

# Valentine's Day Giveaway 7: Mariah Carey's Dreams Fragrance



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By Louisa Gonzales

Valentine's Day has come again, and now is the time to make it one to remember. Elizabeth Arden worked with Mariah Carey to create a fragrance that can live up to even your wildest dreams. If you're going for "happily ever after" this year, then this scent is for you.

The multi-award winning artist wanted to put together a classic, captivating, and sexy scent, and she delivers with Dreams. She invites you to celebrate life and its many stages along the way and reminds you to cherish its most intimate moments.

The fragrance smells of salted caramel apple and star anise combined with bergamot and toasted almonds. There's also a drop of honeysuckle intertwined with inviting freesia and a small undertone of lily of the valley that gives it a feminine touch. The last few ingredients are a blend of warm patchouli, Tonka bean, and Madagascar vanilla grounds. Yum!

Whether you are coupled or single, you can now arouse the senses with the intoxicating scent of Dreams.

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## Celebrity Women Who Date Younger Men





By Gabby Robles

Celebrity men aren't the only ones who go after what's young and hot in Hollywood. Sexy celeb women have helped get the term "cougar" published in the dictionary in its slang term – and with all of these women dating much younger, we're surprised it hasn't happened sooner!

**Sharon Stone and Martin Mica:** This couple shares a 30-year age difference, but they haven't let that stop them from showing their love to the world! The duo have been dating for over a year and are still going strong despite rumors of a breakup that surfaced this past January. Mica was only six when Sharon Stone starred in *Basic Instinct*, but that was years ago, right?

**Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon:** Mariah's first husband, Tommy Mottola, was over 20 years older than she was. Naturally, Mariah decided to go 11 years younger when she married Nick Cannon. These two haven't let age compromise their marriage; they have been married over 5 years and have two adorable children together.

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**Julianne Moore and Bart Freundlich:** These two have a 9  $\frac{1}{2}$ -year age difference, but the actress and director have two children together. Moore stated that when she first began dating Freundlich, she was unsure their relationship would work. But as their relationship progressed, it didn't remain as a standing issue.

**Kathy Griffin and Randy Bick:** This pair has a near-20 year age difference. The comedienne and her marketing executive-boyfriend met at a food festival over a year ago. Kathy says she "hunted him down." Meow, cougar!

**Danielle Fishel and Tim Belusko:** These lovers just tied the knot on October 19 in Los Angeles. Their 7-year age gap doesn't stop them from being happy and finding their soulmates; The *Boy Meets World* star had previously said, "Tim is the one. He accepts me for exactly who I am!"

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**Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart:** Lopez is 18-years Smart's senior, but these two have been going strong publically since July 2012. The singer revealed to Katie Couric, "It's hard for me to think of my age... I feel very youthful... And it's funny, until somebody brings up [the age difference], I don't think we really think about it." Well, we're happy for them!

Dating younger is how some people reach Cloud 9 – and it's not a bad thing. As long as these couples keep in mind that age is just a number, they will continue to be happily in love!

**What do you think of women dating younger? Share with us below!**

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# Celebrity Couples Giving Back on 9/11



By Courtney Allen

If there is one thing celebrities have in common with those of us who spend our lives out of the spotlight and away from the paparazzi flashes, it's giving back. As a nation, and as individual people, we all have the ability to raise our country's standards through strengthening the educational system, empowering youth, women, the homeless and the disabled, raising money for disaster relief, sustaining the environment and so much more.

Although it often slips our minds as celebs glamorously glide down the red carpet in Alexander McQueen and drop six figures on Bugattis and Bentleys, celebrities are classified by more than just "the rich and famous". They are volunteers, humanitarians, environmentalists and ambassadors. Many of them often use their fame, power and influence for the benefit

of others, especially in the midst of tragedies like September 11th. These super-famous couples did just that in order to both support and honor those who suffered and continue to suffer as a result of that horrific day in 2001:

**1. Beyoncé and Jay Z:** You could say that Beyoncé and Jay Z have it all. The proud parents and performers are one of the most powerful pairs in the entire world, both bringing in one of the largest incomes of any couple. There is no doubt that Bey and Jay are living the lap of luxury with baby Blue Ivy in New York, but they spread just as much love as they do money. In 2009, the king of rap himself held a September 11th benefit concert in New York City, of course, with Queen Bey by his side. The concert was expected to raise nearly one million dollars, which was all donated to the New York Police and Fire Widows' and Children's Benefit Fund. But it doesn't end there. For the 10th anniversary of 9/11, Beyoncé released a single entitled "God Bless the USA" in order to raise funds for the same organizations as her hubby just two years before. Back in 2011, Mrs. Carter told Ace Entertainment reporters, "We were all affected by the tragedies of 9/11 and continue to keep the families who lost loved ones close to our hearts." Bey and her other half sure showed just how much 9/11 means to them.

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**2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon:** With 5 years of marriage, a set of twins and extremely successful careers in every field of entertainment between the two of them under their belts, Mariah and Nick are unstoppable in every aspect of their lives. The parents may be super busy these days with play dates, romantic vacations and appearances, but they still make time to give back to those in need, just like they always have. In 2001, just ten days after the tragic events of September 11th, Mariah participated in a benefit concert, America: A Tribute to Heroes, in New York City. Her performance helped raise money for 9/11 victims and their

families, as well as New York City firefighters and police. Triple-threat Nick Cannon still gives back on 911, but in a different way. Two years ago, the actor/comedian hit the streets of Baldwin Hills in Los Angeles and hosted a back-to-school event in which he gave away backpacks and school supplies to over 500 kids. Cannon also joined the kids for fun and games, as well as a concert that featured the New Boyz and other artists. Looks like this power pair knows how to give back in all the right ways.

