actually making an appearance," she reveals in our celebrity video interview.

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Having finished filming the first season last June (the finale aired this past Sunday, Mar. 16), the real estate mogul shares that she's had time "to make amends of sorts" with the other

cast members (Mica included) and cites Demetria and Geneva as her closest friends on the show. Of this Sunday's reunion episode, she says, "It's as true to this season as it can be. There are ups and downs, but at the end of the day, I think we can all survive together."

Be sure to tune in for the Blood, Sweat and Heels reunion show on Sunday, March 23rd on Bravo at 9/8c. You can follow Bythewood on Twitter @briebythewood. For more information about the Carlton hotel, check them out on Twitter @thecarltonny and www.facebook.com/TheCarltonHotel.

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