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BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL's Hunter Tylo Has Endured Her Share Of Heartbreak, But Found The Resources To Come Out Even Stronger Than Before

B &B's Taylor has lost a daughter, Phoebe, and has twice returned from the dead. Her portrayal, Hunter Tylo, is also no stranger to adversity. In 1997, she won nearly \$5 million after suing überproducer Aaron Spelling for wrongful termination from *MELROSE PLACE*. The next year, her daughter, Katya, was diagnosed with retinoblastoma shortly after her birth, and had to have an eye removed. In 2005, the actress divorced her husband of 18 years, Michael Tylo (ex-Quint, *GL*; ex-Blade, *Y&R* et al). And on October 18, 2007, she suffered an epic loss when her and Tylo's 19-year-old son, Michael, Jr., (a.k.a. Mickey), drowned in the pool at the family home in Henderson, NV, after having a seizure. Now, the candid and courageous actress opens up about how she and her family have leaned on each other in the aftermath of the tragedy — and how she's found love once again.

Soap Opera Digest: It's been great seeing Taylor back at work — even if Taylor could use some therapy herself.

Hunter Tylo: I agree! Taylor loves fixing people, like her ex-husband [Ridge]. Everyone thought she was crazy for worrying about Brooke and Thomas, but then we found out that she had a true reason to worry. But I always love working with Ronn [Moss, Ridge] and Katherine [Kelly Lang, Brooke]. We have a great time.

Digest: How has it been working with your most recent on-screen husband, Rick Hearst (Whip)?

Tylo: Rick is a dream. I love the way he plays Whip, with that sense of humor. Sometimes, the stuff he does when we're performing is hilarious. He surprises me.

Digest: You also have a new TV son, Adam Gregory (Thomas).

Tylo: I love our storyline. I feel it's so realistic that a man in

just the facts

Birthday: July 3

Hails From: Fort Worth, TX

Also Known As: *DAYS OF OUR LIVES*'s Marina (1989) and *ALL MY CHILDREN*'s Robin (1985-1987)

Third Time's A Charm:

This is Tylo's third stint on B&B: She was first on from 1990-2002; she appeared as Angel Taylor in 2004 and returned full-time in 2005.

We Are Family: Tylo has a son, Christopher, 30 (with ex-husband, Tom Morehart), and daughters Izabella, 14, and Katya, 13 (with Michael Tylo). She wed Gersson Archila on November 28, 2009.

Sweet Charity: Tylo created the charity, Hunter's Chosen Child (www.hunterschosenchild.org), to aid those who are facing challenging circumstances surrounding a pregnancy.

Keyed Up: "My kids are musical and I play the piano. It's something I like to do to relax."