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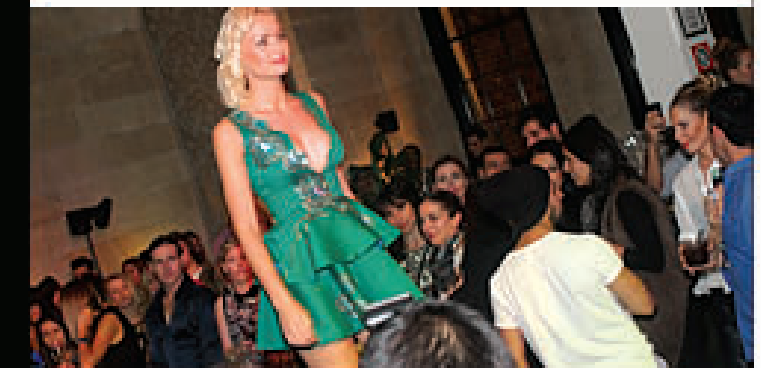
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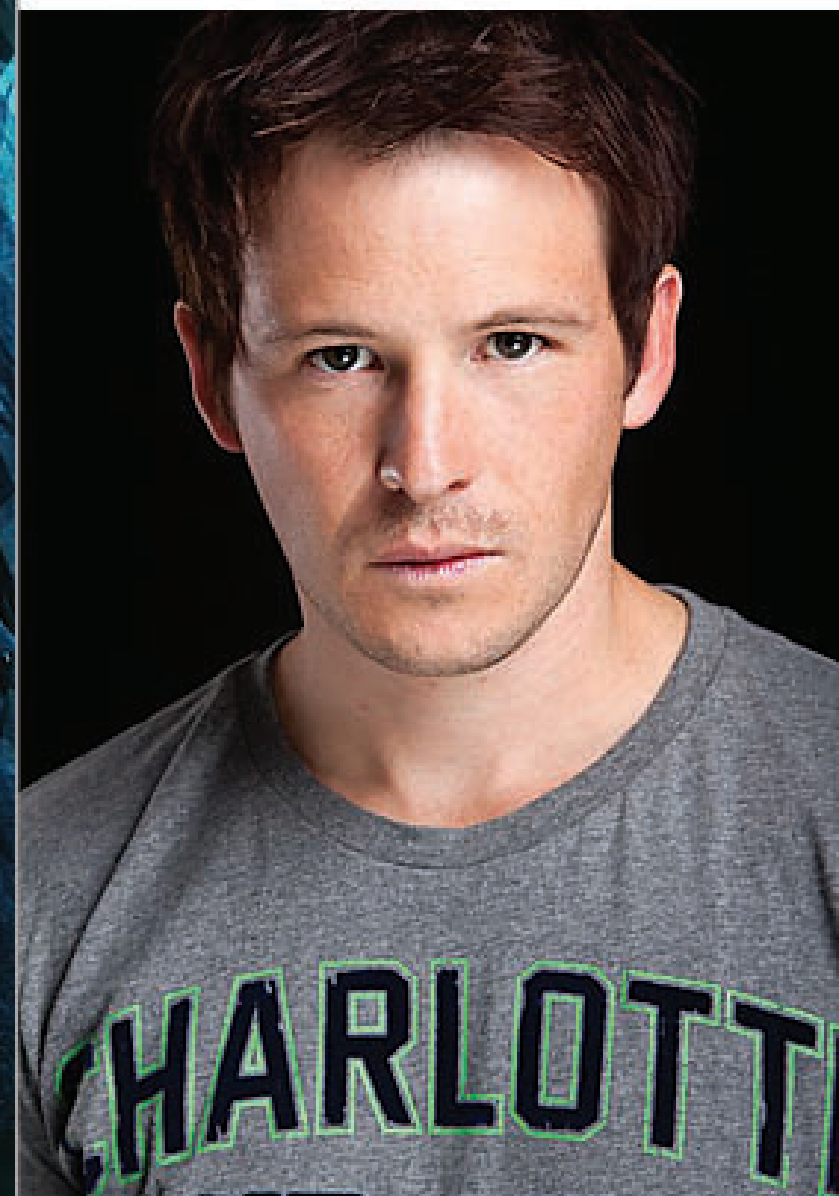
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The world of the performing arts is not an easy one to be involved in. Describing it as a rollercoaster ride is not far from accurate. It is definitely full of ups and downs – the constant rejections and successes; failures and achievements; having a job one day and none the next; dealing with the never-ending uncertainty of who to trust or not to trust, and so on. Holding on to one's self-esteem, identity, hell...morality, is a battle waged every day by every single artist that made this their chosen career.

