Prince William and Kate Middleton Invite Matchmaker to Wedding





It looks like

there's one more addition to the already over 1,900 people attending the royal wedding. According to <u>RadarOnline</u>, that person is Sam Waley-Cohen, 28, an old friend of the royal couple who is credited with reuniting the pair after they broke up in 2007. Although Cohen is modest in taking responsibility for reuniting the two, it was at a party thrown by Waley-Cohen at his family's Oxford, England country house where the two resolved their issues.

Should you hire a matchmaker?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes it can be tough to meet people, and if you aren't interested in turning to the internet, a matchmaker may be

just what you need:

- 1. Fix something that's broken: Just like you would hire a professional to fix anything broken, why not hire one to fix one of the most important things in your life?
- 2. Increase your odds: We all know it's not easy out there finding love, so leave your stressful burden with someone else.
- **3. Busy life:** The busier we get, the more our love lives get pushed on the back burner. While we're busy with our jobs and careers, there are people who make love their job and want to help you find love.

Pete Wenz and Ashlee Simpson: Custody Fight in the Works?





A simple divorce may be easier said than done when it comes to Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz, reports <u>People</u>. The pair announced the end of their two year marriage last month when Simpson filed for divorce. Initially, the couple made a joint statment saying, "We remain friends and deeply committed and loving parents to our son Bronx, whose happiness and well-being remains our No. 1 priority." Now, Wentz has filed a divorce response in Los Angeles. Simpson had orginally filed for divorce requesting sole custody of their two-year-old son. Wentz's request seeks joint custody. Since the divorce proceedings still fairly fresh, it's difficult to say whether or not a custody battle is in the works.

Who should your kids live with after a split?

Cupid's Advice:

One of the most difficult and important decisions parents can make when going through a divorce is where the children are placed following. Cupid's got some things to consider:

1. If they're young: So much is changing in their lives right now, so it's important to keep as much the same as possible. If they don't have to change schools, don't make them. Have the children stay with the parent who can keep them in the same district.

- 2. If they're older: Let them choose. If both parents are capable and willing, there is no reason why the child(ren) in question can't make the decision.
- **3. Best of both worlds:** If at all possible, file a joint custody arrangement so that both parents would live with the child(ren) at different times.

Prince William and Kate Middleton Visit Wedding Chapel Together





With the big day

next month, England's Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton dropped by Westminister Abbey, the site of their wedding, along with father-of-the-groom Prince Charles. According to People, the trio was there to sort out musical

arrangements. "The orchestra also had a few pieces that they had wanted the bride and groom to hear," a royal source said. The source added that the couple seemed themselves while making sure all the details were perfect for the big day.

What are some ways to keep your spouse involved in wedding planning?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes only one half a couple takes the reigns on wedding planning and can end up feeling left out. Cupid thought of some ways to involve your spouse:

- 1. Give him or her an assigned task: As simple as it sounds, giving your partner one job at a time even if you're doing the majority of the planning is an easy way to keep them feeling productive.
- 2. Ask for advice: Even if you have a decision made in your head, just ask your spouse for his or her opinion anyway. Show him that you value his thoughts.
- **3. Talk about it:** Whether or not you give your future spouse a task is up to you, but no matter what you do, tell them all about the wedding plans. It wouldn't be good if your partner was unprepared for something and got upset on what's supposed to be the most memorable day of his or her life.

Jessica Simpson Says She

Could Get Married in Sweats Right Now





Although it seems

that Jessica Simpson has been more consistent with her gym regimen in anticipation of her wedding to Eric Johnson, Simpson denies the allegations, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. "Yes, I am working out, but why is that worth any sorta press? I always take care of myself," Simpson wrote on her Twitter page Thursday, adding, "Eric and I could get married right now in sweats!"

Why is your wedding day so important?

Cupid's Advice:

There are a handful of defining moments in your life, and your wedding is definitely one of them. Cupid has some reasons why your wedding day is so important:

1. You've been dreaming about it your whole life: Your dreams of a perfect man/woman and your big day are two things you

imagine all your life, and the day it all comes true makes it one of the most memorable days of your life.

- 2. Sharing your love: Your wedding is the day you get to celebrate your love with not only your significant other, but with everyone else important in your life.
- **3. Beginning of your new life:** The day you get married is the day your new life with your now husband/wife begins.

