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# WHITNEY'S COMEBACK TOUR IS A BOMB!

■ *People are afraid she won't even show up*

**W**HITNEY Houston's much-ballyhooed German tour is crumbling before it even gets off the ground—thanks to her bad-boy hubby Bobby Brown.

Sources say only 20 percent of the planned 200,000 tickets have been sold for the four scheduled performances, beginning in Berlin on July 2, and three of the locations have already been changed to smaller venues.

## DISRUPTIVE

"Bobby is trying to sell their reality show while they are there," says a family friend. "Unfortunately, he is so disruptive. But Whitney thinks the sun rises and sets on Bobby, and no one can convince her of anything different."

Concert promoters and ticket agents are bitterly disappointed.

"The response they seem to be getting is: 'Whitney is over the hill. Who wants to see a former drug addict onstage?'" a source

told The ENQUIRER.

The 40-year-old songbird, who has publicly admitted using drugs, was fresh out of rehab when her cousin Dionne Warwick and Natalie Cole conceived the idea of the three of them touring in Germany.

Natalie and Dionne had hoped the tour would jumpstart her career and keep her away from Bobby's bad influence, say pals. But Whitney managed to bring him to Germany with her!

"He's been trying to

pitch a reality show to German television, but he's been pretty much ignored," revealed the source. "No one seems to care too much about Whitney, either."

"There was a time when she could easily sell out the biggest stadiums in the world."

Concert organizers had planned

to put Whitney in huge, football-sized stadiums in three cities—Hamburg on July 7, Munich on July 9 and Gelsenkirchen on July 11—and in front of Berlin's Brandenburg Gate.

But even though millions of dollars have been spent on TV, radio and

newspaper ads to promote the tour, they are being forced to quickly change to smaller concert halls.

"People are afraid—they know her reputation," the source explained. "They don't feel like taking the chance of buying expensive tickets, then have to worry that she won't even show up."

## TURNOFFS

Everyone is expecting the German tour to be one of the bigger moneymakers of the summer, but it's turning out to be one of the biggest bombs, says the family friend.

"It's not because the women don't have talent," says the pal. "It's Whitney and Bobby who are the turnoffs."

—ROBIN MIZRAHI  
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**'Who wants to see a former drug addict onstage?'**



**WHITNEY'S** pals hoped the tour would keep her away from Bobby but she brought him with her.



**MILLIONS** were spent to promote the tour but 80 percent of the tickets remain unsold, sources say.