Jenny McCarthy Marries Donnie Wahlberg





By Kaley Allard

Donnie has been taken off the block! According to <code>UsMagazine.com</code>, Jenny McCarthy wed NKOTB alum, Donnie Wahlberg in a small ceremony in Illinois that only lasted 20 minutes! The two have been together since July 2013, and their engagement only lasted four months. In an interview, McCarthy had this to say about the ceremony: "Really, I'm so bad [at planning]. The problem is, I consider myself to be kind of like a dude ... Like, I just kind of want to show up and drink." While she may have just wanted to party, let's hope that she put her own touches on her very special day!

How do you decide what size of a wedding is best for you?

Cupid's Advice:

Deciding what size of a wedding to have requires thoughtful consideration and careful planning. For most of us in the public sphere, we are limited in how big we can go; needing to fine tune each detail before the big day arrives. Cupid has three things to consider when deciding the size of your wedding:

1. Your personality: Are you and your partner down for a big party every weekend, or are you more homebodies who enjoy a movie on the couch? The personality types of you and your can help you judge whether or not you want a large bash with or a small intimate gathering.

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2. Family sizes: Do you and or your partner come from large families, or one with a small extended family? If you come from a large family it is difficult in deciding who not to invite, especially if it is a tight knit family. If this is the case you may end up deciding whether to have a large guest list or some angry distant relatives.

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3. Availability of resources: Unlike A-list and even B-list celebrities, those of us in the public sphere have a limit to the amount of money we can spend on a wedding. It is extremely important to set a budget and decide how much you can actually spend, this will help determine how big your event can be as well as how many guest mouths that you will be able to feed.

What are some things you and your partner discussed when deciding the size of your wedding? Please share below!

Jenny McCarthy and Donnie Wahlberg Go Wedding Dress Shopping Together





By Laura Seaman

Bride-to-be Jenny McCarthy went outside the traditional bridal box and went dress shopping with her fiancé Donnie Wahlberg. The couple got engaged in April, and they're still deciding the details. Even after her shopping day with her fiancé, McCarthy has not picked out a dress. "I don't want to get lost in the mundane details," she tells <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. "I just kind of want to enjoy the experience. You know, because this

is my last wedding, I want to do it right, but I don't want to overdo it."

What are some advantages to picking out a wedding dress with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

It's a tradition that every bride knows: The groom can't see the bride in her wedding dress until she walks down the aisle. However, traditions fade and brides do things their own way. Like McCarthy, some brides bring their future husbands dress shopping with them, which is a shocker for many. But this break of tradition had some advantages you may not have thought of:

1. Get the opinion of the only man that matters. Most brides bring an entourage of fellow women to help during dress shopping. Women know fashion, but men know what women look good in. If you bring your husband with you, you'll have a man's opinion, and it's the only male opinion that's important.

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2. Avoid the bickering of in-laws and parents. If you bring your husband and skip the family group altogether, that's a lot of arguing you're avoiding. Maybe you have a critical mother or a super conservative future mother-in-law, and trading them in for the love of your life on this shopping trip will get rid of a lot of stress.

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3. Have a fun bonding experience. He shouldn't just be your husband, but your best friend. This dress shopping experience might be even more fun if he's there. Picking out a dress can be worrisome, but having your man there might make it more

enjoyable and less of a chore.

Did your fiancé help you pick out your wedding dress? Tell us what it was like in the comments!

Jenny McCarthy and Donnie Wahlberg Say Wedding Won't Be Like Kimye's





By Sanetra Richards

No Kimye copycats this way! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Donnie Wahlberg and wife-to-be Jenny McCarthy have their own wedding ideas in mind and are sticking to them. The 44-yearold New Kids on the Block singer laughed about how their ceremony will be the opposite of the Wests' luxurious nuptials: "We'll have a small wedding in a really beautiful place and we both want do it right this time," Wahlberg said to Extra at the NYC hotspot The Attic. "We've both been married before and we want to make it special — this is the last wedding." Wahlberg continued, "We're not getting married in Istanbul with eight million guests." McCarthy also added: "I won't have three dresses." "No seven dresses, not going to happen...that's their thing, good for them," said the Blue Bloods actor. McCarthy announced their engagement during an episode of the ABC daytime talk show The View back in April. Although no official dates or plans have been thought of yet, the two have poked fun at where the reception could take place. The 41-year-old show co-host recently received an open invitation to have the celebration at one of the Applebee's locations after she joked to the Boston Herald about having the ceremony at the restaurant. "I thought it was very cute that Applebee's tweeted us, so we went in on it, we actually said maybe we should have them do the appetizers," she told Extra. "Or the wedding rehearsal dinner, it was really sweet of them," Walhberg said.

