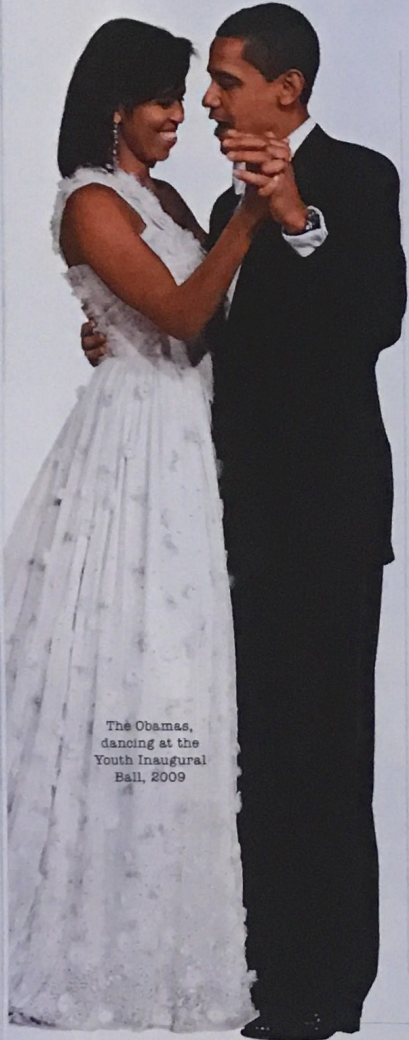


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The Obamas, dancing at the Youth Inaugural Ball, 2009

► The Royals

Prince William and Kate Middleton's fairy-tale romance thrilled the world. Amid intense media scrutiny, William proposed to Kate, his college sweetheart, in 2010 with the engagement ring that had belonged to his mother, Princess Diana. The couple married in April 2011 at Westminster Abbey in London. The wedding was televised around the globe; some 2 million locals lined the streets to catch a glimpse of the bride and groom. Prince William and Duchess Kate carry out their royal and charitable duties together.



Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, after their May 19, 2018, wedding at Windsor Castle



The royals, leaving Westminster Abbey after their wedding service



▼ Paul McCartney & Nancy Shevell

"All you need is love." Paul McCartney most recently found it with New York businesswoman Nancy Shevell, whom he married on October 9, 2011, in London. The publicity-shy couple began dating in 2007. They have kept their marriage out of the media spotlight, allowing only rare glimpses into their life, including a recent romantic getaway to St. Barts.



McCartney and Shevell tied the knot at Marylebone Town Hall, 2011.



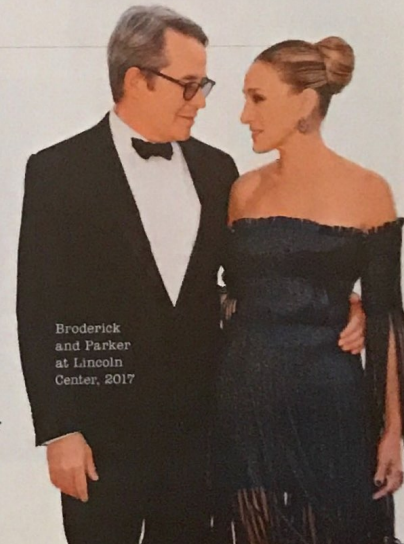
DeGeneres and de Rossi wed in Los Angeles in 2008.

▲ Ellen DeGeneres & Portia de Rossi

Ellen DeGeneres came out publicly in *Time* magazine in April 1997, just as her fictional counterpart was doing the same on her show *Ellen*. But Portia de Rossi had a "long and difficult struggle" with her sexuality. Sparks flew when the two met at VH1's Big in '04 Awards. Ellen and Portia announced their relationship in 2005 and invited fans to share in their love.

► Sarah Jessica Parker & Matthew Broderick

Carrie Bradshaw had many tumultuous love affairs on *Sex and the City*, but there's only one man for Sarah Jessica Parker: Matthew Broderick. After meeting in November 1991, the pair bonded over their shared love of New York, the theater and baseball. Parker and Broderick moved in together and had a surprise wedding with about 100 guests on May 19, 1997, at Angel Orensanz Synagogue on the Lower East Side. The bride wore black.



Broderick and Parker at Lincoln Center, 2017

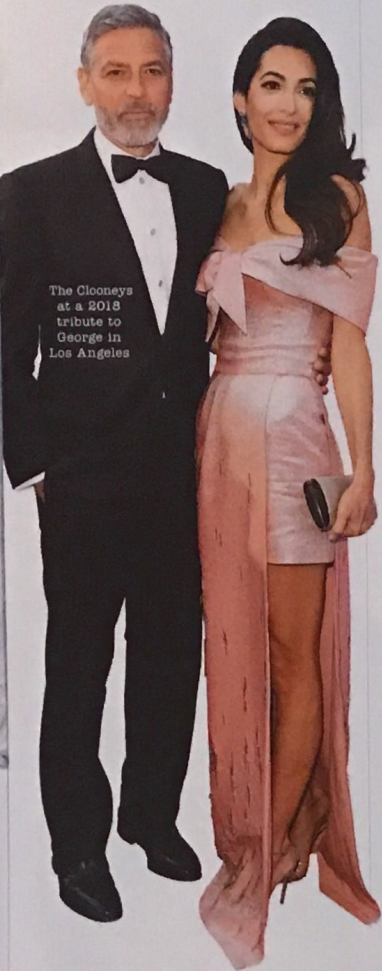
▲ Barack & Michelle Obama

Michelle Robinson married Barack Obama in Chicago on October 3, 1992. The couple danced for the first time as husband and wife to Stevie Wonder's "You and I," and Barack vowed to give Michelle

"an interesting life." In January 2009, Barack became the first African-American president of the United States, delivering on the promise and thrusting his happy marriage into the spotlight.

