



Blessed Two Times Over

How sweet it is! **Beyoncé and Jay Z** announce they're having twins — and break the internet **BY TALIA ERGAS**

Nope, Beyoncé is *not* just like *Us*. For her pregnancy announcement on Instagram, the 35-year-old called on Los Angeles-based photographer Awol Erizku for a “private collaboration,” a Beyoncé source tells *Us*. She slipped on lingerie, perched herself atop a red pickup bursting with roses and cradled her growing belly while Erizku snapped away. In another setup, the singer posed nude in a garden, a flower crown on her head. Shares the pal, “The photos are about new life.”

The 20-time Grammy winner, known for dropping visual albums without warning, then

revealed her biggest bombshell yet. The mom of Blue, 5, with husband Jay Z, shared a photo February 1, writing, “Our family will be growing by two.” The pic shattered the most-liked Instagram record, with 9.9 million hits. In a series titled “I have three hearts,” she released the rest of the images on her website, along with a poem about motherhood penned by her *Lemonade* collaborator Warsan Shire. “Bey was showing and knew it would get out at Grammy fittings,” explains the insider. And while the Houston native won't reveal the genders (or whether she knows them), “she couldn't cover the pregnancy anymore.”

THIS PAGE: WWW.BEYONCE.COM (5); OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM MAIN IMAGE: JAMES DEVANEY/GETTY IMAGES; KRISTIAN DOWLING/GETTY IMAGES; CLINT SPALDING/PAC/GETTY IMAGES; STILL LIFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

Beyoncé (at the Met Gala in NYC in May 2016) has said, “There's no words that can express having a baby growing inside of you.”

“SHE TOLD NOBODY. BEY HAS BEEN COVERING IT UP FOR A LONG TIME, BUT COULDN'T ANYMORE. SHE'S ECSTATIC.”
A BEYONCÉ SOURCE

BUMPY ROAD
The happy moment was a long time coming. Queen Bey and the rapper, 47 (born Shawn Carter), “had been trying and trying to conceive,” says the source. Beyoncé — who shared in her 2013 HBO documentary, *Beyoncé: Life Is but a Dream*, that she suffered a miscarriage before Blue was born — was “frustrated” after unsuccessful in vitro fertilization treatments and “had given up,” says the friend. “They were looking into surrogates and adoption.” But then “out of nowhere, it stuck!” And no one is more excited about the news than big sis Blue: “She was asking about another baby forever. Now she gets two!”

SHOW GOES ON
Beyoncé isn't relaxing just yet. She'll hit the stage at the February 12 Grammys, where *Lemonade* earned nine nods. And she's slated to headline the Coachella festival in April. After that, an insider says that she'll “rest and prepare” at the couple's \$45 million L.A. home while Jay records his next album: “He'll promote and tour while she takes a break.” They'll welcome the change of pace. The future, says the source, “looks even better than they wished for.”



Beyoncé (with Jay at NYC's 2015 Met Gala) sings about infidelity on *Lemonade*.



The star revealed she was expecting her first child at the 2011 VMAs in L.A.

