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GRAMMER**

THE HAMPTONS RESIDENTS TALK ABOUT  
LIFE AND LOVE ON THE EAST END





## A Beautiful Life

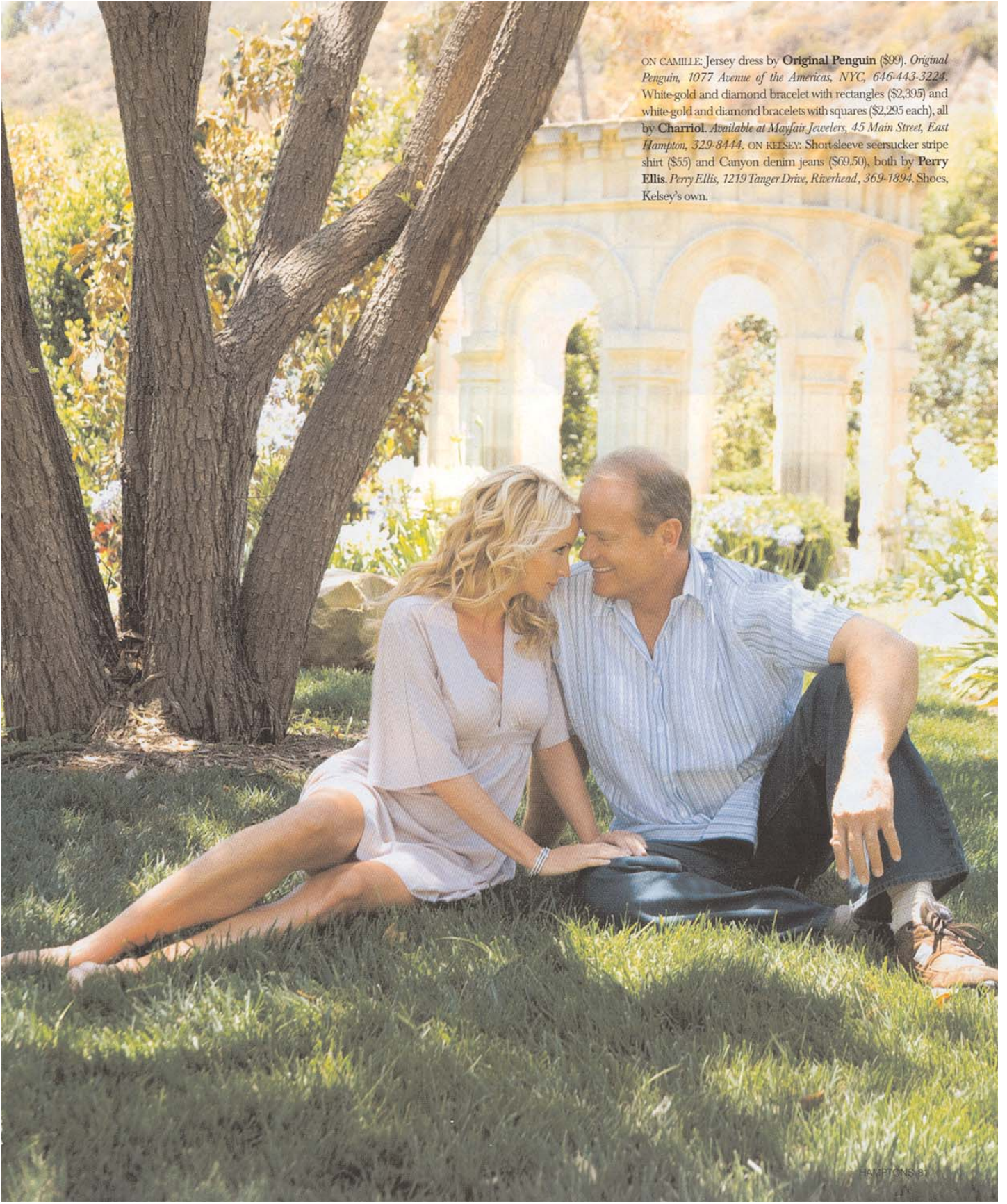
Although **Kelsey and Camille Grammer** make their permanent home on the West Coast, it's spending time at their Hamptons residence that really captures their hearts.

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**WITH INTERESTS THAT RANGE FROM SHAKESPEARE TO SURFING, KELSEY GRAMMER** will never have the luxury of boredom. Though he built one of the most successful television careers in history—by playing the role of Dr. Frasier Crane in two iconic series over the course of 20 years—this 52-year-old actor is far from resting on his laurels. With his new show *Back to You* slated to hit the airwaves this fall and three others that he produces (*Medium*, *Girlfriends*, and *The Game*) currently on TV, it's a wonder this husband and father of three still has time to work on stage productions, movies, and his tennis game. His life has been punctuated by various trials and bouts of turmoil, but Kelsey's wry sense of humor and intelligence will surely keep him in the spotlight for years to come. For those times when the thespian and his wife, Camille, want to get *out* of the spotlight, there's no place they'd rather escape to than the East End.



A photograph of a man and a woman sitting on a grassy lawn. The woman, on the left, has blonde hair and is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved dress. The man, on the right, is wearing a light blue and white striped short-sleeved shirt and dark pants. They are both smiling and looking at each other. In the background, there is a large, ornate gazebo with multiple arches, surrounded by trees and greenery. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

ON CAMILLE: Jersey dress by **Original Penguin** (\$99). *Original Penguin*, 1077 Avenue of the Americas, NYC, 646-443-3224. White-gold and diamond bracelet with rectangles (\$2,395) and white-gold and diamond bracelets with squares (\$2,295 each), all by **Charriol**. Available at *Mayfair Jewelers*, 45 Main Street, East Hampton, 329-8444. ON KELSEY: Short-sleeve seersucker stripe shirt (\$55) and Canyon denim jeans (\$69.50), both by **Perry Ellis**. *Perry Ellis*, 1219 Tanger Drive, Riverhead, 369-1894. Shoes, Kelsey's own.