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**What are some ways you can give back on 911? Share your ideas with us!**

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# **Giveaway: Get Your Diva on With 'Mariah Carey Dreams'**





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By Sarah Ribeiro

Mariah Carey is, without a doubt, one of the biggest pop stars of the past two decades. The songstress and actress has redefined what it means to be a diva, and now, she wants to share her dreams with her fans. Carey's newest fragrance, *Mariah Carey Dreams*, reflects the goals she's fulfilled in her career: she's the best-selling female artist of all time with 18 number one hits and over 200 million records sold worldwide, she's won multiple Grammy awards, along with being a wonderful wife and a mother.

*Dreams* is an exhilarating perfume that celebrates the intimate moments in life that help you achieve your dreams. With aromas of warm patchouli, Tonka bean, and Madagascar vanilla to form the fragrance's base, Carey tops off her creation with hints of honeysuckle, freesia, lily of the valley, salted caramel apple, star anise, bergamot, and toasted almonds. This combination creates a scent that's entrancing and delicious – almost dreamlike.

Plus, Carey takes her creative process one step further by designing the bottle to represent a champagne flute, with its curves and slim packaging. Its decorative butterflies – a



symbol so very often associated with the singer/songwriter – wrap around the bottle to represent what matters most to Carey.

Want a chance to experience Carey's new fragrance? Two CupidsPulse.com readers have the opportunity to each win a bottle of *Mariah Carey Dreams* and feel like a diva. Wear this light perfume to experience the down-to-earth life moments Carey wants to share with her fans.

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Congratulations to Annette Prejean and Cherie Montorio!

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## 5 Celebrity Couples that Waited for Marriage





By April

Littleton

The decision to have sex isn't one that should be taken lightly, but it's a personal choice. You may choose to wait until the love of your life comes along or you may not (just make sure you're always safe). In Hollywood, many celebrities are quick to hop into bed with the next star they see standing next to them on the red carpet, but this isn't true for every person who has the spotlight shining down on them. Some celebrities pledge abstinence because of their religious beliefs, while others hold out until marriage out of respect for themselves. Here are five couples who waited until their big day:

**1. Kevin Jonas and Danielle Deleasa:** Kevin Jonas, the eldest of the Jonas Brothers was very outspoken about his decision to abstain from sex prior to getting married. As a symbol of his beliefs, he wore a punk rock purity ring from Tiffany's on his ring finger. Jonas married his longtime girlfriend and former hairdresser, Danielle Deleasa, on December 19, 2009. The purity ring was replaced with a wedding ring, and now, the happily-married pair is expecting their first baby.

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**2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon:** After her marriage with music executive Tommy Mottola came to a halt, Carey decided to remain celibate with Nick Cannon until they exchanged meaningful “I Do’s.” In a December 2008 interview for *Mirror*, Carey said, “I definitely don’t want to push it on anybody else. But we both have similar beliefs, and I just thought that it would be so much more special if we waited until after we were married.” The happy couple have been married for five years now and are parents to twins, Monroe and Moroccan Scott, age two.

**3. Tina Fey and Jeff Richmond:** The *Saturday Night Live* alum was a virgin until she met her husband and composer of *30 Rock*, Jeff Richmond, at the age of 24. The couple dated for seven years before finally marrying in a Greek Orthodox ceremony June 3, 2001. The famous pair is now parents to two daughters, Alice Zenobia and Penelope Athena.

**4. Adriana Lima and Marko JariÄš:** In 2006, Lima told *GQ Magazine* that she had no plans to have sex until after she was married. The Brazilian Victoria’s Secret model married Serbian NBA player, Marko JariÄš, on Valentine’s Day 2009. Since then, the duo have become parents to Valentina and Sienna.

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**5. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey:** Although this couple has since broken up and moved on to different relationships, no one can forget these lovebirds from the early 2000s. Because of her religious background, Simpson announced she would remain a virgin until her marriage to Lachey. The pop stars married October 26, 2002, but unfortunately, things ended in divorce only four years later.

**What are some other celebrity couples who waited for marriage? Share below.**

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# For 'American Idol' Winner Candice Glover, Third Time's A Charm



By [Whitney Baker](#)

[Johnson](#)

Soul singer Candice Glover has been a frontrunner since the start of season 12 of *American Idol*, so it wasn't surprising when she took home the crown on last night's finale. Glover, though, was sure to take things slow. "My goal was to make it to the top 20. If I got that far, I knew I'd have a fan base that would keep voting for me," she shares. "Then, I made it to the top ten, the top five, and finally the top two. That's when I knew I could win this whole thing."

Of course, the 23-year-old had judges Nicki Minaj and Mariah Carey in her corner from the beginning. “Nicki told me at my original audition that if I didn’t make it to the finale, something was wrong with the competition. That really stuck with me. And Mariah asked for a mix-tape.”

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Glover’s journey wasn’t always such smooth sailing though. This year was her third-time to audition; the best she’d done previously was end up in the top 60. So what did she do differently this time around? “I definitely increased my musical knowledge – I listened to every genre of music,” she explains. “I was more confident too. I really focused on being myself and being different.”

