

= Britney and Kevin : Chaotic =

Britney and Kevin : Chaotic is an American reality television series created by Anthony E. Zuiker . Starring American recording artist Britney Spears and her then @-@ husband Kevin Federline , the five @-@ episode series aired on UPN from May 17 to June 14 , 2005 . The series chronicles the couple 's relationship from their courtship , engagement and wedding .

A majority of the footage was originally shot for Spears ' own reality series to document the European leg of The Onyx Hotel Tour in the spring of 2004 . Spears fell and injured her left knee during the shooting of the music video for " Outrageous " , causing the remainder of the tour and the series to be cancelled .

Britney and Kevin : Chaotic was heavily criticized by critics , who considered the series to be career suicide for Spears . Critics noted Spears ' excessive narcissism and criticized the themes of the series as being too explicit . The DVD release of Britney and Kevin : Chaotic included Spears ' first extended play of the same name .

= = Background = =

MTV News announced in April 2004 that Spears was planning a reality television series to document her backstage life during the European leg of The Onyx Hotel Tour . Pitched as OnTourage , footage from the six @-@ week leg was to be compiled into a six @-@ episode series , with each episode selling for about \$ 1 million , " much more than most reality programs " . Spears was to narrate and shoot footage of her with her dancers and handlers . The show was planned to be completed " as early as summer " .

On June 8 , Spears was shooting the music video for " Outrageous " in Manhattan , when she fell and injured her left knee . She was taken immediately to a local hospital and underwent arthroscopic surgery the next day . She was forced to remain six weeks with a thigh brace , followed by eight to twelve weeks of rehabilitation , which caused any future concerts to be canceled . As a result , OnTourage was also scrapped .

In July , Spears announced her engagement to American dancer Kevin Federline , whom she had met three months before . As Federline had only recently ended his relationship with actress Shar Jackson , who was pregnant with their second child , this engagement was the subject of extensive media coverage . They held a wedding ceremony on September 18 , 2004 , but were not legally married until three weeks later on October 6 due to a delay finalizing the couple 's prenuptial agreement . In October 2004 , the singer announced she would be taking another career break to start a family .

= = Development = =

After a " fierce bidding war " , on April 5 , 2005 , it was announced that Spears had signed a deal with UPN to air a reality television series documenting her relationship with Federline . The series , which would air in five episodes , was revealed to chronicle the relationship " from the earliest stages of their courtship to their engagement and ultimately , their stroll down the aisle " . In a statement about the series , Spears stated : " From the day that Kevin and I met , there have been constant rumors and inaccurate speculation about our lives together . I feel that last year , the tabloids ran my life , and I am really excited about showing my fans what really happened , rather than all the stories , which have been misconstrued by journalists in the past . As I mentioned before , I am now going to be expressing my personal life through art " .

The series was initially titled Britney and Kevin : Can You Handle Our Truth ? , before its title was changed to Britney and Kevin : Chaotic , with " Can you handle our truth ? " becoming its tagline . A majority of the footage shot for OnTourage was used for Britney and Kevin : Chaotic . According to Spears , the series helped the couple to know each other more , saying : " I didn 't know [Kevin] that well , and when I got the camera out , it made me feel better . It 's really weird because it was like all this tension at first . We were so nervous being together . I 'm really shy , and when I had the

camera in my hand , it made me feel more outspoken . "

= = Critical response = =

Britney and Kevin : Chaotic was heavily criticized by critics . Taylor Carik of Flak Magazine considered the series an " insult to common sense and decency " , while commenting that " Britney 's ridiculous behavior in Chaotic confirms the obvious transparency of her status as a ' celebrity product ' and the calculated nature of her success " . He also noted that music critics would " easily open the floodgates for new and creative ways to discuss her offense to pop culture 's attempts at meaningfulness " . Aaron Beierle of DVD Talk reviewed the series as an " absolute disaster of the highest order " , while writing that : " [Britney & Kevin : Chaotic] is an absolutely watchable and horrifying train wreck of a series " . Slant Magazine writer Ed Gonzalez noted that " the show 's extreme shooting style makes it especially hard to stare at what is ? no more no less ? a totem to the pop singer 's narcissism " . He stated that the views Spears expresses in the series suggest that she is " someone who believes they 're the only person on the face of the earth " .

Josh Wolk of Entertainment Weekly felt that Britney and Kevin : Chaotic was Spears ' " career suicide by videocam " , commenting , " the truth is not only that she 's vapid , but that she 's self @-@ obsessed to a dangerous degree " . Wolk also noted " many intersecting things wrong on this show and with Britney that I can 't possibly prioritize them " . Laura Fries of Variety perceived the series as " a visual assault of nauseating camera angles , likely to upset even the most desensitized TV viewer " . Hayley Butler of Jam ! gave the final episode of the series a mixed review , saying it " was full of tear @-@ jerking moments " and " the only episode not full of stupid jokes , childish behaviour and Britney 's thoughts on life " , commenting that Spears and Federline wedding scenes " looked to be a very emotional and touching event " . Butler also wondered " if they feel their show served its purpose " .

= = U.S. television ratings = =

The first episode of the series was seen by 3 @.@ 7 million viewers , making it UPN 's most @-@ watched piece of regularly scheduled programming in the 9pm Tuesday timeslot since March 2004 . The second episode garnered 3 million viewers , finishing in eighty @-@ first in its timeslot for the week . The third and fourth episode were viewed by 2 @.@ 5 million viewers each , while the final , aired an hour earlier at 8 : 00pm Eastern Standard Time , drew 2 @.@ 1 million viewers . In one month , Britney and Kevin : Chaotic lost 1 @.@ 6 million viewers .

= = Episodes = =

= = Home media = =

Britney & Kevin : Chaotic ... the DVD & More was released on September 27 , 2005 in the United States . The DVD contains the series ' five episodes , as well as unreleased footage and music videos for " Do Somethin ' " (2005) and " Someday (I Will Understand) " (2005) . Also included is a photo gallery of the couple 's wedding ceremony . Spears ' first extended play of the same name was included as a bonus CD to the DVD release . The presentation is offered in the aspect ratio of 1 @.@ 33 : 1 . In Japan , the DVD peaked at number forty on the Oricon DVD chart , staying on the chart for 4 weeks .