How do you personalize your wedding festivities?

Cupid's Advice:

A wedding is the perfect event to add your own personal ideas and touches to. After all, the entire ceremony is devoted to you and your partner. During all of the chaos that may be happening, it is possible to lose that vision you once had it mind. You may even find yourself adding the not so favorable ideas of others. So, how do you go about making it your own? Cupid has some tips to keep in mind while planning:

1. Venue: Try not to settle for a location that does not make

your eyes light up every time you see it. This is your opportunity to decorate in any style you desire and let your creativity flourish throughout the decor. Your venue will reflect the wedding style you are aiming for.

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2. Music: The songs played represent the love you and your partner share. Each song is personal and means something to the both of you. Maybe choose your favorite artist(s) to play or favorite live band to perform.

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3. Reception: Give your guests a look inside your love by leaving note cards on their tables of how you both met, memories created over time, or funny jokes shared between the two of you. This will keep the guests entertained from beginning to end.

What are some other ways to personalize your wedding? Share your thoughts below.

Celebrities Who Met on Blind Dates





By April Littleton

Blind dating isn't uncommon among people who have a difficult time meeting potential love matches, but it does raise an eyebrow or two when we learn that some of our favorite celebrities endured their fair share of spontaneous dating. You would be surprised to find out that some of our most beloved couples actually met through mutual friends. Cupid has a list of such past and present lovebirds:

1. Tom Brady and Gisele Bundchen: Brady began dating Gisele Bundchen in December 2006. In 2009, he revealed to *Details* magazine that he and the supermodel met during a blind date. A mutual friend set up the two lovebirds . "This friend told me he knew a girl version of me," Brady said, with Gisele chiming in: "And he said to me he'd found a boy version of me." The couple hit it off immediately and married Feb. 26, 2009 in an intimate Catholic ceremony in Santa Monica. The duo have two children together, son Benjamin Rein Brady and daughter Vivian Lake Brady.

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- 2. Pete Sampras and Bridgette Wilson: The retired American tennis player met former Miss Teen USA and actress Bridgette Wilson on a blind date arranged by friends in 2000. Just nine months after their first date, the two got married. They have two sons together, Christian Charles and Ryan Nikolaos.
- 3. Cindy Crawford and Rande Gerber: These two met thanks to Crawford's agent, Michael Gruber. After Gerber escorted the supermodel to her manager's wedding, the two began a friendship. The pair reconnected romantically after Crawford's three-year marriage to Richard Gere ended in 1994. Shortly after, the new couple married in 1998. "When she's lying next to me, she looks incredible. That's the best part: waking up with her," Gerber said of Crawford, 47. The lovebirds have two children together, son Presley Walker and daughter Kaia Jordan.
- 4. Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston: The former Friends actress met her ex-husband through a date that was set up by both of their managers in 1998. The couple married July 29, 2000 in a private ceremony in Malibu. However, wedded bliss didn't last long. Five years later, they pair announced their separation and divorced Oct. 2, 2005. Brad Pitt has since moved on with Angelina Jolie and Aniston is now living with and engaged to Justin Theroux.

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5. Jenny McCarthy and Paul Krepelka: Before dating her current beau Donnie Wahlberg, McCarthy connected with Boston sports agent, Paul Krepelka. "He was my fifth blind date," she told talk show host Ellen DeGeneres in Jan. 2011. However, due to the stress of a long distance relationship, the couple called it quits a month after McCarthy went public with their romance.

Who are some other celebrities who met on blind dates? Comment below.

Jenny McCarthy Talks Potential Marriage Proposal to Donnie Wahlberg





By Kerri Sheehan

Jenny McCarthy is hearing wedding bells! McCarthy, 41, dished to Bethenny Frankel on a taping of the *Bethenny* show that if her boyfriend Donnie Wahlberg were to propose she would say, "Yes!" She also wouldn't be opposed to getting down on one knee herself. After taking a year off from dating McCarthy decided to give the New Kids on the Block singer a chance when he broke through the wall she put up. According to

UsMagazine.com McCarthy said, "I told the universe I'm ready for love. I said bring the one. I'm not doing any more auditions."

