

# Celebrity Wedding To-Be: 'American Idol' Alum Pia Toscano is Engaged



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The [celebrity wedding](#) bells will be ringing! Sources confirm that *American Idol* Pia Toscano just got engaged to beau Jimmy Smith, according to [UsMagazine.com](#). It is believed that the two got engaged about two months ago. Toscano showed off her new bling in an Instagram post Smith shared on January 1. The [celebrity couple](#) is very excited about their upcoming [celebrity wedding](#)!

# There's another celebrity wedding in the works! What are some ways to choose the perfect engagement ring for your partner?

## Cupid's Advice:

Engagement rings are supposed to be perfect, and you'll have to know what your partner will like. Cupid has a few pieces of [dating advice](#) centered on how to pick the perfect ring:

**1. Consider the wedding band that will go with the engagement ring:** A wedding band will probably get worn more often than the engagement ring, but when both are worn, it's important that they match. Choose the perfect wedding band first, since it will be worn non-stop, and then go from there as far as the engagement ring goes.

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**2. Gemstones and settings:** Does your fiancé want her engagement ring to include her birthstone, or does that not matter? If your partner isn't too fond of cubic zirconia, you may want to steer clear of that as well. Get some ideas from her friends before you blindly guess on what she'll like. Her mom might have some suggestions, too!

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**3. Size really is everything:** No, I'm not talking about the size of the rock. You have to be sure you know your partner's ring size. You don't want to buy a size three ring when your lady's actual size is a seven! You want to be able to slip the engagement ring on without a problem after your propose.

What are some other things to consider when choosing an engagement ring? Share your thoughts below.

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## What's Your Favorite Love Song?





Christina Milian

"Oh gosh, my favorite love song? I know a lot of heartbreak songs, but I like 'Drunken Love.'" Photo: David Gabber / PR Photos

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## Mark Ballas and Ex-Girlfriend Pia Toscano Reunite at Show





By Jennifer Ross

Although Pia Toscano was the one to end their relationship, neither she nor ex Mark Ballas had any hard feelings about it. Ballas, 26, was recently reunited with Toscano, 24, at the annual Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times Halloween carnival in L.A., where both performed separately, according to [People](#). The professional ballroom dancer even uploaded Instagram photos of the two after the event. Even before meeting up at the event, Ballas told L.A.'s 104.3 radio station that the two have ran into each other before. "She lives down the street, so we ran into each other the other day at Starbucks. It's cool. We're still friends. It's all good."

**What are some ways to get your relationship to a civil place after a breakup?**

**Cupids Advice:**

Once a relationship is broken, it may take some time for your ex to completely exit your life, if it is even possible. If you and your ex still work together, run in the same social

circles or share custody of any children, you will need to speak to him eventually. Even if you don't want to have meaningful conversations with your [ex](#), you still will need to at least be cordial. In this situation, here are a few pointers on how to keep the peace with your ex:

**1. No fighting:** To begin the civility, you and your ex must be civil with each other. That means no fighting or pushing each other's buttons simply because you can. The way to have a nice platonic relationship is to get over him and remove any strong hostile emotions.

**2. Avoid nicknames:** As with any negative emotions, it is best to also remove the intimate ones as well. Any loving nicknames, inside jokes or other mementos of your intimate relationship should be left in the past. This will help in allowing you two to form a different relationship moving forward.

**3. Time:** Before all else, the only way your previous relationship will get to a civil place is with time. You need time to cool down; time to heal any heartaches and regroup yourself back to the wonderful single person you always were.

**Were you and your partner able to be civil with each other after a breakup? How did you do it? Tell us below.**

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**'DWTS' Pro Mark Ballas and  
'Idol' Alum Pia Toscano Split**



The party is over for Mark Ballas and Pia Toscano. After a long heartfelt talk, the singer and the ballroom dancer have decided to call it quits. According to [People](#), the split was a mutual decision. “They both decided with everything going on that they couldn’t give each other what would be fair,” said a source close to the former couple. Though the relationship is over, Ballas and Toscano are both experiencing great career success. Ballas is rehearsing for the next season of *Dancing with the Stars* and Toscano is finishing up a successful *American Idol* tour.

**How do you keep career demands from ruining your relationship?**

**Cupid’s Pulse:**

With the right person and the right attitude, you can be successful in both love and your career. Here’s how:

**1. Be understanding:** Everyone wants to get ahead at work. If your partner cancels a date with you because they have to stay late at the office, don't give them a hard time about it. You will want them to do the same when you get caught up at work.

**2. Be willing to say no:** If you've been planning something big like an anniversary trip with your partner and something comes up at work on that date, you may need to put your foot down and kindly say that they need to pick a different date or get someone else. If you pull this off in the right way, it can also make you look more assertive and more of a leader at work, which can help your career.

**3. Show your support:** If you know your partner spent a long night at work, take the initiative to get things done around the house so they can finally relax when they get home.

**Would you be able to date someone who works long hours at work? Share your experiences below.**

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## **Mark Ballas and 'Idol' Contestant Pia Toscano: Dating?**







Looks like love may be in the air for *Dancing With the Stars* pro Mark Ballas and *American Idol* contestant Pia Toscano. The two were spotted at the Gulfstream restaurant in Century City, according to [TMZ](#), and were reportedly on their first date. Despite being kicked off of *American Idol* last week, Toscano has been able to pick herself up in search for love. Supposedly the crooner has had a crush on Ballas for quite some time, and their trailers were next to each other on the same studio lot. *DWTS* pro Chris Jericho, who is credited with helping to facilitate the hook up, said that the two had a “great” first date and plan to go out again soon.

**Is it important to have the same talents as your partner?**

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

Both Pia Toscano and Mark Ballas are very talented with music, but it's not necessarily a requirement to have the same talents as your partner. Cupid has some things to consider:

**1. Common values:** As long as you live by the same morals and values in life, it's not necessarily to have exactly the same

interests and talents as your partner. The key is to support each other.

**2. Bond:** The benefit of having common interests, hobbies and/or talents is that you can spend quality time doing things you both enjoy. It can lead to a better understand of each other.

**3. Independence:** Having different interests and career goals helps you each evolve as independent people. Although it would be great for Toscano and Ballas to sing duets together, it would be an issue if they didn't have anything else in common. One common talent doesn't a relationship make.

**Do you and your partner have common talents? Share your story below.**