

Leaving Your Mark: Celebs Who Profess Their Love with Tattoos



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The rich and famous get tattoos for the same reasons as everyone else: They're about self-expression and an unchanging reminder in a changing life. A celebrity's brand is their image, and that's often something to consider when deciding between Mike Tyson's tribal face design or Drew Barrymore's navel butterfly. While we common folk might get a little attention for a bold new tat, it doesn't compare to the [celebrity news](#) created by famous new ink. Here are some of the reasons celebs get tattoos. For the most part, they're not that different from anyone else!

Celebs And Their Ink

1. Self-expression: Maybe our expectations of rock stars like Amy Winehouse push artists to mark themselves as such. Music superstars seem like credible artists with some eye-catching body art. *Rock Of Love 2* runner-up Daisy de la Hoya was a human canvas. Her iconic three-quarter sleeve led to her own dating spin-off show and attracted the attention of heavily painted rocker Tommy Lee. The bottom line is that whether it's for the fans or for themselves, real rock stars get ink.

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2. Proof of change: [Miley Cyrus](#) went under the needle again last month to get a Teddy Roosevelt quote on her wrist. She may be trying to remind us that she isn't 14-year-old Hannah Montana anymore but instead a more serious – or at least more tattooed – adult celeb. Actress [Angelina Jolie](#), who seems to be the lead celebrity spokesperson for tattoos, described them to *USA Today* as “something permanent when you've made a self-discovery, or something you've come to a conclusion about.” Just as a serial killer might etch the names of victims into his skin, you can record important life events by marking the occasion on your body. Jolie takes this to a whole new level.

3. Memory makers: Fond memories and self-discovery inspired Jolie to collect at least 14 tattoos over the years. Her body is a map of her life. A Buddhist Pali incantation to protect her adopted Cambodian child sits on her left shoulder blade. All six of her children have a place beside it on her shoulder where geographical coordinates represent their scattered birthplaces. Jolie says she uses body art to remember the good times. When it comes to relationships and love, a lot of celebrities are guilty of this celebratory use of ink.

Tattoos For Celebrity Couples

4. For love: In fact, Jolie's infectious love of tattoos has spread to husband Brad Pitt. He's been marked with his celebrity loves' birthday in Khmer script on his chest. Thankfully, tattoos are not really all that permanent for those who can afford to get them removed. Jolie knows this because she was able to laser off three pieces of Billy Bob Thornton memorabilia and a Japanese symbol on her arm she had shared with Johnny Lee Miller. She also covered several others; after all, not everyone is comfortable sporting memories of their celebrity exes! Rocker Avril Lavigne shares four matching tats with her former boyfriend, reality TV's Brody Jenner, including his name under her right breast. And she's still hanging on to two with ex-husband Deryck Whibley of Sum 41, despite being engaged to Nickelback's Chad Kroeger.

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5. Brand billboard: While it's clear that celebs mostly get tattoos for all the usual, relatable reasons, there are exceptions. Pop icon Lady Gaga is blurring the line between self-expression and self-marketing. Recently, she gave her nearly 29 million Twitter followers and 53 million Facebook fans a look at her tenth tattoo. A picture showed ARTPOP printed along her wrist, which was also revealed as the title of her upcoming album. The confidence is admirable at the very least.

The only problem after getting inked up is regret. People change, but tattoos don't. It seems ironic to commemorate something as fleeting as a celebrity couple with something as lasting as a tattoo. But artists at every level have always been attracted to body art. For Gaga's sake though, ARTPOP better not bomb.

What are some unforgettable tattoos that you've seen? Comment below.

'Hope Springs' Is This Summer's Guide to a Healthy Relationship



By: Jessica Smith

Love is a funny thing. Talking about intimacy can be even funnier. *Hope Springs* is a movie with the perfect mix that will keep you laughing, but will also make you think. Everyone's relationship is different, but so many of the issues are the same. An older couple, Kay (Meryl Streep) and Arnold (Tommy Lee Jones) are devoted to each other, but they're missing the spice that they had in their relationship

when they were younger. To learn a few tricks to revamp the magic in the bedroom, Kay somehow convinces her stubborn and reluctant husband to hop on a plane to Great Hope Springs where they receive marriage counseling from a renowned couples specialist played by funny man Steve Carell. On their retreat, Kay and Arnold learn not only how to spark the flame in their physical relationship, but in their lives as a whole.

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Should You See It: I wouldn't miss it! Between Streep and Jones, the two A-list actors have four Oscars and 40 years of experience that guarantee this movie will be great. The film debuts August 10th, and it could be just the film you need to spark your own adventure to a better love life.

Who To Take: Ladies take your men, men take your ladies, girls go with your girlfriends, but guys go see Batman with your boys instead. The movie is going to be a must-see for anyone in a relationship, but keep the kids at home since the flick is rated PG-13. This is going to be a film that parents and grandparents can appreciate!

In an interview with *AARP The Magazine*, Meerly Streep said that “...Built into it [the movie] was something really funny but lodged in something very real.” Her statement is very true. Whether you’ve only been together for a few years or a couple of decades, it’s common for couples to fall into a boring routine and bury the energy that once kept their relationship so alive. Well, if you and your partner have lost some of that oh-so-necessary fizzle in your love life don’t give up because Cupid has some tips to help you out:

1. Confront the issue: If you have a problem, you should be the first to acknowledge it. Don't wait around for your partner to notice because you just might wait forever. Whether your partner notices the problem or not, they may choose to ignore it because they don't want to deal with it, so make

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2. Reminisce: There was a time when you and your partner couldn't keep your hands or thoughts away from each other. As a couple, go places that you used to go and do things you used to do. Rekindle the passion that used to be so easily passed between the two of you.

3. Experience new things: Often we get bored with each other because we're bored with ourselves. Go on a vacation, pick up a new hobby, do something kinky, do something exhilarating that is going to spark a light within yourself, and in turn it will bring you closer as a couple and restore some of that excitement.