

# The wedding's OFF for Keith and Nicole

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**N**icole Kidman is devastated because fiancé Keith Urban has cancelled their fairytale wedding, saying he wanted a break from the Oscar-winning actress, sources have exclusively told *the ENQUIRER*.

Country superstar Keith has called a time-out in their romance to concentrate on his long-running battle with alcohol and drugs.

Sources say that Nicole had already set a date and started making plans for a fall wedding in Tahiti when the handsome star, voted Country Music Entertainer of the Year in 2005, delivered the bombshell news.

Nicole is heartbroken - she thinks Keith is the man for her," said an insider. "Keith told her he wanted to cool things down before the CMT Awards in Nashville in

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April ... and Nicole was just gutted." They separated at that point - with Keith staying in Nashville and Nicole going off to The Hamptons to shoot a new movie.

A grim-faced Nicole, 38, has been spotted in East Hampton, New York, without the spectacular 3.5 carat ring that Keith, also 38, is said to have given her for the unofficial engagement last November.

"Nicole has thrown herself back into her work to get over being rebuffed as a bride," maintained the insider. "She's trying hard to find laughter through her tears as she works on a mother-son comedy drama with Jack Black and Jennifer Jason Lee. It's painful for Keith

as well because he loves Nicole. It's just that everything was moving too fast for him. When she settled on a wedding date and started asking him about things like the guest list and getting her marriage to Tom Cruise annulled, Keith lost it.

"He just isn't ready to commit - he considers himself newly sober and is haunted by his cocaine and alcohol demons. Keith's shaky to begin with - calling his sobriety coach two and three times a day. And the thought of juggling his touring and a red hot career with an actress wife who is gone much of the year herself, was just too much for him.

"Keith has been especially on edge with substance abuse problems

since becoming one of the biggest stars in country music. And the added pressure of marrying just after finishing a summer tour, made him slam on the brakes."

Keith has been very frank about being an addict, saying: "I don't know you that ever beat it. It's a struggle for me because I hate the straight road, too."

The insider explained that in his current frazzled state, Keith has been wary of other aspects of Nicole. "Keith recently told a friend 'The problem with dating an actress is that you never know when they are acting,'" revealed the insider.

"He's questioning everything - and it would be really sad if he lost Nicole forever because he was afraid of falling off the wagon.

"I hope Keith gets his life together - because it seems like he and Nicole were made for each other. Now Nicole's grief-stricken and Keith's guilt-ridden. It's a shame - they seem like the perfect have-it-all couple."