

# Sofia Vergara Is Engaged to Joe Manganiello After Only Six Months of Dating



By [Courtney Omernick](#)

After just six months of dating, *True Blood* star Joe Manganiello and *Modern Family* actress Sophia Vergara are engaged, according to [UsMagazine.com](#). Manganiello waited until Christmas Day to pop the question to Vergara because he “wanted to do it in front of her family.” The pair is currently celebrating their engagement and Manganiello’s birthday in Hawaii.

**How long should you date before getting engaged?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Each couple is going to have their own opinion about when to get engaged. No matter what you decide, *someone* will think you rushed into things too quickly or you took too long to take the plunge. So how do you when the time is right for you and your beau? Check out our advice below:

**1. Do your research:** There are multiple studies out there that state that they know the perfect time for a couple to get engaged and then married. If you like looking at studies and getting a substantiated idea as to what works best, go for it!

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**2. Consider past relationships:** Each person is different, but practice makes perfect. If you've been in serious relationships before, you have an idea as to how ready you are now versus how ready you were before. Also, consider your past and present circumstances. What makes this partnership different?

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**3. Go with your gut:** No one knows you like you do. If you can see yourself supporting the other person for the rest of your life – even if you've only been together for a short while – an engagement makes sense for you. Just make sure that you're making the right decision or you.

**How long have you dated someone before you got engaged?  
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# Celebrity Interview with 'True Blood' Star Jamie Gray Hyder: "It's Nice to Be With Somebody Who Can Take Care of You"



By [Sarah Batcheller](#)

Jamie Gray Hyder is a young, energetic actress currently starring as Lucia, the sultry sister of a drug lord on USA's *Graceland*. Video gamers may also recognize her as Echo in PS4's *Killzone Shadow Fall*. Hailing from the Washington D.C. area and being a proud University of Georgia alumnae, she stuns audiences across the nation with her exceptionally sexy

and adventure-seeking characters, but she may be best known for her role as Danielle, the spunky, tenacious werewolf on HBO's *True Blood*. Of the show's epic final season, she says in our celebrity interview, "It's already been pretty intense, and I think we're going to see a lot of the same – I think we're going to lose a lot more people we've come to love!"

## Celebrity Interview with *True Blood* Actress

The Virginia native is spending much of her summer on the set of *Graceland*. In fact, she was gearing up to film the two-hour finale episode when we spoke with her. For fans anxiously waiting to find out what happens next, she shares, "You can see a lot of things starting to brew, so you can expect the more recent plotlines that have been introduced to really start to develop and play out. You're going to see a lot more happen between Johnny, Carlito and Lucia!"

Hyder has a firm grasp in her newfound stardom and certainly hasn't let fame change her approach to love – not that she has much time for romance right now. "I'm in a relationship with whatever show I'm on at the time," she says with a laugh. Now, that's true dedication!

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Still, she's got some very focused opinions on what she wants in a guy. She's looking for a man who is comfortable with himself and capable of taking the reins in their relationship and love. "I can be stubborn, and I can be sort of like a manager," she admits. "I want someone who puts me at ease, so I don't feel the need to be that way. Plus, it'd be nice to be with somebody who can take care of me occasionally."

Not surprisingly, the actress acknowledges that dating in the

spotlight can be tough, particularly because people aren't always interested in you for respectable reasons. "You're going to get those guys who really appreciate you for you and a sea of others who are only interested because of what you've done or where they see you going."

## Jamie Gray Hyder Shares Dating Advice

Regardless of what kind of man eventually captures her heart, she believes that communication is most important in any partnership. "You have to be able to talk to each other about whatever it is that needs to be discussed," she explains in our celebrity interview. "If your partner is going to be defensive or disrespectful, it makes it really hard to have a conversation. Good, open communication can really be helpful to any problem you may face."

Of course, if you can't work through certain issues, the sensible star encourages girls to recognize that truth and move on, no matter how hard it may be to say goodbye. Sharing her best [dating advice](#), she says, "You're supposed to be with more than one person in order to figure out who's right for you. A relationship and love that doesn't go as planned or ends in heartbreak shouldn't really feel like a failure because it's just part of the process. You need that step to get to the right guy."

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Hyder was rash and real while discussing the "friend zone," an area that many women feel stuck in when it comes to their relationship with their crush. If someone's been lingering in that place with their love interest for too long, "it's indicative that you make better friends than romantic partners – otherwise, something would have already progressed. It's



harsh, but it's honest!"

In the spirit of her own shining entry into Hollywood, she details her thoughts on how a busy, career-focused woman could better balance her professional goals with her relationship hopes. She remarks that it's important to know why both are big parts of your life, rationalizing, "If I weren't able to focus on my career and do a good job at my work, I wouldn't be a happy person or a suitable partner. So I know that my work is important for me to be a whole person, which is good in a relationship."