Kelsey Grammer and Kayte Walsh Have Emotional Wedding Ceremony





They say rain on

your wedding day is an omen of good luck. According to People, Kelsey Grammer finally tied the knot with Kayte Walsh

on Friday during a rainstorm in New York City inside the Longacre Theater. The theater in which the ceremony took place was decorated with props from La Cage aux Folles along with pink and red bouquets of flowers. The couple added personal touches to their emotional ceremony with a performance by Kelsey Grammer's Broadway co-star, Terry Lavell, and Kayte Walsh's brother Stewart singing "Feels Like Home" by Randy Newman. But, the most unique part of the ceremony was when the wedding guests read poems that the bride and groom had written for each other.

How can you personalize your wedding ceremony?

Cupid's Advice:

The most memorable wedding ceremonies always have a personal touch. Cupid has some simple ways to make your wedding ceremony unique:

- 1. Write your own vows: Writing your own vows is the surest way to personalize your wedding ceremony and let your partner know exactly how you feel in front of your nearest and dearest.
- **2. Add a theme:** Though theme weddings can be corny, when they are done right they can add a very unique personal touch to your wedding festivities.
- **3. Color:** If you don't want to go as daring as diverting from the traditional white wedding gown, you can always use two or three signature colors to be used throughout your wedding.

Kelsey Grammer's Daughter Spencer Gets Married





Kelsey Grammer's 27

year-old daughter, Spencer wed longtime beau James Hesketh at City Hall in New York this past Friday, <u>People</u> reports. The 55 year-old actor's rep confirmed that Kelsey was in attendance along with his own fiancée, 29 year-old Kayte Walsh. Kelsey, who recently divorced Camille Grammer, plans to follow in his daughter's footsteps and wed Walsh at the end of February.

Is the timing of your wedding important?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to wedding planning, sometimes timing is everything. Cupid has some advice on factors to consider:

1. Cost and convenience: It costs less to host a wedding on a Friday than on a Saturday or Sunday. Depending on what day you set the date will reflect on how many RSVP's

you'll receive.

- 2. It's your day: It may be nearly impossible to avoid setting the date on someone else's birthday or anniversary, but as long as you don't mind sharing your big day with your Aunt Gertrude's 67th birthday, you should be in the clear.
- 3. Avoid holidays: These days come with higher booking fees. It may sound like a cute idea in theory, but nobody really wants to give up their New Year or Valentine's Day for a wedding.

Bethenny Frankel Recommends Lazy Lingerie to Keep Your Spark





Are you trying to

keep the spark alive in your relationship? Try lazy lingerie! Former Real Housewives of New York City star Bethenny Frankel kept the romantic sparks in her relationship alive this Valentine's Day with the help of just that. "You have to make an effort ... I actually have a line coming out which is Skinny Girl Smoothers and shapers and they include lazy lingerie. Because it's something you wear under a blazer or sweater and then you take off the sweater, and now you have lingerie!" she said in an interview on RadarOnline. Frankel also spilled more secrets on how she and her husband, Jason Hoppy, keep the sparks alive in their marriage. "We do date night once a week. We switch off on who chooses the surprise place we're going to go and we usually pick some hip place so we can still feel like we're cool..."

What are some ways to keep the spark alive in your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Keeping the excitement in a relationship can be tough. Cupid is here to offer some advice on keeping the romantic sparks in your love life from disappearing:

- 1. New hobby: Pick up a new hobby that both you and your partner will enjoy. Not only will trying out a new activity be fun, but you'lll also discover new talents in each other.
- 2. Surprise him/her: Relationships become dull when they become routines. Surprise your significant other by taking him/her to a vocation or a play. Even something as simple as giving flowers will make his or her day.
- **3. Communicate:** Keep the spark alive by being attentive to each others' needs. Your relationship and respect for one another will grow as you both continue to share opinions and feelings.

Prince Harry Will Be Prince William's Best Man





As of Monday, Prince

Harry will officially be the best man at the wedding of the year. Prince William and fiancée Kate Middleton have announced their wedding party and have each chosen their siblings to be best man and maid of honor. According to <u>People</u>, the rest of Middleton's bridal party will truly be a treat for everyone watching. Included are Lady Louise Windsor and Margarita Armstrong-Jones.