▼ **George Clooney & Amal Alamuddin**

Once a notorious Hollywood bachelor, George Clooney is now a happily married man. His life changed when he met international human rights attorney Amal Alamuddin through mutual friends on a trip to Italy, in 2013. They dated around the world, dining in London and going on an African safari. The two married in Venice in late 2014 and started the Clooney Foundation for Justice.



The Clooneys at a 2018 tribute to George in Los Angeles



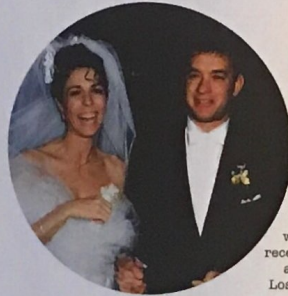
The wedding was at Blackberry Farms, in Tennessee

◀ **Kelly Clarkson & Brandon Blackstock**

Kelly Clarkson won the first season of *American Idol* on September 4, 2002. But it wasn't until 2012, when Clarkson sang the National Anthem at Super Bowl XLVI, that she met her soul mate, Brandon Blackstock, her manager's son and stepson of Reba McEntire. Only 10 months after they started dating, Blackstock popped the question, giving Clarkson a canary diamond ring. The couple wed in 2013 at a luxury resort in Tennessee and are today the dotting parents of four.

▶ **Tom Hanks & Rita Wilson**

After 30 years together, Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson are one of Hollywood's longest-lasting and most supportive couples. They became friends on the set of the 1985 film *Volunteers* and wed in 1988. When asked for their secret formula, they credit honest communication and generous massages.



Their wedding reception was at Rex's Los Angeles.

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The most spectacular, grandiose, funky, original weddings we are ever likely to see are not from real life but on the big screen. Looking for a pick-me-up? Get a front-row seat at one of these memorable movie weddings.



▶ **THE GODFATHER**

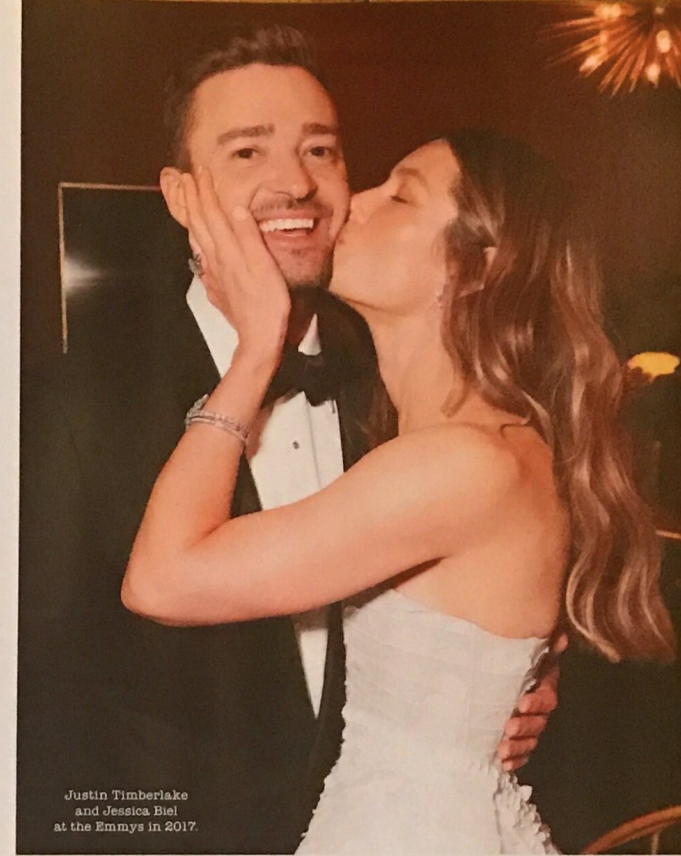
Al Pacino plays Michael Corleone, here at his wedding following a love match in Sicily in the 1972 classic, one of the best films ever made.



The happy couple in Beverly Hills in 2018.

▲ **Sofia Vergara & Joe Manganiello**

After dating for a year and a half, *Modern Family* actress Sofia Vergara and *Magic Mike* actor Joe Manganiello wed in 2015 at the elegant Breakers Resort in Palm Beach, Florida. The duo joke that their marriage works because she has a strong personality and he makes sure her needs are met.



Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel at the Emmys in 2017

▲ **Jessica Biel & Justin Timberlake**

Power couple Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel first flirted at the 2007 Golden Globes. Timberlake went on tour shortly after, but the two kept in touch—and Timberlake

proposed to Biel in the mountains of Montana in December 2011. They tied the knot in the Italian countryside, where Biel wowed in a pink Giambattista Valli gown.



▶ **FATHER OF THE BRIDE**

Overwrought businessman George Banks (Steve Martin) must survive his daughter's elaborate wedding in this 1991 romantic classic.



▶ **SHREK**

Even an ogre can win the heart of a princess, in this 2001 animated fairy-tale classic directed by Andrew Adamson and Vicky Jenson.



▶ **MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING**

In this 2002 flick, a WASP-y teacher agrees to an over-the-top Greek wedding to please his bride's traditional family.