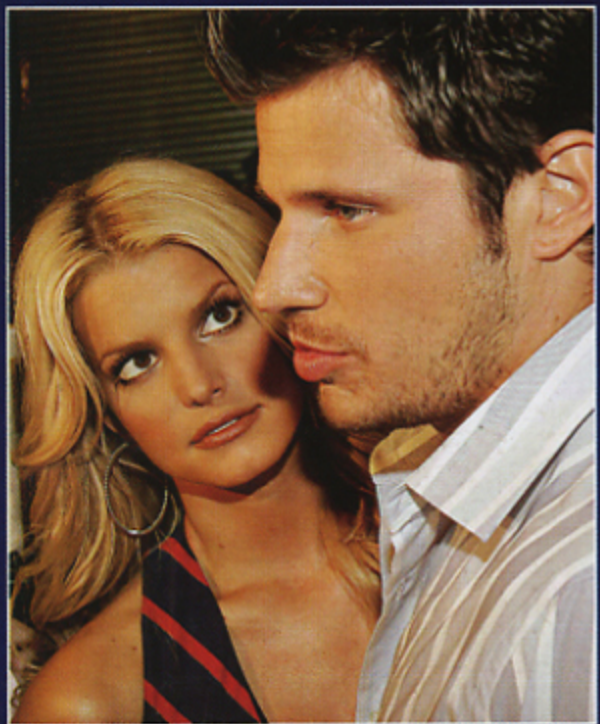


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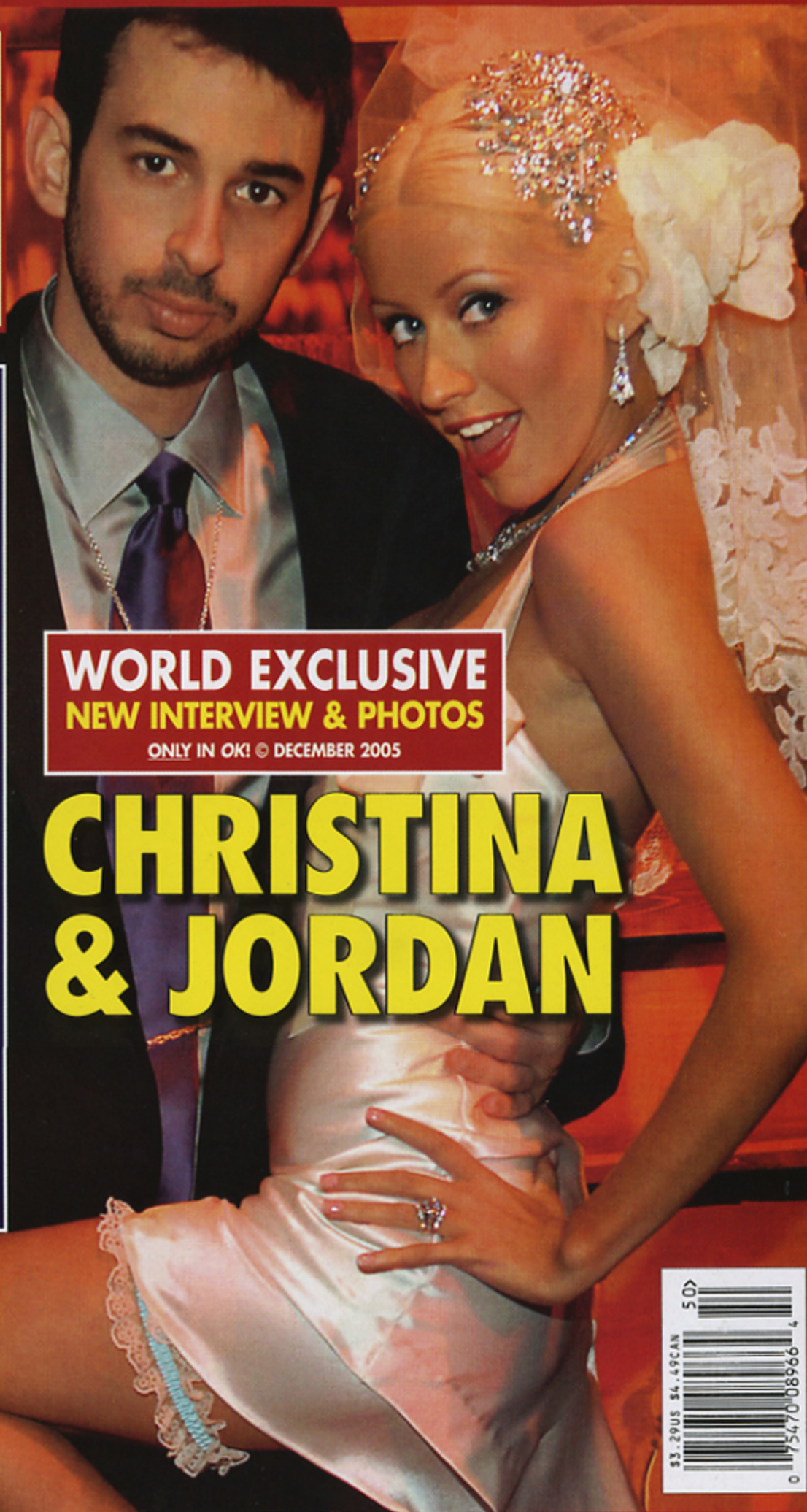
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'I THINK LAGUNA BEACH MADE ME A STRONGER PERSON'