So, how does one stay sane in an environment like that?! In my years of interviewing artists from all over the world, it didn't matter if they were from London or Australia; Brazil or Canada; South Africa or the USA, the answer was always the same. They all credit their sanity to the love and support of family and friends. It is to these behind-the-scenes heroes that they turn to for encouragement, comfort and sometimes, for the blunt, honest opinion that keeps their feet on the ground.

It's been also quite amusing discovering how this support is demonstrated! One actress admits that as she was taking

her bows on stage, she felt a rose hit the back of her lowered head. She straightened to discover that it had been one of her family seated in the front row! The mother of one of our models harangued her colleagues to keep voting for her son while some families have t-shirts made and wear them to their children's performances. But however the support is shown, that simple fact of knowing that they are behind you is invaluable.

I myself have discovered the treasure of having the support of your family. All my life, my parents have been a constant source of encouragement for myself and my siblings in everything we do. To them, our happiness is paramount. They have been our rock, as well as voices of reason when we need them to be. When I made the seemingly crazy decision to move from Australia to Chicago, they didn't dissuade me as I thought they would. There must have been something in my eyes or in my voice as I spoke with them that told them that one, I was serious, and two, that this is the right thing for me.

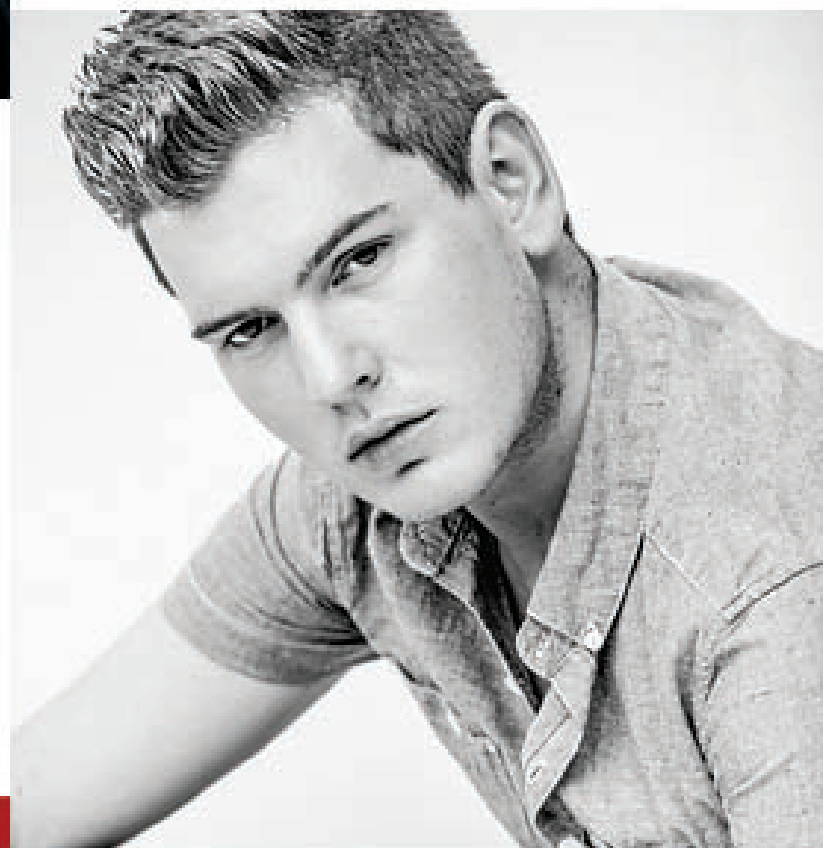
And it has been. I am finally truly, contentedly happy and have found my place in the world. Of course, there were ups and downs too, and times when I questioned my decision, but like all the artists in the StarCentral family, it is my family and my friends (and my faith) that got me through it. So, I suggest if you have experienced that kind of support that we have, take the time to thank them. Don't balk at telling them how much their support means to you, or how much their belief in you has bolstered your own confidence. Give them the gift of knowing that they are loved and appreciated.

