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## **Melissa Peterman Has A Baby Boy**

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Actress Melissa Peterman gave birth to a baby boy one week ago, in Los Angeles. Peterman, 35, married to actor John Brady, brought into this world their first child on October 13, at Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre in Los Angeles, according to a representative for the couple. As published in People magazine, the boy was born at 9:15 a.m. and weighed in at 8 lbs. 8 oz. The name of the child was not revealed. "Mother and baby are doing well and resting at the hospital," the rep said. Peterman, born on July 1, 1970, made her film debut as Hooker #2 in the Coen brothers' Oscar-winning movie Fargo. She has also appeared in the comedies Recipe For Disaster and How High with Fred Willard, Hector Elizondo, Spalding Gray and Method Man. Melissa landed herself a role in the comedy series "Reba", lead performed by country-singer Reba McEntire, playing the new woman for the lead character's former husband, whom the singer had left because he impregnated his mistress, Melissa's character Barbara Jean (B.J). The show features modern difficult themes such as adultery, divorce, teen pregnancy and extended families with humor, wit yet with serious undertones. Peterman remains loyal to her comic roots as the host of 15 Minutes of Fem, a comedy showcase for women presented at the Egyptian Theatre. She continues to write her own material and has a one-woman show in the works. On television, she appeared in the Oxygen sketch comedy show Running with Scissors and guest-starred on Just Shoot Me and The Pitts. During her summer hiatus from Reba, Peterman hosted The Sound of Music Sing-A-Long - reprising her hosting gig from last summer's The Wizard of Oz Sing-A-Long at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles. Melissa Peterman can also be seen this fall on the World Cup Comedy Challenge television series and on the celebrity edition of Trading Spaces, with her 'Reba husband', Chris Rich.