# CASEY REINHARDT AND KELLY ROBERTS

THE MOM/DAUGHTER DUO TAKE ON SUCCESS IN THE REAL O.C.



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**A**fter appearing in the hit MTV teen drama *Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County*, Casey Reinhardt — the "new girl" on season 2 — was ready to take a break. *OK!* was only too happy to tag along as Casey and her mom, Kelly Roberts — who helped her daughter deal with the pressures of being on a reality television show — relaxed for a day of primping and pampering at the Mission Inn, in Riverside, Calif., which Kelly actually owns, along with husband Duane Roberts.

The inseparable mother-daughter duo reminded us of Julie and Marissa on *The O.C.*, in that they look more like sisters than mother and daughter. But that's where the resemblance ends. Casey has moved on to college and is now pursuing a career in acting, while staying involved in numerous charities. Mom Kelly is a successful hotelier also active with charities, one of them being Olive Crest, an organization for abused children.

Between their manis, pedis and salon treatments (tough life!), and a bit of rest, Casey and Kelly opened up to *OK!* about life in Laguna, the difficulties of being in the public eye and their relationship as mother and daughter.

**'I definitely didn't want to be portrayed as a party girl'**

**Casey, what do you think of fellow *Laguna Beach* star Talan's recent engagement to Kimberly Stewart?**

*Casey:* I'm delighted that they've both found happiness and I wish them both lots of luck in the future.

**How did you become involved with the show?**

*Casey:* I was actually asked to be on the show three times and said no each time before finally saying yes! I didn't have to do an audition — they just kept approaching me.

**Now that you have had some time to reflect, what do you think about being a part of *Laguna Beach*?**

*Casey:* It was such an amazing thing — a total learning experience, actually. I learned so much from being a part of it, and I think *Laguna Beach* really made me a stronger













Casey has an extremely close relationship with mom Kelly. "I tell her about everything, really," Casey says. "We talk about eight times a day." "Casey makes a mother proud," says Kelly. "I've been blessed to have her as a daughter."

person. I definitely didn't want to be portrayed as a party girl, though — I don't drink. If people were headed out for any kind of party, I would just stay home. I'm not into that kind of stuff.

**Kelly, what do you think of your daughter's experience on the show?**

Kelly: Casey is such an outgoing person and I think it was a good learning experience. It reminds me of the saying, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." I think she handled herself really well, in a mature, professional way.

**How close are the two of you?**

Casey: Are you kidding me? We are incredibly close. My best friends are always telling me that they can't believe how strong the relationship is between my mother and me. I tell her about school, my classes, my grades, my friends, who I am dating — everything really. We talk about eight times a day.

Kelly: I think you can tell by the sound of my voice how I feel about my daughter — she holds a dear place in my heart and soul. Casey makes a mother proud — I've been blessed to have her as a daughter.

**Casey — who are your closest friends from *Laguna Beach*?**

I'm close friends with everyone, but if I had to choose a closest friend, I would definitely say LC. LC really took care of me and stuck up for me.