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**OPENING REMARKS**



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# Fame isn't Everything

I was surrounded by fame and fortune . . . . **Yet I HATED my Life**

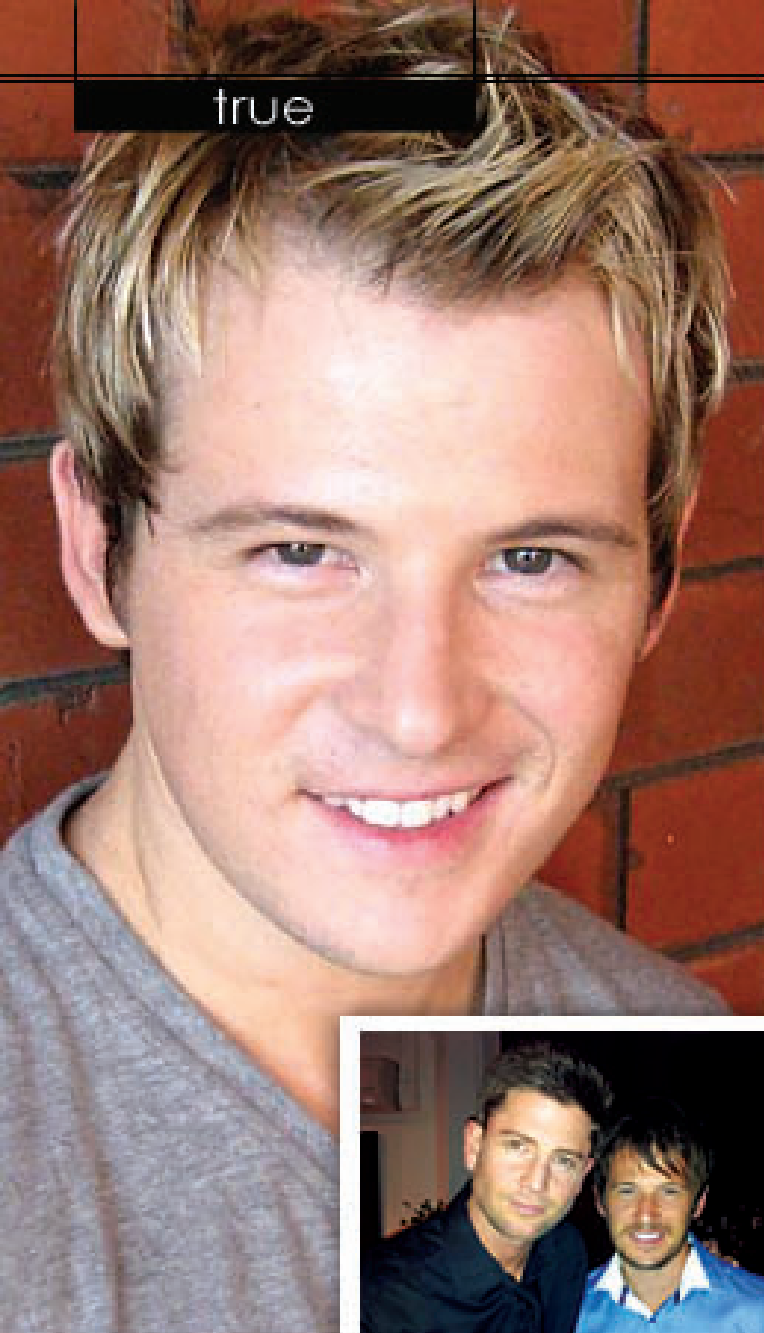
It was hot and we were all getting drunk fast. It was a Sunday session at 'The Prince of Wales', St Kilda Beach. I'm not too sure what we were celebrating that day but whatever it was, it was perfect for a big announcement being that everyone was there from our little group of friends.