“I was hurt and broken-hearted when I got cut. I kept saying that I wasn’t going to come back, but I always thought it may work next time,” the songstress adds. “I’m so glad I was right this year!”

When Ryan Seacrest announced her name, Glover immediately thought of her upcoming album, out on July 16th, and the *American Idol* summer tour, which begins on June 29th. She says that she “really connects” to the lyrics of her first single “I Am Beautiful” and even likes “the touch of pop.” In fact, she wants to keep that unexpectedness going when it comes to her entire album.

As for her career, she hopes to model it after the likes of Minaj, Carey and Jennifer Hudson, who she sang with on last night’s show. “I was so nervous to do a duet with Jennifer – I didn’t think I was good enough to be up there,” she shares of the experience. “She’s so phenomenal, and I look up to her.”

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Glover is walking away from the *Idol* stage with more than just a title; she made lifelong friends too, including runner-up Kree Harrison. They may have been competing for the coveted crown, but that doesn't mean there's any animosity between the two talents. "Kree's amazing!" the winner exclaims. "While we were waiting for the results to be called, we were both saying, 'You won!' and 'No, you won!'"

Given her unique path to the top, the commanding singer is in the perfect position to offer advice to future contestants and says, "Just pace yourself and take it one day at a time. Always be yourself." It's important that Glover keeps these words of wisdom in mind as she takes her own next steps as well.

*Be sure to catch Glover on the American Idol [tour](#) this summer! You can also follow her on [Twitter](#).*

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## **Burnell Taylor of 'American Idol': I "Really Like" Amber Holcomb**





By [Whitney Baker](#)

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*American Idol* viewers were surprised to see New Orleans native Burnell Taylor sent home last night. Even mentor Jimmy Iovine predicted that he would be the last guy standing, saying at the start of the elimination show that Lazaro Arbos should be voted off. Taylor, though, says he “had a feeling it was going to be me this week. I was prepared – it’s always a possibility.”

Still, he’s proud of himself for his performance of Bon Jovi’s “You Give Love a Bad Name” on Wednesday night. “I can’t believe I performed a rock song on live television,” he says with a laugh. “If somebody would’ve told me I was going to do that, I never would’ve believed them.” He adds that he “learned to roll with the punches” during the competition.

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Of his save song, the singer says that it wasn’t about him being saved by the judges. Instead, he wanted to leave his mark. He certainly did that, ending the song by kissing fellow contestant Amber Holcomb on the cheek. Of his relationship with the singing beauty, he says, “We’re still learning about

each other. We're not moving too fast. We're both young, but we really like each other."

Taylor also had a big effect on judge Mariah Carey and contestant Candice Glover, who were both in tears over his departure. "I never knew how much they cared about me. To see that they were so genuine really touched me. I broke down too." As for Carey's advice, Taylor says, "She told me that this wasn't the end, that I should run with it. And that's what I'm going to do. I feel like it's about what you do after the show."

So what does the crooner want to do now? "I want to be a storyteller and get as personal as I can with my album. I want to be honest. That's what I feel is missing from the industry." When asked about comparisons to John Legend, he shares that the Grammy winner is definitely of his inspirations. "As far as my music, though, I want to be as original as I can and do something that nobody's ever done before."

He graciously thanks his fans – who he calls family – for their support and adds, "We shall meet again – and it's won't be too long."

*You can follow Taylor on [Twitter](#). Be sure to check him out on the American Idol summer tour too!*

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## **Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon Spend a Family Day with Their**



# Twins



By Nicole

Weintraub

Mariah Carey and husband Nick Cannon enjoyed a bonding family day at the Santa Monica Pier in Los Angeles, according to [People](#). The couple posted for photos along with their eighteen-month twins – Moroccan and Monroe. Recently, Carey has been in the news regarding her feud with Nicki Minaj as the two are fellow judges on *American Idol*. Despite recent rumors regarding the fighting between the two, *Idol*'s producers commented that the two are, "one of the best, most passionate, dynamic and invested judging panels". Regardless of whether or not the feud is all it is hyped up to be in the tabloids, the family seemed at ease as they enjoyed cotton candy, roller coasters and balloons.

**What are some ways to keep the spark alive in your relationship when you have kids?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Kids are a precious addition to the family, but sometimes the romance in your relationship can be negatively impacted by the latest additions. Here are some ways to keep that spark alive even with kids:

**1. Date night:** Just because the two of you are parents now does not mean that date night needs to end! Invest in a babysitter that you trust and go out for a night on the town once every few weeks. That way, your relationship with your partner is not neglected.

**2. Family outings:** Going out as a family can also be a bonding experience for you and your beau. The two of you can bond while your kids get their faces painted, stuff their faces with cotton candy or run around at the park. The more time you spend together, the more memories you will create together.

**3. Love letters:** If the two of you are busy at work and come home late at night, too exhausted for romance, try little notes. Whether it be through text messages, e-mails or old-fashioned handwritten love letters. Just let your partner know that you are thinking of them.