How do you decide who will be your best man/maid(en) of honor?

Cupid's Advice:

On one of the biggest days of your life, Cupid has some advice on how to choose who will be by your side every step of the

way:

- 1. Family: Who can you trust more to guide you through your wedding than your own brother or sister? Your sibling is the usual and most classic choice for your best man/maid(en) of honor.
- 2. Someone who has always been there for you: If you have a friend or family member that you've always been able to count on, chances are that's the person who is going to come through for you on one of the most important days of your life.
- **3. Someone who has the time:** Your best man or maid(en) of honor needs to be there to assist you with every step of the wedding process. Make sure the person you choose has the time to make that big of a commitment.

Katy Perry Publicizes Wedding Video at Grammy's





After keeping her

wedding details at top secret status leading up to the lavish ceremony in India, Katy Perry has shared some glimpses into her special day with the public. As she sang one of her popular songs, "Not Like the Movies" while sitting on a swing high above the Grammy's audience, her wedding video played in the background, reports <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. Images of the ring exchange and kiss between her and now-husband Russell Brand were projected on a curtain directly behind the singer. Talk about a grand gesture!

What are the best keepsakes from a wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether it's you tying the knot or your best friend, you'll always want to remember the special day. Cupid has some tips on things you can keep from the wedding to do just that:

- 1. Wedding video: Take a cue from Katy Perry and have your wedding recorded on video. If you ever want to relive the feeling you got on your big day, pop in the documentation and watch one of the happiest days of your life.
- 2. Photos: These are the next-best thing to a video. If you don't have time to sit through a play-by-play of your wedding festivities, take out your photo albums and thumb through the

captured moments.

3. Playlist: Sometimes the best way to remember a moment in time is by listening to the music associated with it. Make a playlist of all the songs that played at your wedding and crank it up when you want to remember your special day.

Who Will Plan Prince William's Bachelor Party?





Even a prince needs

a bachelor party. But who will help plan the celebration for Prince William's last night of freedom before he weds Kate Middleton on April 29? <u>People</u> reports that Guy Pelly, 29, a friend of Princes William and Harry for nearly two decades, will take on the daunting task. And Pelly, who recently opened the London nightclub Public, is the perfect man for the job, according to royal expert Katie Nicholl. "Guy is very

much the life of the party, but he is also fiercely loyal and protective of the princes," Nicholl told the New York Times. "There is a lot of history there." For now, Pelly is keeping details about the party secret, although there are rumors that the bash could be in South Africa, where Pelly and the princes have raced motorcycles together.

What are some "out of the box" ideas for a bachelor or bachelorette party?

Cupid's Advice:

A bachelor or bachelorette party doesn't always have to consist of exotic dancers and lots of booze. Cupid has some unique ideas on how to celebrate the last night of being single:

- 1. On the road: Pile the bride or groom and a couple of close friends into a car and go wherever the road takes you. Or, surprise them by driving back to their hometown and reminiscing.
- 2. Try an adventure: Some might opt for something more physical, like adventure bachelor/bachelorette parties. After a whitewater rafting or mountain-climbing excursions, getting married will be a piece of cake.
- **3. For women only:** Chances are the bride-to-be is stressed out from planning the most important day of her life. So why not let her relax with a spa party for her and her bridesmaids? It'll help her look fresh for the wedding, too.

Prince Harry Spotted With Ex-Girlfriend Chelsy Davy





Are Prince Harry and

his ex-girlfriend, Chelsy Davy, back together? The former couple was spotted together in London on Saturday night in a private members club. According to <u>People</u>, the couple was seen at 4 a.m. climbing "into the trunk of a Jaguar to make a discreet getaway." So, what do you guys think? Are they really back together or is this just a fling for now so that Prince Harry will have a date for his brother's wedding?

Who should you bring to a family member's wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

If a family member's wedding is approaching and you still don't know who to take as your date, Cupid has some suggestions for you:

1. Girlfriend or Boyfriend: Have a significant other? Invite

him or her to the wedding. This would be a great time for them to get acquainted with your family.

- 2. Best friend: If you're single, bring along the next best option your best friend. She's met your family a gazillion times, and getting an invitation to the wedding will make her feel as if she's part of the family.
- 3. Acquaintance: And if you don't have a partner or a best friend, grab an outgoing and fun-loving acquaintance. This will be a great way for you to get to know each other even better. And of course, if you can't think of anyone, go alone. There will probably be other's there solo as well.