With five years of acting under his belt and very little work, this would be the day that would change my roommate & best friend, Paul O'Brien's life forever. He had the biggest 'call back' audition of his acting career, to play the new town cop, Jack Holden on popular TV soap, 'Home & Away.'

This would be an image I will never forget. As I was chatting to good friend, Geoffrey Barefoot about 'God knows what', I could see Paul standing at the door with the biggest smile on his face. Geoffrey's voice faded along with the pub music and drunken chatter. I knew exactly what Paul was about to announce, and away he went. "I just scored a 3-year deal on Home and Away!" he yelled at the top of his lungs. It was an amazing feeling for all who were in that bar at that one moment. A massive cheer and applause erupted from 'The Prince Of Wales' and we celebrated until early the next morning. Of course, Paul went missing for a good 2 hours ringing all his close friends and family. It was a very messy but memorable moment that I'll never forget but, who would have thought that it would also change my life forever as well.







way, because he invited me up for the weekend to propose something to me. I couldn't believe the lifestyle he was living. It was insane, having a driver take him everywhere, the city view from his apartment, the parties, the girls, the money, people noticing him on the street, the lifestyle was crazy and I wanted it.

That weekend, Paul told me he was buying an apartment in the Manly area and wanted me to move in and enjoy the girls, the parties...the real bachelor lifestyle with him. As amazing as this sounded, there was a catch - I would be moving into his garage which was 2 levels away from the apartment. Yes, that's correct, two levels from the bathroom. But, how could one resist such an offer? I thought at the time that this would be great for me as an actor living with a celebrity. The people I'd meet and the opportunities would be endless. Who knows, maybe he could get me a gig on 'Home and Away'? Later on in life I would come to realise I would be wrong, and that success comes from working hard on your craft, not from being best mates with a well-known actor on a well-known soap.

A year went by and I was struggling as an actor more than ever. I had landed 2 small guest roles, 'Home & Away' and 'Blue Water High' and a Weet-Bix TV commercial. My grand plan wasn't working and nor was I. It was a bit of a salt rubbed over the wound having your best mate living your dream right in front of you.

Paul was dominating the industry. Not only was he playing the most popular character on the most popular TV series in Australia at the time, he was invited to be a contestant on the new singing show, 'It Takes Two'. From shopping centre appearances, hottest man on TV for the year, Cleo Bachelor runner up, to red carpet film premieres, Paul was getting stronger and I

was getting jealous. He even made an appearance singing at 'The Carols In The Domain' a week before Christmas Day 2006. It was the day I met Alexis Evans. Paul ended up having to go on stage with Alexis' sister Indiana to sing the closing number. Alexis and I came to realise we had a lot in common - that we were surrounded by fame and it was eating us up. Alexis' sister Indiana was also on the show, 'Home & Away' and was also extremely popular.

Alexis and I started dating, which was good for me because it gave me a distraction from all Paul's fame and success. But being that Alexis still lived at home with Indiana & her family made things even worse for me. Now I was getting Indiana Evans' and Paul O'Brien's fame rubbed in my face everywhere I went, and to top it off, Indiana started dating the extremely popular new-kid-on-the-block, Lincoln Lewis. It was everywhere I went and it was eating me up. I was starting to realise having a famous best friend wasn't all it was was cut out to be, although, I did get very good at taking photos for all of Paul's 'Home and Away' fans. Was I really 'that guy' holding onto the coat tails of his best mate?

Three years went by and yes, I was having the time of my life, but I wasn't landing any roles and was surrounded by fame and fortune. I had to get away from it all and get my own ball rolling. Paul's contract came to an end and was now ready to take on Hollywood. Things didn't really work out with Alexis, so I decided to fly back to Melbourne.