What are some romantic ways a woman can propose to a man?

Cupid's Advice:

The days when it was unheard of for a woman to propose to a man are gone! Some woman would rather be in control of their proposal than leave it up to their guy. Let Cupid help you pop the question:

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- 1. Get family involved: When you get married you're really marrying a whole family, not just one person. Have members from each of your families help you plan a scavenger hunt for him or have them hold up cards boasting the words, "Will you marry me?" Involving both of you families in the proposal is a nice gesture and makes for a great story.
- 2. Keep his favorites in mind: Incorporating your beau's favorites, whether it's a restaurant, drink, or location, will personalize the proposal and make him feel extra special—as he should! This will show him how well you know and will also make him feel like a king.

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3. Have fun: Getting engaged should be fun and after all men are just big kids at heart. One cute idea that will catch your guy off guard is to propose on an amusement park ride. He'll be shocked and wowed all at the same time. Bonus points if the ride you chose takes your picture while in motion!

How would you propose to your significant other? Share below.

Why a Blind Date Might Be Good For You





By Jennifer Harrington

For singles, there are two words that can stir feelings of fear and excitement: blind date. Why such an intense reaction to these two little words? Simple: it's because there is the fear of the unknown and the excitement of the potential of meeting that special someone. So if you're still on the market and undecided if blind dates are really for you, here are a few reasons you may want to take the plunge and consider accepting a set-up:

1. Your friends and family know you best: Family and friends are often the ones who offer to set up blind dates. These are the people closest to you and know you best, and most likely, they know what qualities are most important to you in a potential mate. Also, you will have something in common (your mutual connection) with your blind date to help get the conversation started. So, put some trust in your inner circle and let them help you find "The One"!

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2. You gain important dating experience: Whether your blind date is a success or disaster, every time you go out on a date, you get experience which will only help you as you continue on your dating journey. Most importantly, dates give you an important boost in self-confidence. After each date, look for the positives and honestly assess how the date went. This self-evaluation can help you as you consider and go on future dates.

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- 3. You know celebrities do it: Despite fame and fortune, celebrities also go on blind dates! Jenny McCarthy admitted in 2011 to a blossoming romance with sports agent Paul Krepelka, after begging her friends to set her up with men. Jenny confided in an interview with US Weekly: "I told everyone I know, Please, I can't pick them. As a friend, find me a man." Also, a little-known Hollywood fact: Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt met on a blind date! While the couple eventually divorced, their romance started on a blind date in 1998, after Jennifer's long-time crush on Brad.
- **4. You know it may work:** Blind dates always come with the potential of meeting somebody really great. But you will never know unless you accept the date and go into it with an open mind. If you need extra inspiration to accept the blind date you've been offered, think back to Charlotte's quote from *Sex*

and the City, "I've been dating since I was fifteen. I'm exhausted. Where is he?". Mr. Right could be your blind date, so always accept the date!

Blind dates — friend or foe? Tell us in the comments about your blind date experiences!

Jenny McCarthy Is Dating NFL's Brian Urlacher





An upcoming *Playboy* photo shoot for 39-year old Jenny McCarthy isn't the only new and juicy detail in the star's life. According to <u>People</u>, *E!* confirmed through McCarthy's publicist

that she has been dating linebacker Brian Urlacher of the Chicago Bears for about a month. The two were spotted enjoying dinner together in the city her new beau resides in, specifically at Giuliana and Bill Rancic's restaurant. The actress took to the media herself on Thursday of last week at Generation Rescue autism charity event in Chicago to make the special announcement. Although McCarthy did not go into detail about her relationship with the NFL star to Chicago's NBC 5, she made sure to display support for her new man by simply stating, "Go Bears, that's all I can say."

What are some ways to announce your new relationship to friends and family?

Cupid's Advice:

New relationships are both exciting and nerve-wracking when it comes time to sharing the news with the people you love. Here are some great ways to announce your new relationship:

- 1. Invite them to a family dinner: A setting where a nice conversation can be held will allow your family to get acquainted with your new love, and vice-versa.
- 2. Bring them to a party hosted by a close friend: The atmosphere will be fun and relaxed. All eyes won't be on you and your new babe, but it's enough to know you are a duo.
- **3. Host a game night:** Invite family and friends over for a great time. Give them the opportunity to enjoy your significant other the way you do.