'Chuck' Star Sarah Lancaster Is Married and Pregnant





Actress

Sarah

Lancaster is married and pregnant, reports <u>People</u>. Lancaster, who stars on NBC's <u>Chuck</u>, married her boyfriend of two years, attorney Matthew Jacobs, in a ceremony in Southern California on Saturday. "It's a really happy time in our lives," said the newlyweds. "We are thrilled to be starting a family and our wedding weekend was simply perfect." The nuptials were small, but included several heartfelt touches that made the ceremony unique. Lancaster wore her mother's pearl earrings and her grandmother's gold mesh bracelet, a wedding gift from her parents.

What are personal wedding touches you can incorporate?

Cupid's Advice:

Nearly all couples want to have a unique ceremony tailored to their own interests. Here are a few ways to include a few personal touches:

- 1. Personalized place cards: If you have a relatively small wedding, try personalizing the place cards. Instead of only writing 'Charlotte' or 'Steve', try adding a small note to the person, perhaps a description of your favorite memory together or something you admire about your guest.
- 2. Family heirlooms: Borrowing your mother's diamonds or your grandmother's hair clip make the wedding much more personal. The majority of your guests may not notice these touches, but the lack of attention doesn't make it any less special.
- **3. Music:** Instead of having the DJ or band perform generic songs, have songs from your childhood played. Older songs will make you and your guests laugh and reminisce.

Diane Kruger In Glamour: 'I Don't Believe In Marriage'





Diane Kruger has

learned her lesson when it comes to marriage: it isn't for everybody. The German actress, who was married to French actor and director Guillaume Canet for five years, told *Glamour* that once is enough for her. "Without sounding pessimistic, I learned that I don't believe in marriage. I believe in a commitment that you make in your heart. There's no paper that will make you stay." The *Huffington Post* reports that while Kruger may not want to walk down the aisle, she is looking forward to having kids one day with TV star and long-time boyfriend Joshua Jackson.

Is tying the knot actually necessary?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people need to say "I do" to make a commitment, while others believe it's unnecessary. Cupid has some tips on how to

know if marriage is right for you:

- 1. Complete your fairy tale: If you've always dreamed about your wedding and starting a family with a spouse, then marriage is necessary for you. Go for it if you don't feel right not making it official.
- 2. Don't do it to please others: Get married for yourself. It may sound selfish, but if you're taking a walk down the aisle because someone else wants you to, you'll regret it.
- 3. You don't need a piece of paper: Getting hitched is not required to make a life-long commitment. If committing "in your heart" is enough for you and your mate, then tying the knot isn't necessary.

Michael Bublé to Make Proper Home with Wife in England





Singing sensation

Michael Bublé may have found his dream home. According to *The Sun*, Bublé announced he plans to live in Surrey, England, with his bride-to-be Luisana Lopilato. The couple will wed in April, and Bublé says he wants his £3 million, or \$4.5 million Purley estate to be "a proper home," according to Digital Spy. A source elaborated, saying, "Michael's bought a really smart house. He's getting married this year to Argentine actress Luisana Lopilato and hopes to spend six months a year here. He wants it to be a proper home."

What constitutes a 'proper home' for you and your partner? Cupid's Advice:

The term "proper," although ambiguous in nature, can be resolved for both Buble and your future family. Cupid has some suggestions for you to keep in mind when its time to build your nest:

- 1. Keep it clean: A spotless home might be in order if you want to keep things proper for you and your family. An hour or two a week is all it takes to make your home dirt-free. Plus, your friends and family will enjoy visiting a lot more!
- 2. Keep things family-oriented: Be mindful of what is said between you and your partner, especially if kids are present. There's a Jamaican saying that goes, "monkey see monkey do."

In order to keep your home "proper," adult issues should stay in a private room.

3. Keep the little things in mind: Remember that when you live with someone, the little things you do such as saying "I love you" and "thank you" are important. Plus, they keep a healthy and happy atmosphere in your now "proper" home.