It was time to do things 'My Way'. The very first day I arrived back in Melbourne, I came to realise I didn't really know any of the up-and-coming local actors. So I posted an online blog inviting local actors to come to meet at my place for an "Actors get together" where we would look over

scripts, put up scenes, anything acting. Every Tuesday night I would get 20-30 passionate actors come to my place and do their thing. It was an amazing group, and I created it. For the first time in my life, I felt I was doing things my way, not following in the footsteps of someone else's dream. And, you guessed it, I started booking some amazing acting jobs.

So many talented actors were attending my 'Actors get together', that it was creating a very fast growing group of friends all with the same passion. Paul O'Brien even started teaching at the 'Actors get together's'. One of them went on to play 'Spartacus' in the epic television series. One of the regular 'Actors get together' attendee's, James Mason was so talented I had to introduce him to my agent at the time, Alison Telford. Alison, also saw his unique talent and signed him in a heartbeat. After scoring a movie together, 'The Legend of Billy Sing', now known as, 'The Stolen' James and I became so close, we decided to rent out a house together. Then came his big 'Neighbours' contract. But, things were a little different this time round. Being that I was doing my own thing, I had no time to get jealous of his acting success.

When I came back to Melbourne in 2010 I've landed TV roles such as being a co-host for Foxtel's 'Planet Unearth', the series lead to 'The Boys Place' and multiple TV commercials. I've been involved in at least 10 feature films and not to mention I've booked over 200 leading roles in Short films, Presenting gigs and corporate video's.

Paul O'Brien and I still remain very close friends.

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Life is amazing - Big things are going to happen.

Paul had a week to get packing and head for Sydney to play Jack Holden. It was a surreal and extremely sad experience for myself, and of course his girlfriend at the time, Lia. The taxi was waiting and it was time for that emotional hug good bye, but at the same time it was very exciting for all of us, especially Paul. It was hard to watch Paul and Lia hug for what would be the last time. At the time Paul held himself together well, but years later he confessed that he shed a little tear in the cab on the way to the airport.

Six months had gone by and I was struggling without my side kick, Paul O'Brien being around. And I feel he felt the same

# SEXIEST MAN

## OF THE MONTH NOMINEES



### 1. Evren Özkarakaşlı

21-year old Evren lives in London and like most 21-year olds, will be found hanging out with "my mates, but for me...family is #1." He is thoroughly enjoying his career in the modeling industry as it gives him the opportunity for excitement, to travel and to meet different people. A firm believer in enjoying life and positive thinking, he admits that he is happy most of the time – except when he's hungry!

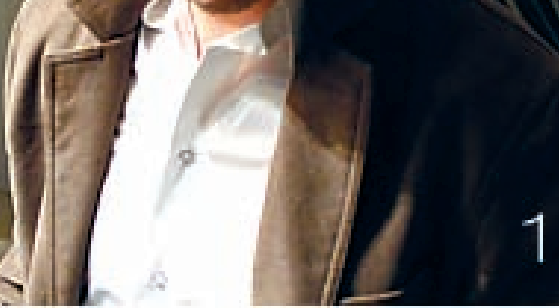
### 2. Shawn Hystek

26-year old Shawn Hystek is not only a model but is also the owner of his own landscaping company. But easy on the hunky-gardener fantasies ladies! Shawn is happily married with 2 children and a third is on the way! Completely admitting to loving the life he is living, Shawn plays baseball and hockey and is based in Abbotsford, British Columbia.



### 3. Filip Farkas

Filip's innate curiosity about the world around him has cultivated in this young man a love for learning new skills and new languages. He also likes travelling as he likes to discover different peoples and cultures. To Filip, positivity and enthusiasm are very important to him.



### 4. Kristian Austin

Kristian holds the title of Mr England (Charity) 2012 after completing a bungee jump to raise money for The Joshua Foundation. He has been in the industry for over 5 years and has worked for various clothing and photography companies throughout the UK and Western Australia.