**How have you kept your relationship alive with kids? Share your stories with us!**

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## **Five Celebrity Couples Who Had a Low Profile Wedding**



By Creshawna

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Planning a wedding is hard work. You have to pick a date, send out invites, take engagement photos, find the perfect dress, choose the hall, get a caterer – actually, the planning really doesn't end until the big day. And if you're a celebrity, add trying to shun paparazzi and other camera toting individuals to your to-do list and this task can become even more stressful. Contrary to this belief, thanks to reality TV and celebrity magazine contracts, some celebrities [insert Kim Kardashian here] have the pleasure of publicizing their exchanging of vows for millions of Hollywood enthused fans to see on TV in trade of cashing a multi-million dollar check. While, this gives off a semblance of an easy pay day for celebrities, these Tinseltown twosomes traded in the cameras and the public access to celebrate their intimate moment with family and close friends:

**1. Beyonce Knowles and Shawn 'Jay-Z' Carter:** This power couple started dating back in 2002 and after years of speculation,

the duo officially tied the knot on April 4, 2008. The ceremony was followed by a lavish party thrown at the rapper's New York Tribeca apartment and was decorated with 50,000 to 60,000 white orchid blooms from Thailand. In attendance was the couple's closest family and friends including the singer's parents and sister Solange, former Destiny's Child members Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams and actress Gwyneth Paltrow. Normally a private person about her love life, the new mom stated in *People* back in January 2006, "I never pictured myself as a bride, but after my sister's wedding, I did start thinking about what kind of wedding I want. I don't think I want a big one."

**2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon:** These two lovebirds started dating in March of 2008 after Cannon appeared in the singer's music video "Bye Bye." After dating for only a few weeks, the couple said "I do" on April 30, 2008 in front of a dozen of their closest family and friends at Carey's Bahamian ocean-side estate while enjoying live Maine lobster and Dom Perignon that was flown in for the special occasion. Not only did the couple seal the deal in just a few weeks, they also marked the event with permanent ink. "We got tattoos," Carey told *People*. "His is on one shoulder to the other and it says 'Mariah.' [Mine is] on my lower back and it says 'Mrs. Cannon.'" "

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**3. Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green:** It took two engagements before this Hollywood pair tied the knot in Hawaii on June 24, 2010. The couple, who met in 2004 on the set of the sitcom "Hope & Faith," wed at the Four Seasons Hotel resort in a private ceremony while vacationing on the island. Before calling off their first engagement, Green described his ideal wedding to *People*. "Originally we were talking elopement and now we might have a few people there," he said. Obviously a man to get what he wants, the two reportedly exchanged vows in

front of a half dozen guests including Green's son, Kassius.

**4. Jessica Alba and Cash Warren:** When it comes to low-profile weddings, this actress and producer take the cake. Opting out of having a glamorous Hollywood wedding, these two tied the knot May 19, 2008 at the Beverly Hills courthouse's ceremony room under an arch of green silk foliage and white flowers, with Alba dressed in a long blue gown and her hair in a ponytail. Although the pair considered having a fall wedding, they were evidently satisfied with keeping their nuptials low-key.

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**5. Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck:** There was nothing gaudy about this couple's wedding. Married on beautiful Parrot Cay of the Turks and Caicos Islands, a makeup-less Garner, wearing her hair in a loose ponytail wed Affleck on June 29, 2005, in a private ceremony with no family-including their parents- or friends in attendance. "They didn't need or want a crowd. They just wanted each other," Affleck's pal, director Kevin Smith, told [People](#). Perhaps, the secluded time away from the Hollywood glam and cameras made for the best wedding gift for the couple. "They're in it for one another, not for anyone else," Smith said.

**Who are some other celebrity couples that had a low profile wedding? Share your comments below.**

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# **Nick Cannon and Mariah Carey**

# Bid \$2,000 on Shoes at a Charity Event



Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon were spotted at the Opera Gallery in New York City for an event that benefited the Urban Arts Partnership. According to [People](#), the giving couple, who had just celebrated their twins' birthdays and renewed their vows, bid on a pair of Project Canvas shoes and a diver watch, designed by Audemars Piguet. It looks like the married couple are excited to share some of their happiness and money with others.

**How can giving back as a couple help your relationship?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Finances can be a strain on any relationship, but giving to charities or your community as a couple can really help make it stronger. Here are some reasons to give back as a couple:

**1. Togetherness:** Making a decision about what charity to give to and how much can build the communication skills between you and your partner.

**2. Turn-on:** A man or woman who cares about a cause is super sexy! Earn bonus points with each other in the sexy humanitarian area of your relationship.

**3. Share the love:** Couples who give a little get more in return. Sharing your love for a cause shows others and each other your dedication.

**How has giving back helped your relationship? Share your comments below.**

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## **Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon Renew Vows in Paris**





As they approached their four-year anniversary on April 30, Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon took a romantic getaway and renewed their vows in Paris. Cannon got down on one knee next to Carey in their hotel room with a back drop of the Eiffel Tower, according to [TooFab](#). The couple also took this beautiful moment to share with the press for all to see. April 30th also happens to be the duo's twins' first birthday. Carey tweeted, "Very excited to celebrate #dembabies first birthday in a week, I can't even believe it's been a year. "The happy couple has a lot to celebrate this April!

**How do you decide whether to renew your wedding vows?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Your wedding day doesn't have to be the only time to have a ceremony. Many couples renew their vows to reinforce their love and celebrate being married. Here are some ways to know if you should renew your wedding vows:

**1. You're in a strong place in your relationship:** Renewing your wedding vows shouldn't be done to save your relationship, but rather to celebrate it. It should be a time where you are both very happy and content in your marriage.



**2. You need a romantic getaway:** Sometimes people get caught up in their own busy lives that they don't have time to fully appreciate their marriage. Renewing your vows may be a perfect time to get away and have a weekend full of love to yourselves.