Bride-to-Be Reese Witherspoon Focuses on Upcoming Wedding





Wedding bells are

ringing for Reese Witherspoon! After a divorce from her exhusband, Ryan Phillippe, the actress is now engaged to Hollywood agent, Jim Toth. In fact, she recently went wedding shopping in Paris with three of her girlfriends and a source says that she's thrilled about starting a new life with her fiancé. "He's a grown-up who's really ready to take the next

step," says Witherspoon's friend. "He's a family-oriented guy, and that's all she ever wanted."

How do you know if your partner is family-oriented?

Cupid's Advice:

Now that you've fallen in love, you're ready to settle down. But how do you know your partner is family-oriented? Cupid has some telling signs:

- 1. Family time: Your future spouse has a close relationship with his or her family and enjoys spending quality time with yours.
- 2. Interactive: Does your fiancé like interacting with children? If so, this is an indication that your significant other more than likely has a soft spot for children and may want some of his or her own.
- **3. Children:** He or she has openly talked about having children and building a family with you.

Will Kelsey Grammer Beat His Daughter to the Altar?





Kelsey Grammer's

eldest daughter, Spencer Grammer, recently announced her engagement to longtime boyfriend James Hesketh, but will she have to pick out a dress for her dad's wedding before her own wedding dress? Kelsey plans on marrying girlfriend Kayte Williams in February, even though his divorce from his wife Camille is not yet final. Thanks to California divorce law, if a judge agrees to "bifurate" the proceedings, he will be able to remarry while continuing to battle over the assets. According to RadarOnline, Spencer has yet to pick a date to walk down the aisle.

Why should you get married sooner rather than later?

Cupid's Advice:

Some couples spend years getting to know each other before walking down the aisle, while others wait only months. Cupid thought of a few situations where it's good to get married sooner rather than later:

1. If you're older: As the years go on, the dating rules change a bit. We're more comfortable with who we are and what we like. As we get older, the rest of our lives seem less intimidating! If you find true love later in life, don't waste any time!

- 2. If you're divorced: After being married once or twice, you know the ropes. So maybe you weren't with the right person, but now that you're alone it's difficult to be single again. If you find someone who makes you feel that puppy love you missed so much and you know what mistakes to avoid this time around, don't procrastinate with the "I do's!"
- 3. If you're widowed: Losing a spouse is incredibly painful. Lying in bed with nothing next to you, but an empty space will constantly remind you of the empty space left in your heart. If you're lucky enough to find someone that truly makes you happy, let him or her help fill those spaces right away.

Even Jesse James Deserves a Second Chance





Right now, it seems

the internet is a buzz with the news of Jesse James and Kat Von D's engagement. I was fairly surprised at the intense debate their announcement fueled, but then I got to thinking about second chances and leaving the past in the past. We all know what transpired between Jesse James and Sandra Bullock. America's sweetheart was left betrayed and left to adopt a son alone, so who wouldn't be on her side? Now there's Jesse, the resident bad boy now starting a new life with Kat Von D, who is about as opposite from a Sandra Bullock type as you can get. Same story, different couple.

The thing is, nobody really knows what goes on in a relationship, but the two people who are in it. Jesse James and Sandra Bullock are no more, but does that mean that Jesse doesn't deserve happiness with someone else? I'm not saying Jesse and Kat will last forever, but who can you really say that about, as nothing in life is guaranteed, anyway?

People can change, although to what extent, nobody knows. People also do really terrible things in relationships and hearts get broken ... but life goes on and hearts continue to beat. I don't believe someone should be punished for the rest of their life after one mistake. It's so easy for us to write someone off as a horrible person; in fact, it's too easy. It's more difficult to give someone the chance to redeem him or herself, and second chances can be so worth it.

Should Kat be aware of what she's getting into? Heck yes! I am not suggesting one should disregard the past actions of another. I'm fairly certain there are tons of people just waiting to tell her, "I told you so!" But if it feels right in her heart, then really, who are we to judge?

Speaking of judgment, what do you guys think of this announcement? Comment below.

George Clooney Says 'No' to Another Wedding





Will reporters ever

stop asking George Clooney if he's getting married? Probably not, and according to *People*, Piers Morgan had a shot at asking last week when Clooney appeared on his CNN show, *Piers Morgan Tonight*. "I hate to blow your whole news story, but I was married," Clooney told Morgan. Nick Clooney, George's father, appeared on the show with his son and used his own 51-year marriage to George's mom Nina as an example of why he should reconsider. However, George, who was wed to actress Talia Balsam from 1989 to 1993, believes once is enough. He added, "I've proven how good I was at it, and I just. ... I'm allowed one."

