

Kelly Ripa Returning To ‘Live! With Kelly and Michael’ On Tuesday

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You’ve probably heard the news by now that **Michael Strahan**, co-host of hit morning talk show *Live! With Kelly & Michael* and former NFL player will be leaving the show to work on *Good Morning America* starting in September.

Strahan broke the news to **Kelly Ripa**, the show’s longtime producer **Michael Gelman** and WABC general manager **Dave Davis** just after the show ended last Tuesday morning. *TMZ* reports Ripa was completely “blindsided” by the announcement and was absolutely “livid.”

It looks like there is still some tension between the two co-hosts as Ripa didn’t show up to work on Wednesday morning for the show. In her place, actress **Ana Gasteyer** joined co-host Strahan for the show.

Ripa was also a no-show yet again on Thursday morning, but was been spotted for the first time since the devastating announcement, leaving her Upper East Side townhouse with her hubby **Mark Consuelos** in NYC. While leaving her home she was caught holding a book “David and Goliath” about how underdogs took on the powerful and emerged victorious – interesting choice.

Ripa will reportedly return to the show on Tuesday, taking off the rest of last week to go on vacation with her husband to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary.

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This is not the first time that this has happened to the 45-year-old actress. You may remember that former co-host **Regis Philbin** told Ripa about his departure from the show *Live! With Regis & Kelly* just 20 minutes before the show was about to air.

There are rumours circulating that **Neil Patrick Harris** and **Anderson Cooper** are possible co-host replacements.

What do you think of the announcement? Do you think Strahan should have told Ripa his departure in a different way? Tweet us your thoughts at [@popandpress](https://twitter.com/popandpress).