**3. Get the family together:** When you first get married, you're so busy doing things for your new family that you may distance yourselves from your other families. Get everyone together to renew your vows and have a lovely weekend as a great big family.

**What do you think are some reasons why a couple should renew their vows? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **Renew Your Vows Like #1 Life Coach and Mariah Carey**





By Evan Money

How can a Life Coach be proud of the fact that he's getting married for the 16<sup>th</sup> time? Well, in my case, I'm marrying the same woman! You see, my bride and I remarry in a different state or country ever year, and this year is number 16! We are not alone, however, as celebrities like Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon are following our lead and doing the same exact thing.

Whenever my bride and I share this story, most people respond by saying they would really like to do follow suit or that it sounds really [romantic](#). Guess what? It really is! And I highly recommend it for everyone, not just my clients. Here's my story:

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It all started 15 years ago when I heard a story about a successful business man who was married for 25 years, and he and his wife renewed their vows every year. As a newlywed and young businessman, it sounded like this idea would be a big help in having a successful marriage, something my bride and I desperately wanted. It seemed to us that most married people were divorced or miserable. We wanted to "live happily ever after," so rather than just saying, "Oh, that sounds like a

good idea," my wife and I chose to take action.

We just happened to be in Paris for our anniversary the next year. However it's not as romantic as you think, since we were chaperones for a group of high school students on a tour. My business had yet to take off, and money was really tight, but a funny thing happens when you make a real commitment – you can always find a way. So, lo and behold, my bride and I found ourselves in the City of Love for our first vow renewal. It was really pretty simple, as we had a small private ceremony in the gardens of Versailles (a famous French mansion) that lasted about five minutes. Simple, short and sweet, but our married lives were changed forever from that day forward.

When we returned home, we became so excited to plan our next renewal. We still didn't have any money, so we just needed to get creative, take action and find a way. We chose Arizona for our second renewal simply because we could drive there and not have to pay for airfare. We had some wealthy friends with a ranch in the city of Carefree and we had a fun ceremony on their private lake. My bride's bouquet was made of peacock feathers since they had a few of the majestic birds on the property. This ceremony was much bigger and more exciting, thanks to our friends help, and yet again, our married lives were changed forever. It seemed after each ceremony, our marriage bond became stronger and stronger. We were truly living happily ever after!

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Through the years as my business has grown, along with my love for my bride, we were able to do more exotic yet still highly creative vow renewals. Number 14 was in the Bahamas at the famous Atlantis resort. A friend of mine is one of the dolphin trainers, so we were able to have the ceremony in the water with the dolphins by our side. I had my best "mammal" and my bride had her brides "mammal." It was so amazing!

For those who have really connected with this idea, but are still having doubts or letting your limiting beliefs get in the way, I want to encourage you with these final thoughts:

**If your limiting beliefs are around finances:** If you're not willing to invest in your relationship, what else is there to invest in? The returns on renewing your vows is 1,000% more than the stock market or real estate.

**If your limiting beliefs are about time:** I have two young children that we home school, I run multi-million dollar corporations, I lead a non-profit, I volunteer with foster kids and even teach a high school class on entrepreneurship at a private school. Even with those commitments, every year my bride and I prioritize our time so we can leave the country or state and take two to five days for marital bliss.

**Finally, for any of the guys that may be reading:** Why would you only settle for one honeymoon in life? I'm on honeymoon number 16, and they just keep getting better!

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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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# Are Celebrity Cougars Becoming Extinct?



By Ché Blackwood

Until the early 2000s, most women hadn't even considered moving backward a generation in their search for a partner, and if they did, their friends and the rest of society served them with a cool dish of disapproval. Then, the cougar craze

peaked when couples like Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher became household names. Single women everywhere finally felt free to scope out younger men in their hunky hunt for love. Now, nearly a decade later, the publicity over cougars has slowed to a crawl and with the dissolve of the Kutcher-Moore marriage, some have been left to wonder if the phenomenon has passed. Newsflash: it hasn't! The press may have moved on to newer stories, but these couples prove that women have been following their hearts, regardless of age, long before the cougar craze hit, and they'll continue to do so long after:

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### **1. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: Married April 30, 2008**

With 11 years between them, this duo's whirlwind romance proved to be more than a fling when Cannon placed a rock hard diamond on Carey's hand. The birth of their twins in 2011 only solidified their union, and the pair shows no sign of slowing down.

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### **2. Deborra-Lee Furness and Hugh Jackman: Married April 11, 1996**

Mrs. Wolverine slashed her way into sexy Hugh Jackman's heart in the 90s, stepping over their 13 year age difference long before being a cougar was trendy. Fifteen years and two children later, Furness isn't regretting her decision to ditch society's sense of normalcy as the couple prepares to celebrate another anniversary in April.

### **3. Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart: Together Since November 2011**

After going through a very public divorce with music legend and ex-hubby Marc Anthony, Lopez has found happiness with her backup dancer Casper Smart. With an 18 year age difference causing a backlash of criticism, Lopez has taken to Twitter to fight back. She's explained that 'age is merely a "log" of

the time we've been on Earth' and that 'society needs to shut their ears and open their hearts.' With pictures surfacing of the two lovebirds enjoying their time together, it appears that this Bronx girl has certainly opened hers.

#### **4. Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell: Together Since 1983**

With their story starting in 1983, this twosome demonstrates a classic case of love outlasting all obstacles. Other than their six year age difference, the couple overcame blending their families together (both had children from previous marriages) and rumors of Russell's alleged infidelity. With a romance that's lasted 25 years, we think Hawn is one of the the best examples of the longevity of a cougar's love.