**'I was supposed to make out with a guy in a Rolling Stones video, but I turned it down'**

**There was definitely a lot of cat-fighting on season two, and one of the tiffs was between you and Alex. Apparently, you had started a rumor about her that made her quite upset! What exactly happened between the two of you?**

Casey: MTV really did a great editing job on that one! I never started that rumor, although it seemed that way on the show. Alex is such a great girl; we made up and are now friends.

**Were there any people that you were friends with who weren't on the show?**

Casey: I would say that there were about 25 people in our group of friends, but there were only 12 featured on the show. Some weren't asked to be on *Laguna Beach*, others didn't want to be on it. But yes, there was quite a large group of us.

**How hard was it adjusting to life in Laguna? You were the new kid at the start of the season.**

Casey: I love all new experiences and just really embraced this one. I love meeting people and am very social, so it wasn't that hard.

**When you were younger, you were quite active on the beauty pageant circuit. Have you considered returning to it, given your recent turn on TV?**

Casey: Absolutely. Beauty pageants really made me a young lady, and taught me to be classy, poised and mature. I may return to them in the future — and I also recently became a debutante.

**In *OK!* magazine, Kristin admitted that *Playboy* made her an offer to pose nude.**





Casey is currently enrolled in college and majoring in child psychology. Despite the show's success, she says she's leaving the *Laguna Beach* crew, below behind and not returning for the third season.



**What has been the most outlandish request or offer you have received?**

Casey: I've had plenty of offers for appearances, but I guess the craziest thing was that I was offered a role in a Rolling Stones video. I was supposed to make out with a guy in the video, but I turned it down because I didn't want to do that.

**So, Casey, how is life after the show? We hear that you are attending Pepperdine University.**

Casey: Pepperdine is amazing; I absolutely love it. The girls are fantastic and so friendly — I just joined a sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma. Overall, the people who I have met are amazing, mature and intelligent.

**What are you majoring in at Pepperdine?**

Casey: Child psychology. I love children, and I just think that studying child psychology will help me become a better mother in the future and understand kids more. Also, psychology really goes hand in hand with acting, and it will help me better understand the craft.

**So is acting something you want to pursue further?**

Casey: Absolutely — I'm shooting a pilot tomorrow. They are planning it so that people can watch the show on their iPods!

**Is it difficult to balance schoolwork with your burgeoning career?**

Casey: Yes, it is absolutely difficult to balance everything all at once, but I am learning more about how to do it every day. I just feel so lucky to have been given these opportunities. And all this hard work is worth it! I am also very involved in the C.A.S.E.Y. Foundation (the Children's Alliance for the Success and Education of Youth in need), which helps kids with their self-esteem and keeps them focused on their education and extracurricular activities. I am also launching a line of lip gloss called Kiss by Casey that will be sold in my mother's spa and on my Web site, caseyreinhart.com. The four kinds are all different shades of pink — my favorite color.

**Laguna has been picked up for a third season now —**

**any plans to rejoin the cast?**

Casey: No, I don't think so. I really want to move away from the reality television genre and explore other options.

**Kelly, as a mother, do you like the fact that your daughter is in the spotlight and receiving so much attention?**

Kelly: Casey has always been our little drama queen — this kind of work is perfect for her. Even before she signed on for *Laguna Beach*, she had a bit part in a movie and was doing beauty pageants. She's a natural fit for this industry, given her personality.

**'Pageants taught me to be classy, poised and mature'**

**Kelly, tell us about your fabulous career as a hotelier.**

Kelly: Well I've been a professional mom too! But I became involved in the hotel industry while the kids were growing up, and what I've learned is that you really have to love pleasing people.

**Kelly, how did you get involved with the Mission Inn?**

Kelly: My husband, Duane Roberts, and I bought the Mission Inn in 1992 — we just had to be a part of this historic landmark. The spa is amazing and very different — it was themed after a Tuscan castle, but you walk in to the spa (called Kelly's Spa) and feel right at home. Right now, the Mission Inn is surrounded by these fabulous lights for the holidays. We call it the Festival of Lights. Casey flipped the inaugural switch the day after Thanksgiving.

**Are you thrilled to do this shoot? You both have some amazing clothes in your wardrobe!**

Kelly: [Laughing] We even brought the kitchen sink to the shoot! **OK!**

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