After a little thought, she adds, "Having that warm human interaction and affection of a relationship and love, someone's who just there for you, is equally important too."

*You can keep up with Jamie on Twitter @jghyder and [www.facebook.com/jamiegrayhyder](http://www.facebook.com/jamiegrayhyder)! You can catch her on Graceland on Wednesday nights at 10/9 c on USA.*

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## Small-Screen Costars Who Turned Their TV Romances into the Real Deal





By Jennifer Ross

It is not surprising that when actors have chemistry on-screen, feelings can keep rolling after the director screams “cut!” The lines between fiction and reality can get blurry with all those hormones raging. No matter how professional an actor claims to be, when it comes to love, sometimes you just can’t fight the resistance for too long. For many TV fans, the reel-to-real romance is exactly what they want. Take a peek at some of Hollywood’s romantic couples, on-and-off screen.

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**1. Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis:** What started out as a dysfunctional high-school relationship between characters Jackie Burkhart (Mila Kunis) and Michael Kelso (Ashton Kutcher) on Fox’s *That ‘70s Show* finally came to reality earlier this year. The cute Wisconsin couple was on-and-off again for the first 4 seasons of the show, which began airing on August 1998. However, it wasn’t till about a decade later that Kutcher, 34, and Kunis, 29, decided to date off-screen.

Before that time, Kutcher was married to ex Demi Moore. Now, sources report to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) that Kutcher has always had a thing for Kunis.

**2. Lea Michele and Cory Monteith:** *Glee* fans everywhere simply adore the on-screen relationship between characters Finn Hudson (Cory Monteith) and Rachel Berry (Lea Michele). Fortunately, the off-screen actors are just as happy to turn Finchel into a reality. The twosome, playing a high school couple, has been dating since last fall. Michele, 26, has gushed to *People* that she loves working with Monteith, 30. "He really, really inspires me, and he motivates me and I think he's just so talented," the *Glee* club diva professes.

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**3. Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer:** The complicated on-screen relationship between characters Sookie Stackhouse (Anna Paquin) and Bill Compton (Stephen Moyer) on the *HBO* show *True Blood* has unfortunately ended. However, the real life union between the actors is still going strong. Married in 2010, the couple began dating back in 2008. Growing their family, Paquin, 30, recently gave birth to twins last month. No news yet as to the gender or names of the newborns. Although the twins were born a few weeks early, both babies and mom are said to be doing fine, according to [Usmagazine.com](http://Usmagazine.com). The twins are the first children for Paquin while Moyer, 43, has two additional children Lilac, 10, and Billy, 12, from a previous relationship.

**4. Will Chase and Debra Messing:** On the *NBC* television series *Smash*, a steamy love affair ensued between Broad lyricist and musical's co-writer Julia Houston (Debra Messing) and musical theater star Michael Swift (Will Chase). Although Messing's character broke off the affair and struggled to save her on-screen marriage, off-screen she and Chase, 41, have been continuing their hot yet private relationship. Just last year,



Messing, 44, ended her 10 year marriage to theater guru Daniel Zelman. Prior to his relationship with Messing, Chase also left his wife of 2 years, actress Stephanie Gibson. It looks like both of them made the right decision and are happily enjoying each other's company.

What small-screen couples would you like to see dating in real life? Tell us below.

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## **'True Blood' Stars Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer Are Expecting**





Sookie and Bill are having a baby. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), *True Blood* costars and real-life couple Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer are expecting their first baby. Paquin and Moyer met in 2007 when *True Blood* began filming, and a short two years later Moyer popped the question. The couple was married in Malibu in August 2010. That same year, Paquin told *Marie Claire* she wanted to put off having kids. "I have trouble planning anything more than brunch with my friends. But when the time's right, we'll do it." This will be Paquin's first child, although Moyer has two children from a previous marriage, Billy and Lilac.

### **How do you handle children from separate marriages?**

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

Having older children from a past marriage could be an uncomfortable situation when bringing a new baby into the picture. Here are a few tips on how to do it:

- 1. Don't force anything:** Forcing your children to meet or even have a relationship with siblings they are not related to

can be a touchy situation. Pushing your children into something they don't want to do will ultimately push them away. Allow your children to make to choice on their own.

**2. Allow them to become friends:** Similar to not forcing your children to meet the others, you don't want to force them into friendship. Let them become friends on their own, and they will form greater bonds.

**3. Act as one family:** Don't separate your children into groups based upon marriages. Bring all of your children out as one happy family. Go to the beach together and have family dinners together. Whatever it is that you do, do it together as family.

**How do you handle children from separate marriages? Share your stories below.**

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## True Blood's Joe Manganiello Will Invite Cast to Wedding





Joe Manganiello and fiancé Audra Marie won't be leaving anyone out of their wedding festivities, including the entire cast of *True Blood*, according to *People*. Manganiello, who plays a werewolf on HBO's hit vampire series, is engaged to model/actress Audra Marie. After announcing his intentions to invite each *True Blood* cast member at the PGA Awards in Beverly Hills, he said, "I love them. They're like my family."

