

PATTI STANGER BRINGS HER

THE MILLIONAIRE MATCHMAKER IS BACK, WITH MORE RED-HOT LESSONS IN LOVE

or the past seven seasons, The Millionaire Matchmaker's Patti Stanger, 53, has been arranging dates for wealthy hopefuls, doling out retro dating advice ("No sex before monogamy!") and steadily amping up her Jersey-bred theatrics all while kicking rule breakers to the curb with her trademark directive: "Get out of my club!" For the show's season 8 premiere on Dec. 7 on Bravo, Patti returns with a generous lineup of famous names — who star as both clients and expert guests - and a slew of new love connections. She talked to OK! about how she keeps the drama going and what she does when the cameras are off.

This season, you set out to find matches for celebs including Lil Romeo, Chilli from TLC, Sonja Morgan and Perez Hilton. Why'd you add them to the mix? Because I did it in real life—that's my core business. So why not show the truth behind the veil—that celebrities are just like

everybody else. They want love!

Did any clients come with a celeb-size ego?

There was definitely a come to Jesus moment with Luke Rockhold, the former UFC champion. But instead of screaming and throwing him into the closet, and saying, "Get out of

this office," I basically make him realize what he did wrong — and he has to apologize to the girl.

Tell us about the celeb experts. Kristin Cavallari knocked it out of the park. She's my girl crush! I call her The Shredder, because she knows [she's a catch]. I wanted her to teach our new client Ally [Shapiro, Jill Zarin's daughter] how to be a shredder. And Spencer and Heidi Pratt came on to help Spencer's sister Stephanie. They're madly in love. Spencer is freaking brilliant, and Heidi couldn't be sweeter.

What's Rocco DiSpirito's role? There's a love component to cooking with someone, so he was teaching people how to cook. When you partner up [in the kitchen], you really show another side of your personality because

you have to work as a team.

You've been dating David Krause for more than two years. How's your relationship going? We're good. When I'm not shooting, we have a lot of time together. We like to nap, cook, walk our dogs. We're both loners, as shocking as that sounds.

You, a loner? Really?
I'm friends with a lot of A-listers,
but I only go on the [red] carpet
when I have to. I keep it real.

- Lindsey DiMattina