**HAMPTONS: How are you enjoying your Bridgehampton house?**

**KELSEY GRAMMER:** It's our favorite home; our designer, Ken Alpert, did a great job. A couple of weeks ago we started planning where we were going to plant the vegetable garden and talking about hedges and trimming.

**H: Who's in charge of the vegetable garden?**

**KELSEY:** Actually, we both are, but Camille is the aficionado. She's the chief enthusiast when it comes to the tomatoes and the zucchinis.

**H: What other kinds of things do you enjoy doing out here?**

**CAMILLE GRAMMER:** The Hamptons is one of the most beautiful places on earth. I get to bike-ride with the kids and we play tennis and go to the local markets for vegetables. The light out here is so beautiful and the sunsets are brilliant. I can go on about how much I love it.

**H: Which are some of your favorite farm stands?**

**CAMILLE:** We like Amy's Flowers, the Milk Pail, and the lovely gentleman at Mecox Bay Dairy who makes the cheese. We like taking pictures of his cows.

**H: Are you planning on attending any Hamptons events?**

**KELSEY:** Last year we did Bay Street Theatre's annual benefit; this summer we're probably going to stop in at the Christopher and Dana Reeve benefit on the 22nd. And we love the Hampton Classic.

**H: Camille, I hear you're involved with several foundations that promote awareness of gastrointestinal disorders. Will you be organizing any fundraisers in the Hamptons this summer?**

**CAMILLE:** I wish I could, but it's been tough getting fundraisers going. I just keep plugging away at making the public aware through the International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders. We also promote Teach for America as well as the Angel Teddy Bear Foundation, which is for autistic children. I've been involved in other causes, but IBS is the one that's closest to me.

**H: Kelsey, have you been working on *The Simpsons Movie*?**

**KELSEY:** We're still sorting out the details. Everyone seems to think that Sideshow Bob should make an appearance in *The Simpsons Movie*; after all, he's America's most-loved cartoon criminal—and possibly the world's!

**H: What can you tell us about your new show?**

**KELSEY:** The show is called *Back to You*, and it stars Patricia Heaton. It's a new comedy I've been working on for Fox. The film I'm shooting this summer, *Swing Vote*, is down in Mexico, so I'll be in and out of town quite a bit. It's with Kevin Costner and I play the President of the United States. [Laughs]

**H: You once mentioned you'd consider running for office, but said you wouldn't for some time due to what you perceived as lack of compromise in politics—people getting attacked for standing up for what they believe. Do you feel this is still a problem in American politics today?**

**KELSEY:** I think the Washington, DC, "inner circle" may be broken. It's just not what it was originally set up to be. There aren't supposed to be career politicians in our country. One of the blessings, however, is that we can swing from one side to the other, like a pendulum, so nothing extremely radical is ever

permanent. I just wish there weren't so much hatred attached to partisanship; if we could avoid the hatred we might have a real shot at being a union again.

**H: You also said that being raised by your grandfather, who was a military man, instilled in you a feeling that we all have an obligation to perform some sort of service to the country. Do you see yourself as having done that?**

**KELSEY:** Well, I think we have an obligation, when we've been given so much privilege, to perform service for others. Regrettably, for me, military service is no longer an option. I do often bemoan the fact that I didn't join the military when I was 18, but I was on a different path at that time. Have I served the country? I hope that my ability to make people laugh, my ability to entertain, has actually helped people. In terms of civil service, there still may be a chapter in my book to be written.

**H: I read that before you started acting, your first love was surfing. Do you still find time to surf?**

**KELSEY:** I've not paddled out in a long time, but I do still flirt with the idea. Our new home in Hawaii is near a pretty nice little break, and I look at it now and then and think about going out. I'll pick a small enough day so I won't feel intimidated, and go get my muscles tuned up.

**H: Short board or long board?**

**KELSEY:** I was always on short boards; that's why it's so hard for me now because I'm much bigger than I was when I was a good surfer. Finding a board that can float me but still has the technical aspects of the kind I used to ride is almost impossible.

**H: Well, it may not be Hawaii, but we do get some great waves out here.**

**KELSEY:** Last year Jimmy Buffett was talking about how he paddles out in Montauk all the time, so I thought, well, maybe.... I'm also a real snob about wet suits—I hate 'em. Maybe when the water is warm one day in August, I'll paddle out.

**H: What are some of your favorite Hamptons beaches?**

**KELSEY:** We just go straight down the road to Mecox. We belong to Bridgehampton Tennis & Surf Club, which is right there on the beach. Our son goes to camp there and we really enjoy it. I love tennis. I wish I were better, but I'm still working on that serve.

**H: You probably get this all the time: Will we ever see a return of Dr. Frasier Crane?**

**KELSEY:** There's no chance; he's gone. He shall remain in our contemporary history as a beloved character... I hope. As an actor you get used to the idea that the character you're playing or the play you're in will end. I recently did *My Fair Lady* in New York City for four days. It was a great experience, but after the last one you just go, "It's over"—and that's very freeing.

**H: What's next?**

**KELSEY:** Well, I hope to do a few years on this new show. I have a production company now called Grammet Productions, based at Fox, and we hope to get several more shows on the air in the next few seasons. We also just bought another home in Beverly Hills. My wife and I have a bad habit of developing and renovating homes. It's a silly little hobby, and a little expensive, especially since we don't tend to sell them after we've built them. And there's always that carrot dangling, of some sort of political office in the future. We'll see.... **H**

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