He also credits the show for making the wedding proposal possible, as he used his first check as a series regular to purchase a ring for his lovely bride-to-be. With vampires and werewolves in the same room, this should be an interesting wedding.

**Who should you invite to your wedding?**

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

The bride and groom are always faced with the burden and privilege of making a guest list for the big day. Since it isn't always possible to invite everyone you know, it's necessary pick and choose. Keep these people in mind:

**1. Family, and friends that are like family:** Start with the people closest to you such as immediate family members and other people you care the most about.

**2. People from work:** You spend 40+ hours a week with your co-workers. Therefore, you should consider bringing them along for the ride. If inviting everyone from work is not in the budget, then just invite your boss. Who knows? They could have so much fun at the reception that it could lead to a promotion.

**3. Parents' friends:** Friends of your parents have watched you grow up and would love to see you get married. Invite the select few that you remember seeing often as a child.

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## True Blood's Joe Manganiello to Tie the Knot







True love has found *True Blood* star Joe Manganiello. According to [People](#), the actor proposed to actress/model Audra Marie while on vacation in Italy. But this couple's romance didn't start off easily. "She wouldn't go out with me for six months," Manganiello told [People](#) in September. "We started dating a few months before I got cast [on *True Blood*]." Now the couple are anything but coy, confessing exactly what attracts them to each other. Manganiello says, "She's sweet ... nice. And she makes crazy English breakfasts," while Marie loves Maganiello's "sense of humor, his work ethic and how humble he is with everything that has gone on."

**When does playing hard to get work?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

While honesty is key in a healthy relationship, being a little coy with your emotions in the beginning may be what it takes to get the spark going. Cupid recommends when playing hard to get is a good thing:

**1. Playing the game:** Many people treat dating like a fun game, so not letting on right away can create a pursuit that will

make finding out more about you a goal your crush is striving to achieve. Bring on the excitement!

**2. Adding mystery:** By not immediately laying it all out there, you're leaving something to the imagination. Your romantic interest will have to ask you out again to get more info about you, ensuring a second or even third date.

**3. Playing it safe:** While it'll take your potential partner longer to learn more about you, it'll also take you longer to learn about him/her, allowing you to truly get to know the person you could be dating before you get too serious.

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## **'True Blood' Star Joe Manganiello Brings Work Home**





*True Blood* star Joe Manganiello, who plays a hunky werewolf on HBO's hit vampire series, jokingly announced that he sometimes brings his beastly role home with him to his girlfriend, Audra Marie. "I sniff you a lot. And I growl a lot when you ask me to do things, like clean up," Manganiello said to Marie at the preview of *Boardwalk Empire*. Marie doesn't seem to mind, according to [People](#), although she *does* draw the line at her beau coming home from the set in full werewolf makeup. **How can you make your career a positive part of your relationship?**

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

Although careers are often viewed as an obstacle in a relationship, it doesn't always have to be that way. Whether you are exchanging advice or telling each other jokes, being a positive support system when it comes to each other's careers is what leads to a strong relationship.

**1. Honey, I'm home:** No matter how late you return from the office or how frustrated you were with your boss, never let your issues at work get in the way of how you greet your partner at the end of the day. Keep things in perspective.



**2. Be each other's biggest fan:** Knowing that your partner is interested in and supports what you do is an amazing feeling. Don't forget to compliment them on their professional accomplishments. Celebrate!

**3. Listen and understand:** If your partner has to cancel plans at the last minute because of something at work, try not to take it personally. Never make them feel guilty because they would probably rather be spending time with you anyway.

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## Just Married: Anna Paquin & Stephen Moyer



*True Blood* co-stars Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer proved their chemistry off-screen, as they wed in Malibu Saturday, reported [Us Weekly](#). The couple, who announced their engagement last August, were surrounded by family and friends as they exchanged their vows under a tent by the beach.

**How do you decide if a big or small wedding is right for you?**

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

Needless to say, your friends and family will all have their own opinions about how your wedding should be, but Cupid has some things to consider when deciding whether to have a big or small celebration:

- 1. Stay within your budget:** Money isn't always fun to think about, but when it comes to your big day, it's really important to do only what you can afford. The more people you invite to your wedding, the more it costs!
- 2. Consider the size of your family:** When deciding how many guests to invite, it's easy to overlook the sheer size of your family. Add them all up before you commit to a specific number.
- 3. Remember your dreams:** Most girls grow up dreaming of their perfect wedding. Did you envision having 100 attendees or 10? If you're one of those people who always pictured your wedding day, think about whether or not you'll regret not making that fantasy a reality.