#### **5. Melanie Griffith and Antonio Banderas: Married May 14, 1996**

This adorable couple have been married for fifteen years, long since laughing off their three year age difference. While both have had successful acting careers, nothing has been more fulfilling than their relationship, marriage and child. While their age difference isn't the most shocking, it appears as if these two would have hooked up no matter their ages.

**Do you think the cougar phenomenon is over? If not, are you the cougar in a successful relationship? Tell us in a comment below.**

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## **Power Celebrity Couples: Hollywood Relationships That Command Our Attention**





By [Whitney Baker](#)

Some [celebrity couples](#) have the “it” factor that just draws us in and makes us interested in everything happening in their lives. Other Hollywood relationships have to work a bit harder for our attention, but still, we can’t help but take notice. They make headlines because of their enviable romances, high-profile careers, and cute kids, and we anxiously await their next moves. Below are five power celebrity couples that, for better or worse, never fail to command our attention:

## Power Celebrity Couples

**1. Prince William and Princess Catherine:** The royal wedding lived up to everyone’s expectations, and the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have continued to capture our attention – and our hearts – ever since. It seems that these lovebirds garner media coverage for every move they make, even when they do something as mundane as grocery shopping.

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**2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon:** Whether Carey is flaunting her post-baby body, Cannon is doing one of his many hosting gigs, or the duo is showing off their adorable twins, this famous couple seems to have a hand in everything. The attention-seeking family will certainly be captured in tabloids in May this year as Roc and Roe celebrate their first birthdays and Carey and Cannon mark their two-year wedding anniversary.

**3. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie:** These superstars manage to juggle two demanding careers and multiple charitable commitments all over the world, all while raising six children under the age of 10. Despite their busy lives and hectic schedules, they still manage to make time for date nights.

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## **Private Hollywood Relationship Still Grabs Attention**

**4. Beyoncé and Jay-Z:** This celebrity duo is famously private, but that doesn't mean they command our attention any less. Having been together for over a decade, [Beyoncé](#) and [Jay-Z](#) have been seen at sporting events and concerts as well as on romantic celebrity getaways. They recently received even more attention for their culinary choices: The new parents were both following a partially vegan diet in order to keep their energy up for their first child's arrival. Their daughter, celebrity baby Blue Ivy Carter, was born on Jan. 7.

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**5. Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban:** This marriage between Hollywood royalty and a country music superstar appears to be

a match made in celebrity heaven. They continuously support one another at award shows, showing their love for each other on the red carpet. Urban credits Kidman for helping him overcome his alcoholism, calling her an “extremely pure spirit.” The low-key couple has settled in Nashville to raise their daughters, Sunday Rose and Faith Margaret.

**Who are your favorite power celebrity couples? Share your comments below.**

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## How to Get Over a Broken Heart During the Holidays



By [Abbi Comphe](#)  
and [Whitney Johnson](#)

There are so many things to be excited about during the

holidays: fun-filled family time, delicious home-cooked meals, presents waiting to be unwrapped and perhaps a much-deserved vacation. However, if you're nursing a broken heart, this festive time of year may seem burdened with only cold and lonely days. You may never forget your heartache, but someday, you will be healed and happy again. Just make sure to get some solid [relationship advice](#) in the meantime.

## **Until then, the ten tips below may make your holidays seem a bit more bearable and that damaged heart feel a little less painful:**

**1. Volunteer:** No matter the time of year, giving to others can mend a hurt soul and fix any frown. During the holidays, the opportunities to volunteer seem to multiply, making it extra easy for you to make a difference in someone else's life.

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**2. Listen to holiday music:** There's something so innocent and child-like about holiday music. It'll take you back to those days when your biggest worry was whether or not the item at the top of your wish list would be waiting for you to unwrap it. Although Nick Cannon and Mariah Carey had a rough [celebrity divorce](#), Carey still is positive and puts out beautiful holiday music that you can listen to!

**3. Take up a new hobby:** Attend a cooking class (Whole Foods offers great options) or take a knitting course and make a homemade gift for someone special. If you live in a snow-filled spot, give snow skiing a try. By being outside of your comfort zone, you'll not only distract yourself from your heartbreak, but you'll also regain your confidence.

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**4. Enjoy hot cocoa by the fire:** A cozy spot and delicious drink are sure to warm your heart during this holiday season. Snuggle up with a good book or have some girl-bonding time with your mother, sister or best friend. When [Taylor Swift](#) broke up with celebrity ex Harry Styles, she spent time with her best friends during the holidays to make her feel better.

**5. Watch a feel-good holiday movie:** It's important to remember that you *will* find love again, and a holiday movie is the perfect way to do just that. The options are endless: *The Holiday*, *Four Christmases*, *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street* and more. As Hugh Grant's dreamy voice tells us in *Love Actually*, "If you look for it, I've got a sneaking suspicion...love actually is all around."

**6. Reconnect with old friends:** Re-establishing a friendship that was lost due to distance or busy lives will boost your spirits and remind you that there are plenty of people who love and support you. When former celebrity couple Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber split, Gomez surrounded herself with her closest friends again.

**7. Book a quick getaway:** Whether it's a snowy vacation in the mountains or a relaxing weekend on the beach, pick a place that makes you feel like yourself again. Most of the time when a hollywood relationship ends badly, the two in the relationship probably end up taking a quick trip to themselves. It can be very relaxing.