After divorce, should you give marriage another shot?

Cupid's Advice:

After a marriage dissolves, you may feel like you never want to get married again. Cupid has some ideas on whether to tie the knot a second time:

- 1. Second time's a charm: If you've found someone and want to get married again, why not walk down the aisle a second time? Just because it didn't work the first time doesn't mean it won't work the second time with the right person.
- 2. Don't blame marriage: So you never want to say "I do" again. But remember that the marriage ended because you were with the wrong person: you shouldn't blame the institution.
- 3. Marriage isn't for everyone: If you feel like you're just not the marrying type, let any future partners know that while you're interested in commitment, you're just not willing to tie the knot.

Jason Mraz Won't Marry Until Gay Marriage is Legal





Singer Jason Mraz

may have proposed to his fiancée, Tristan Prettyman, in December, but he doesn't see a marriage in the new future, according to UsMagazine.com. At Elton John's Concert to Benefit the American Foundation for Equal Rights, Mraz explained the reason for his long engagement. "The wedding would be nice for our family, our friends, our community — our moms especially — and so it puts us in the fight," said Mraz. "We can't get married until [gay] marriage is legal and equal...I think giving people the right to marry will be a huge movement in civil rights."

What are some reasons to prolong your engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

It's perfectly acceptable to delay your rush to the altar. If a too-soon marriage is causing strife, then consider a long engagement. Here are a few reasons to prolong your engagement:

- 1. Career issues: Planning a wedding is a lot of work. If you or your partner are facing a stressful time at work, then consider waiting for your careers to settle down before tying the knot.
- 2. Last minute details: In many relationships, especially

long-distance relationships, there are many final details to work out. Living arrangements, career changes and relocation are only a few of the issues facing engaged couples.

3. Not being ready: There's no room for second thoughts. If you're not sure you're prepared to make it official, there's no harm in waiting. You've already found 'the one,' so the pressure's off.

True Blood's Joe Manganiello Will Invite Cast to Wedding





Joe Manganiello and

fiancé Audra Marie won't be leaving anyone out of their wedding festivities, including the entire cast of *True Blood*, according to *People*. Manganiello, who plays a werewolf on HBO's hit vampire series, is engaged to model/actress Audra Marie. After announcing his intentions to invite each *True*

Blood cast member at the PGA Awards in Beverly Hills, he said, "I love them. They're like my family." He also credits the show for making the wedding proposal possible, as he used his first check as a series regular to purchase a ring for his lovely bride-to-be. With vampires and werewolves in the same room, this should be an interesting wedding.

Who should you invite to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

The bride and groom are always faced with the burden and privilege of making a guest list for the big day. Since it isn't always possible to invite everyone you know, it's necessary pick and choose. Keep these people in mind:

- 1. Family, and friends that are like family: Start with the people closest to you such as immediate family members and other people you care the most about.
- 2. People from work: You spend 40+ hours a week with your coworkers. Therefore, you should consider bringing them along for the ride. If inviting everyone from work is not in the budget, then just invite your boss. Who knows? They could have so much fun at the reception that it could lead to a promotion.
- **3. Parents' friends:** Friends of your parents have watched you grow up and would love to see you get married. Invite the select few that you remember seeing often as a child.

Pregnant Kate Hudson Will Not Marry Matt Bellamy Anytime Soon





Kate Hudson may be

three months pregnant, but she has no immediate plans to marry the father of her child, Muse musician Matt Bellamy, according to *UsMagazine.com*. The actress, 31, has a previous child with rocker Chris Robinson; her son, Ryder, is now 6. "[Hudson] wanted Ryder to have a sibling, and Matt happened to be her boyfriend," explained a source. "[Bellamy] went along with it."

Should you marry the father of your child?

Cupid's Advice:

Single mothers are becoming more and more common. Before committing to the father of your child, you should consider a few of the following:

- 1. The baby: Make sure that you are marrying your partner for the right reasons. If you're only tying the knot because of your pregnancy, take your beliefs and values into question. Having a child together may not be good enough of a reason to commit to each other for life.
- 2. Your financial future: Don't get married for financial reasons. Money is one of the key factors that can ruin a relationship. There's always child support if you'd rather not tie the knot with the father of your child.
- 3. Your feelings: Analyze your relationship with the father of your child. If you're in love, and you feel that a life with him would make you happy, then go for it! Having a traditional family arrangement is just an added bonus.