How have you introduced new relationships with the ones closest to you? Share your stories with us.

Jenny McCarthy is Dating a New Man





Jenny McCarthy is taking a break from the Hollywood dating scene by casually dating entertainment-sports attorney, Paul Krepelka, according to *People*. McCarthy spilt from boyfriend of five years, Jim Carrey in April. She rang in the new year with Ryan Seacrest in Times Square as part of *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest*, where she received a New Year's kiss from her new man.

How do you keep your new man under wraps?

Cupid's Advice:

If you are in the public eye or simply just a private person, you may want to keep a new relationship to yourself. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Avoid social media: Information travels fast online. Don't slip up and announce your relationship on Facebook when you aren't ready to announce it in real life.
- 2. Frequent less conspicuous places: If you don't want everyone to know your business, don't go on dates in the locations you normally do. Branch out.
- 3. Keep it all behind closed doors: Even better than not visiting the locations that you normally do, don't leave the house! It's perfectly possible to have a romantic dinner and movie within the confines of your home. Plus, there's close to no chance of a peeping tom.

Jenny McCarthy Tries Honesty With New Guy





After splitting with Jim Carrey, her boyfriend of five years, Jenny McCarthy has found love again. *People* reports that the actress is very happy with her new man, Jason Toohey, 35, a Las Vegas-based pirate performer. McCarthy, 37, says she has learned a lot from her previous relationships. "I was a girl who pretended. I would say I liked things when I didn't," she says. "I knew if I wanted to grow, I needed to make myself happy before I could begin to have an equal relationship with another man." And the most important lesson she learned? Honesty is the best policy. "If he wants Chinese [food] and I don't, I say it," she says. "If he wants to go out and I want to stay in and watch *Dancing with the Stars*, I tell him so... Our relationship is stronger because of the honesty."How can you have an equal relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Aretha Franklin had it right when she sang, "R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me!" In order for a relationship to work, you need to have mutual respect and equality. Cupid has some ideas on how to make sure you and your partner are on equal footing:

- 1. Decide together: If one of you is making decisions for the other person, you're not in an equal relationship. Make sure that you listen to each other's ideas so you can come to mutually beneficial conclusions.
- 2. Tell the truth: Follow Jenny McCarthy's lead and be completely honest and open with your partner. These two things are essential in any healthy relationship. Make sure he doesn't always get his way or vice versa. If you don't want Chinese tonight, tell him!
- 3. Money matters: Financial issues are often the biggest source of relationship inequality. While you don't both have to make the same amount of money, make sure that the relationship doesn't become a financial burden. If it seems like your mate is overextending himself, try to even the score.

Jenny McCarthy Explains Split With Jim Carrey





Jenny McCarthy was full of explanations about her recent split with actor Jim Carrey on 'Oprah' this week, according to <code>People</code>. The couple, who dated for five years, separated on friendly terms and still express admiration for one another. "The first thing is, when it's not fun anymore, you need to start investigating and do an inquiry into the relationship," said the former <code>Playboy</code> model. McCarthy is at peace with the breakup, explaining, "I always got back on my feet, and I know especially this year who I am." But will the couple ever get back together? McCarthy admitted that she "didn't even think about" the possibility of rekindling her romance with Carrey.

Is a relationship over when you stop having fun?

Cupid's Advice:

There is inevitably a point in every relationship where the "newness" wears off. Things become more of a routine, and you have to work harder to keep your relationship exciting. Cupid has some things to consider:

1. Abandon ship: If you deem the relationship completely

unsalvageable, then resign yourself to a breakup. However, if you feel that the relationship could be saved, then devote yourself 100 percent to making it work.

- 2. Rough periods: All relationships have tough times, where it seems the two of you just can't connect. However, these periods pass, so be sure not to give up on the relationship too soon.
- 3. Analyze the problem: You need to ask yourself, "Why aren't we having fun?" If the answer is a problem such as money or stress, then stay strong. The problem will most likely pass. If it's a bigger issue, such as conflicting goals in life, it may be time to call it quits.