**8. Buy yourself something special:** Yes, it *is* the season of giving, but sometimes that giving needs to be self-directed. Use the money that you would've spent on your ex to buy yourself that much-desired handbag or new pair of shoes.

**9. Cook a new dish for your family's annual holiday get-together:** Tackling a challenging recipe will surely keep you

busy – from picking out the dish to shopping for the ingredients to pulling it all together, you'll hardly have any time to think about that broken heart.

**10. Meditate.** It sounds so simple, but closing your eyes and paying attention to each breath allows you to shut out the rest of the world and focus on yourself. You can let go of those negative thoughts and sad memories and be ready for your next adventure (in love or otherwise) by New Year's Eve!

**How did you recover from a broken heart? Share your thoughts below.**

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## Celebrity Couples Who Could Use An Extra Hour of Sleep



By Melissa

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Whether we like to believe it or not, celebrities are just like us. They have hectic work schedules, grueling chores, and, of course, families to take care of. These five celebrity couples have been keeping busy with their growing families, their newest endeavors, and their constant presence in the spotlight. Yes, maybe they have nannies, assistants and personal trainers, but these celebs could definitely use an extra hour of sleep like the rest of us!

**1. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon:** Between building their corporate empires by launching a clothing and accessories line, going on comedy tours, and recording hit songs with major celebs like Nicki Minah, the pop diva and radio talk show host have been keeping busy. It's now even tougher for the two to have a romantic night to themselves: they have newborn twins, son Moroccan Scott Cannon and daughter Monroe Cannon, which they welcomed into the world on their anniversary!

**2. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries:** This couple have been grabbing media attention everywhere. With their recently announced divorce filing we wonder if it was all for the cameras? After all, Kim and her NBA beau Kris Humphries had almost as much buzz about their wedding as did the royal wedding between newlyweds Kate Middleton and Prince William. Although Kim filed for divorce only 72 days after the marriage, Kris says he hopes to reconcile.

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**3. Britney Spears and Jason Trawick:** The pop princess and her former manager may have ended things career-wise, but their love life is still feeling the spark. Spears is busy with her *Femme Fatale* tour with rap singer Nicki Minaj, but she still has time to show her love for her beau. He was lucky enough to

be in the center of the action on August 2nd when he was pulled on stage in Uniondale, NY by his talented honey. In addition to resurrecting her career, she is also caring for sons Jayden James and Sean Preston. This mommy definitely needs some downtime.

**4. Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick:** Over the years, these love birds have remained rock solid and are keeping busy raising their twins, Marion Loretta Elwell and Tabitha Hodge, and son James Wilkie. The fashion icon and actress has been maintaining a hectic work schedule, gracing covers of magazines and promoting her new movie *I Don't Know How She Does It*, in which she plays busy mom, Kate Reddy, who is trying to stay afloat with her finance career and busy family life. Looks like the movies are imitating real life when it comes to Sarah Jessica Parker!

**Related Link:** [Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick's an Introduction for a Lifetime](#)

**5. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie:** Between their six kids, acting gigs and philanthropic engagements, this duo does it all. Pitt recently starred in the blockbuster baseball movie, *Moneyball*, with Jonah Hill, and Jolie has been busy with her film directorial debut, *In the Land of Blood and Honey*. She is also the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Goodwill Ambassador when she's not directing/acting/mothering. This power couple definitely needs to catch up on some z's.

**Which celebrity couples do you feel need an extra hour of sleep? Share your thoughts below!**

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# Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: New Parents On Their Anniversary!



Diva crooner Mariah Carey gave birth to beautiful twins on her and Nick Cannon's third wedding anniversary. According to [People](#), the new dad tweeted, "My wife just gave me the most incredible anniversary gift ever in life!" The happy couple received many congratulations over Twitter from Hollywood moguls such as Nicki Minaj and Alyssa Milano after the birth of a healthy baby boy and girl. They are completely overjoyed.

**How do you keep your anniversary romantic when you have kids?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Once you have kids, the lives of you and your partner will be forever changed. However, that doesn't mean you can't make a

little time for yourselves as a couple, especially on days such as your anniversary:

**1. Hire a babysitter:** Even parents need a night off. Hiring a sitter is a great way to make time for yourself and to teach your children independence.

**2. Celebrate as a family:** Your kids are an important part of your life as a couple. A great way to include them in your anniversary celebration is to take a trip as a family. As long as your kids are old enough, you can always get separate rooms (next to each other, of course).

**3. Have a romantic dinner at home:** Providing that the kids stay asleep, celebrating your anniversary at home can be a lot cheaper and more convenient than going out.

**What are some memorable things you have done on your anniversary? Share a comment below.**

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## **Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon Are Having a Boy and a Girl**





Ever since Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon confirmed their pregnancy last year, everyone has been wondering about the sex of their twin babies. It's both a boy and a girl, a close source to the pair told [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). The couple has been cautious about revealing too many details, as they struggled to conceive after a miscarriage in 2008. But when President Obama asked them about the pregnancy, they couldn't resist and broke the news about having twins. The source said, "Those kids will have everything. Mariah and Nick are ecstatic."