Lamar Odom Is Surprised by Khloe Kardashian's Intelligence





LA Laker Lamar Odom

admits that he was surprised at how smart wife Khloe Kardashian was when they first met, according to UsMagazine.com. Odom says in *Playboy*'s February issue, "You don't know what to expect. Next thing I know I'm spending every day with her. We just hit it off." The couple wed in September 2010 after dating for only 32 days. And Odom definitely doesn't regret his decision to become a married man. "With her I was like, 'If I do what I normally do, I'm going to lose her,'" Odom explains. "'And if I lose her, I think it's going to hurt a lot.' Right then and there I knew. We were together every day."

Should you change for your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Nothing is more exciting than connecting with someone new, but as time goes on, you may begin to notice some important differences between yourself and your partner. Should you change yourself to match your partner? Cupid has some thoughts:

1. Keep morals and values intact: It takes a long time to develop personal morals and values, and they shouldn't be taken lightly. Chances are that you think the way you do for a reason, so don't be too quick to chance your views for

someone else.

- 2. Opposites attract: It's not secret that it's possible to fall for someone who is very different fro you, but make sure to stay true to yourself in the relationship.
- 3. Change if it's for the best: Who's to say that change is always a bad thing? There may be something about your partner that you particularly admire, so changing yourself to match that quality you aspire to is perfectly fine.

Rick Fox and Eliza Dushku Discuss a Future Marriage





^lDancing With the

Stars alum and former NBA star Rick Fox admits that he too may soon be joining the ranks of the newly engaged this winter season. Fox, 41, recently told *UsMagazine.com* that he and

partner Eliza Dushku, 30, are thinking about getting married. "I hear [wedding bells] now," explained Fox. "We've been honest about that conversation, and we've had it." However, the basketball star-turned-actor still has some reservations concerning marriage. "I've failed in marriage before, and this will be her first marriage....so we want to make sure the foundation is laid in a responsible way where communication is had about what she wants from life as a woman — whether she wants to have kids or go back to school — whatever she wants to do."

What are some things to consider before getting married?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting married is one of the most life-changing decisions you can ever make, and before you jump into such a huge commitment it's important to think about every aspect of your relationship. Here are just a few things to consider:

- 1. Similar goals: Be sure that you and your partner both wish for the same things in life, like children and a house by the beach. If you have different goals, then you'll never be able to fully cooperate.
- 2. Your feelings: Ask yourself if your current partner is "the one." Make sure that your feelings are the deepest you've ever felt, and that you feel confident and happy in your decision to spend the rest of your life with that person.
- **3. Readiness:** Make sure that both you and your partner are at peace with all of your past relationships. Feeling jaded or torn up over a previous breakup will only hurt your chances of making your current relationship work.

'The Bachelorette' Star Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez to Wed in 2011





When it comes to Ali

Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez's relationship, what *Bachelorette* host Chris Harrison loves the most, "is that they're living their lives." According to *People*, Fedotowsky recently began a gig as a correspondent for the local Fox station in San Diego. Her groom-to-be has opened a new office for his insurance business as well. Friend and former *Bachelorette* bachelor Kiptyn Locke suggested, "It's important to be away for a while and get to know each other so then when you go do those things, it's all real." With things going so well, it doesn't seem that a 2011 wedding will surprise anyone.

What should you know about your partner before getting married?

Cupid's Advice:

While you might feel that you know everything there is to know about your partner, it doesn't hurt to ask a few additional questions. Cupid's got three topics to discuss before tying the knot:

- 1. Skeletons in the closet: Nicole Kidman had to deal with Keith Urban's addictions early on in their marriage. Having a past isn't something to be ashamed of, so ask your partner to be honest with you.
- 2. Finances: While commercials for freecreditscore.com might sing about extreme financial sorrows, they aren't kidding! No one enjoys talking about their financial situation, but rather than let this become an obstacle after you've walked down the aisle, get it over with now.
- 3. Home sweet home: If you or your partner are currently living separately, discuss where you plan to live after getting married. Jobs, family and the economy can affect possible locations your partner will consider living.