

Successful romantics

Like so many of us, Amy Sky has always been a hopeless romantic.

She doubts that will change but when it comes to relationships she also admits you will always get love, pain and the whole damned thing.

"It's true," laughs Amy, who turned a minor disagreement with her husband into a smash hit a few years back called *Love, Pain, the Whole Damned Thing*.

"You have to work at relationships," she chuckles. "Today too many people are ready to throw things away."

Not her and her husband, fellow musician Marc Jordan, who will celebrate their 16th wedding anniversary this New Year's Eve. They work at it and their shared love of music helps.

"We support each other's careers," she explains. "We are a team but we don't want to go the way of Sonny and Cher and wind up hating each other. We love each other."

So, with this in mind, they rarely perform together but their fans will get a rare exception at a concert Dec. 4 at the Toronto Centre for the Arts (formerly The Ford Centre) up on Yonge St. in North York through TicketMaster.

Now Scrawler bumped into the couple for the first time last week when Amy was given the honour of singing the national anthem on the night Paul Martin was crowned Liberal leader.

They were so friendly but with the hustle and bustle of Bono being in the house I grabbed their phone number and had a very interesting conversation last night with Amy on a number of subjects including love, family and life in general.

But first, for those who may not know Amy or Marc, here's a run down on both of them musically.

I had no idea but Marc, a Jarvis Collegiate graduate, is the guy who wrote and sang the 1970s hit song *Living in Marina Del Rey* as well as another big one called *Survival*. Great tunes. He also wrote Rod Stewart's monster *Rhythm Of My Heart*. Wow.

"It has been paying our bills for 10 years," teases Sky.



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But she's no slouch herself, having written songs for artists including Anne Murray, Reba McEntire, Olivia Newton John and Cyndi Lauper. The graduate of Forest Hill Collegiate has had some hits of her own too in addition to *Love, Pain the Whole Damned Thing* in such songs as *Til' You Love Somebody* and the emotional ballad *I Will Take Care of You*.

In fact not a day goes by when someone doesn't tell her how *I Will Take Care of You* helped

them through a rough spot. That's what a song is supposed to do, she says, adding "it's the best" feeling when a fan says something like that.

"That's why I do it," she says of songwriting and performing.

Amy, who credits Ronnie Hawkins — with whom she sang backup — for opening up some doors for her, receives so many requests for that song she actually put it on her latest CD *With This Kiss, A Romance Collection*.

She also added a karaoke track of the song so others can sing along. Nice touch.

What a talented couple. I got a kick out of talking to them because with all of their success you just know they'd have security guards and handlers everywhere. It's just not their style, even though they met in Los Angeles.

"We have a normal life," she says, adding she and Marc work extra hard to give their children Zoe, 13, and Ezra, 10, a regular childhood.

So what about pack-

aging up all of your gems and taking a serious shot at stardom states side? It's not on their radar screen. They love Toronto too much.

"And we have kids," says Amy. "I wouldn't do that to my kids."

The Canadian scene, for now, is fine by them. "I have won," she says cheerfully of her career in the music business. "I have stayed married and my kids love me." Is there anything else? Love those romantics.



The second romantic of the night is a good fella by the name of Spider Jones. Last night Queen's Quay's Aquadisiac Lounge held a book signing for his much-anticipated release *Out of the Darkness*.

The Spider is one of those guys who draws a crowd in any room and last night was no exception. The place was packed. The book depicts a young kid who grew up in Windsor and Detroit who made it in the boxing ring and ended up with a great career in media, as well as a role model for young kids looking for one. His goal is to inspire kids to stay away from drugs and crime and chase their dreams. Sky is the limit of what you can achieve, he always says.

I'll write a little feature on Spider in an upcoming paper. But for today I want to pass along congrats to our old friend Spider Jones.

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SPIDER JONES' new book *Out of Darkness* is meant to inspire kids.



— Joe Warmington, SUN
MARC JORDAN and Amy Sky are one talented couple. At