### **How do you prepare for opposite sex twins?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Nothing can prepare you for that excited feeling you get when you discover that you're expecting opposite sex twins. Wondering about how you should prepare for their arrival? Cupid is here to offer some advice:

**1. Necessities:** Although you're ecstatic about the arrival of fraternal twins, financial worries can sometimes get in the way. Supplies such as diapers, food, toys and other baby gear can be shared. However, you have to invest in items that every opposite sex twin needs, such as clothing and safety seats.

**2. Bedrooms:** Are your twins going to share the same room for a long time? It's best to divide the space in half, decorating the sides based on their gender. If they won't be sharing, then choose a neutral color for the rooms by staying away from pink and blue.

**3. Stereotypes and comparisons:** Studies show that parents treat opposite sex twins differently and are also frequently comparing them. If the girl learns to talk before her brother, it doesn't mean that there's something wrong with him. Make sure to treat each twin equally, and understand that they are unique and will have individual talents.

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## Nick Cannon Insists Mariah Carey Wear Flats



As a result of

her recent pregnancy, mommy-to-be, Mariah Carey's style is bound to experience some changes. However, according to [People](#), this high-heeled diva may be switching to flats as a result of husband, Nick Cannon's request. "Basically, I got Mariah Carey, the high-heel queen, to put on some flats. And this is amazing. I'm going shoe shopping today, needless to say, to buy you some flat shoes," Cannon announced to his wife. Carey, who is even known to travel in heels seems to be flattered by Cannon's request that she wear flats while carrying their child.

### **When should you make decisions for your partner in a relationship?**

Cupid's Advice:

Though telling your partner what to do is rarely a sign of a healthy relationship, there are some instances where you should let it happen:

**1. During pregnancy:** Take a cue from Mariah Carey and let your beau dote on you while you're pregnant. If that means listening when he tells you lie down or if it means changing your clothing style, listen up! Keep in mind it's his child, too, and he only wants what's best for you both.

**2. In the hospital:** If you're really sick and in the hospital, chances are you aren't thinking clearly. Let your partner, who surely has your best interests at heart, help you make your medical decisions. Try to remember that your sickness may be messing with your decision making skills.

**3. When you're drained:** Sometimes when you get home from work, you're completely drained of energy. But you haven't seen your partner all day and he/she wants to spend some quality time together! That's fine and all, but give him the power to make decisions for the evening. It'll relieve the mental stress of coming up with which movie to watch or what to make

for dinner. There's nothing wrong with taking a break!

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## Rumors Confirmed: Mariah Carey is Pregnant!



It's time to finally set the record straight: Mariah Carey is pregnant! [People](#) reports that after months of relentless media speculation, the 41-year-old singer has revealed that she and husband Nick Cannon, 30, are expecting. Carey told *Access Hollywood*, "It's been a long journey. It's been tough because I've been trying to hold on to a shred of privacy." After Cannon joined his wife in the interview, the couple revealed that they were especially secretive about this pregnancy because of a miscarriage two years ago. Cannon said, "It

strengthened our relationship so much ... She handled it so well." Cannon seemed ecstatic about the new baby, adding, "The greatest gift on earth is a child."

## **When and how should you tell your mate about your pregnancy?**

Cupid's Advice:

Baby news is always exciting (and sometimes unexpected), so make sure you tell your partner in the right way. Cupid has some ideas on when and how to break the news:

- 1. Wait until you're certain:** If your period is only a couple days late, wait it out. Unless you want to take the pregnancy test together, don't tell him until you are absolutely sure you're pregnant. False hopes are never a good thing.
- 2. Tell him at the right time:** Don't bring it up in the midst of a fight. Wait until he's in a good mood and you have his full attention to avoid a bad reaction. Plus, this is a time you want to remember fondly!
- 3. Have some fun:** Why not pick a creative way to tell him? Try buying some baby socks (they're small and easy to hide) and slip them into his pocket before he goes to work. You should expect an elated call in a couple of hours!

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## **Cannon-Carey Baby Buzz**





Nick Cannon is speaking out about the rampant rumors surrounding wife Mariah Carey, and the possibility that she is pregnant. Cannon, a self-proclaimed “big kid,” denies any bouncing bundles of joy in the near future, but he did attest to her mothering potential, nurturing nature, and mean waffle-making skills, according to [OK! Magazine](#). “She’s very nurturing, you know, nurturing and private. She makes me breakfast, and that’s my favorite food,” Cannon said. “It will be like 3:00 in the morning, and she’ll still make me breakfast. [She makes me] Waffles. I’m a waffle guy. With like the iron, she’s talented.”

**Does the way you behave in a relationship dictate your parenting style?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

The way someone behaves in any relationship is an indicator of how they relate to others. If a person is helpful, loving and giving, chances are they’ll be just as loving as a parent. The one thing no woman needs is having a big kid for a boyfriend/hubby. Cupid has some suggestions to help you avoid becoming your spouse’s second mom:

**1. Choose to be serious:** Fun and games are part of what keeps



a relationship exhilarating and are essential parts of any lasting romance. When push comes to shove though, sometimes you have to put on a grown up face and get down to business. When it comes to big issues like parenting, you need to know that your spouse is a man, not a boy.

**2. Nurturing is a two-way street:** There's nothing wrong with giving your spouse a little TLC now and again. However, you shouldn't always be the one making breakfast in bed. Remember that once in awhile you deserve pampering.

**3. Let them handle their business:** As much as you may want to pick up after your partner, don't. It's always a plus to help your spouse out periodically, but you have to remember that he is an adult, too, and should be able to take care of himself. If you "mother" him now, you could risk having another kid instead of a partner.