

# Celebrity Interview: Courtney Paige Talks About 'The Arrangement' and If It's Really About Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes



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If you're as hooked on E!'s hit scripted series *The Arrangement* as we are, then there's no doubt that Courtney Paige has made a lasting impression on you as the mysterious (and up-to-no-good) Annika. In our exclusive [celebrity interview](#) with the star, she opens up about her role on the

show and what fans can expect in tomorrow night's finale. Plus, she talks to us about her film company Crazy Sunshine Films as well as her love life.

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As fans know, *The Arrangement* is a 10-episode series that follows the journey of up-and-coming actress Megan Morrison, who receives a lucrative offer to enter a staged marriage with movie star Kyle West. Paige's character Annika is working behind-the-scenes as hired help to ensure that their [celebrity relationship](#) lasts. Of playing the scandalous and manipulative villain of the show, Paige says, "Annika is so different from anyone I've played before because she has so many layers. It's quite a challenge for me."

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Of course, playing the bad girl can be fun. "It's such a treat," she adds. "You never know what she's going to do next."

We've read that Annika has a "big secret" to reveal in this season's finale episode. When asked about what's next for her character, the Canadian native reveals, "I think all of the characters on *The Arrangement* have some sort of big secret. The viewers are really left on the edge of their seats until the end. It's really well written."

It's been rumored that the show's storyline is based on a celebrity couple that we're all familiar with: [Tom Cruise](#) and [Katie Holmes](#). Luckily, the actress clears up any suspicions and says, "I think arranged relationships have been going on since before our time – long before Tom and Katie. So if anyone thinks it's deliberately about them, it's really not."

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The actress is lucky to share the small screen with a number of famous faces, including Michael Vartan. “Michael is so lovely and so talented,” she shares in our celebrity interview. “It’s amazing how humble everyone is on set. Everyone is so nice to each other, and it’s a great cast to be apart of.” Thanks to the show’s addicting storyline and great cast, we were excited to learn that writers are already working on the second season.

Not only is Paige an actress, but she’s also an up-and-coming writer and film director. She started her own film company called Crazy Sunshine Films and has a feature film in the works called *Neon Candy*, set to premiere in September. She, of course, shares her thoughts on the potential strike of the Writers Guild of America (WGA). Although she is not part of the WGA, she believes that if anyone is not feeling valued or being underpaid, then they should take a stand. We couldn’t agree more!

## Courtney Paige on Her Love Life

*The Arrangement* may be filled with romantic drama, but off-screen, Paige’s love life is much more low-key. While she’s not currently looking for a celebrity relationship, she’s not opposed to finding someone special. “I’m still single, and I’m really focusing on my career, but if you know any single guys...,” she says with a laugh.

When it comes to her dream date, she likes to keep things simple. “I’m a pretty big country girl. I love to get out of the city and do anything outdoorsy. Fishing, hiking, watching the stars, or something else in nature is right up my alley,” she shares.

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Every man's dream girl, right? Not according to Paige. "I'm a lot to handle," she adds. "Actresses are emotional, and they wear their hearts on their sleeve."

Of course, Paige's first love is acting, dating back to her early years in the theatre. To young girls watching *The Arrangement* and hoping to become actresses, she advises, "Make sure that you start in the theatre. I think it's important to not get caught up in all of the Hollywood glitz and fluffiness and to really stay true to your roots. Always remember what's important about the craft."

*Catch Courtney Paige on the season finale of The Arrangement on E! on Sunday, May 7th at 10 p.m. EST. You can follow her on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).*

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By [Cortney Moore](#)

If you're a fan of sci-fi and super hero television series, then Lexa Doig is a familiar face! This Filipina and Irish-Scottish actress has played the roles of medical specialist Sonya Valentine on the hit Canadian show *Continuum*, and the fierce Talia al Ghul on The CW's *Arrow*. Most recently, Doig snagged a role in the upcoming drama, *The Arrangement*, which is set to air in March. In our exclusive [celebrity interview](#), Doig opens up about her part in the new E! scripted series, family life, romance and how she balances it all.

**Take a peek at what Lexa Doig is up to on the *E!* scripted series *The Arrangement* in this exclusive celebrity interview!**

E! is at it again with their second scripted romantic drama. *The Arrangement* is a 10-episode series that follows the journey of an up-and-coming actress who receives a lucrative

offer to enter a staged marriage. Doig plays the role of Deann Anderson, who is a producer that aims to make the fake Hollywood marriage work for the sake of story telling. Without giving too much away, Doig says her character is “defined by her relationships with the men in her life, she knows who she is and what she wants to accomplish.” The concept of the show explores what goes into making a celebrity brand, and how it affects a star’s living. “I think that viewers can expect a bit of everything: there are power plays, personal dramas, intrigue, suspense,” teases Doig. Some have wondered whether *The Arrangement* was inspired by [celebrity news](#) involving [Tom Cruise](#) and [Katie Holmes](#), but audiences will be able to decide for themselves in a few weeks.

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Doig is fortunate enough to be married to someone who understands her passion. She is married to fellow actor Michael Shanks, and has learned many lessons from their [celebrity relationship](#). “Honesty, trust and good communication are so, so important in a marriage,” Doig explains. She also stresses that it’s importance of making time for loved ones. “It seems a bit obvious to say that, but it’s shocking how much we forget that and take for granted the people we love.” Aside from being a wife, Doig is also a mother of three. She and her husband try their best not to work at the same time, but that doesn’t always go according to plan. Doig is fortunate enough to have a supportive best friend and nanny to help achieve her work-life balance. “I have loads of help from lots of different places so I’m quite privileged in that way,” she unabashedly says.

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Although Valentine's Day has now come and gone, Doig didn't have anything special planned. With 13 years of marriage under her belt, the starlet says she and her husband aren't big on the holiday. "We're a little unromantic that way, but we're both kind of unsentimental so it works great for us. I'd rather randomly do something beautiful or just appreciate and love my husband every day than pick an arbitrary day to go out for dinner and get chocolate," Doig explains. When asked what was the most romantic thing someone has ever done for her on V-Day, Doig recalled a time when a boyfriend sent her on a treasure hunt. She had found his gesture to be "sweet," but it ultimately didn't work out. "I totally crapped on it by waiting until rush hour to drive all over the city, got impatient with his clues and yelled at him." She went on to admit that her impatience is probably why she's no good at romance.

With being a regular on two big network series, you'd think Doig would have her hands full. Despite a busy schedule, Doig continues to practice her craft. She recently finished filming the sixth installment of *The Aurora Teagarden Mysteries* for the Hallmark Movies and Mysteries Channel, and is prepping to shoot the seventh very soon.

*For more information about Doig, follow her on Twitter @LexaDoig. The Arrangement is set to premiere on Sunday March 5 at 10 p.m.*