He was also featured in a music video for Australian singer, Cheryl Lim (Jade Diary) as well as various BBC productions. He was recently signed by Edge Models in London.

### 5. Gianmarco Tavani

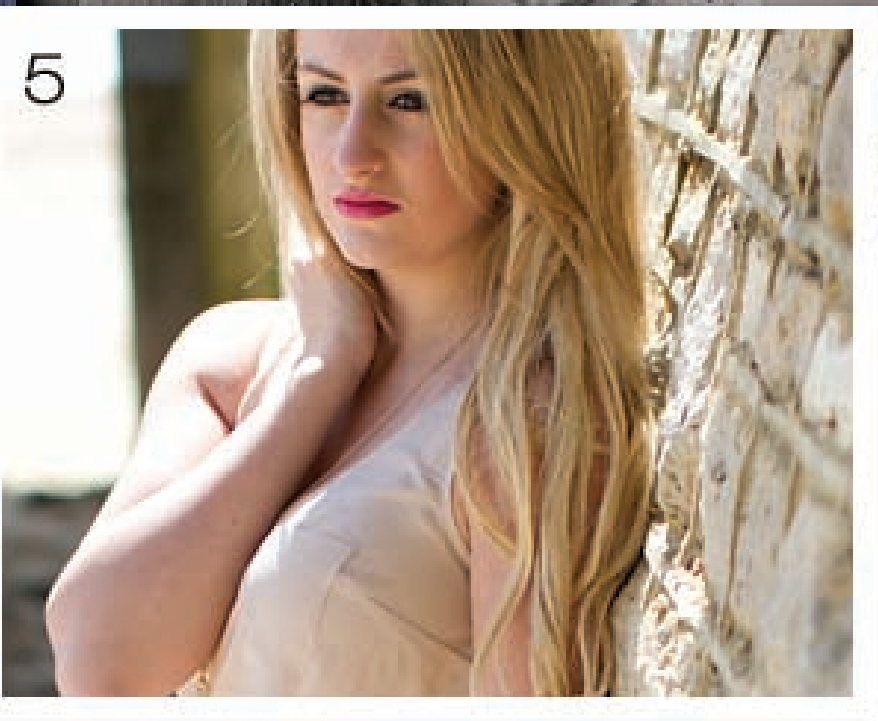
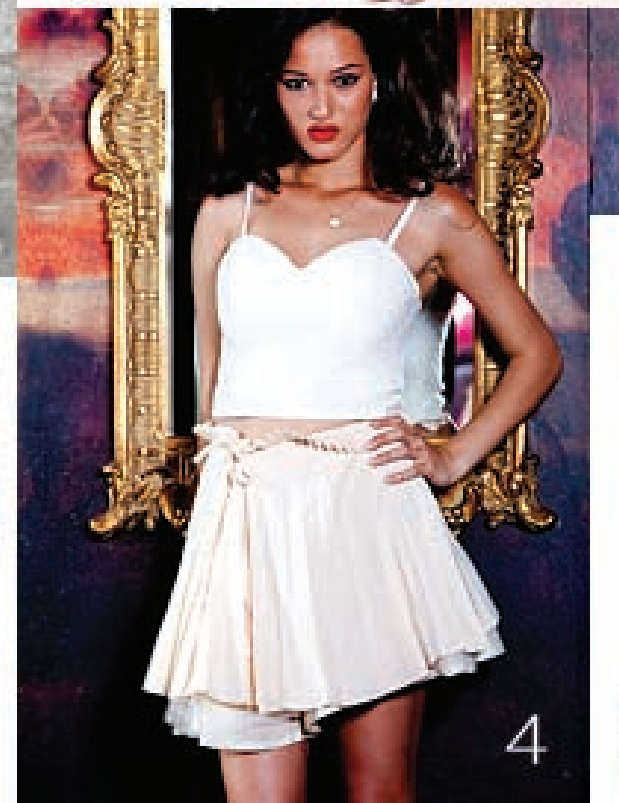
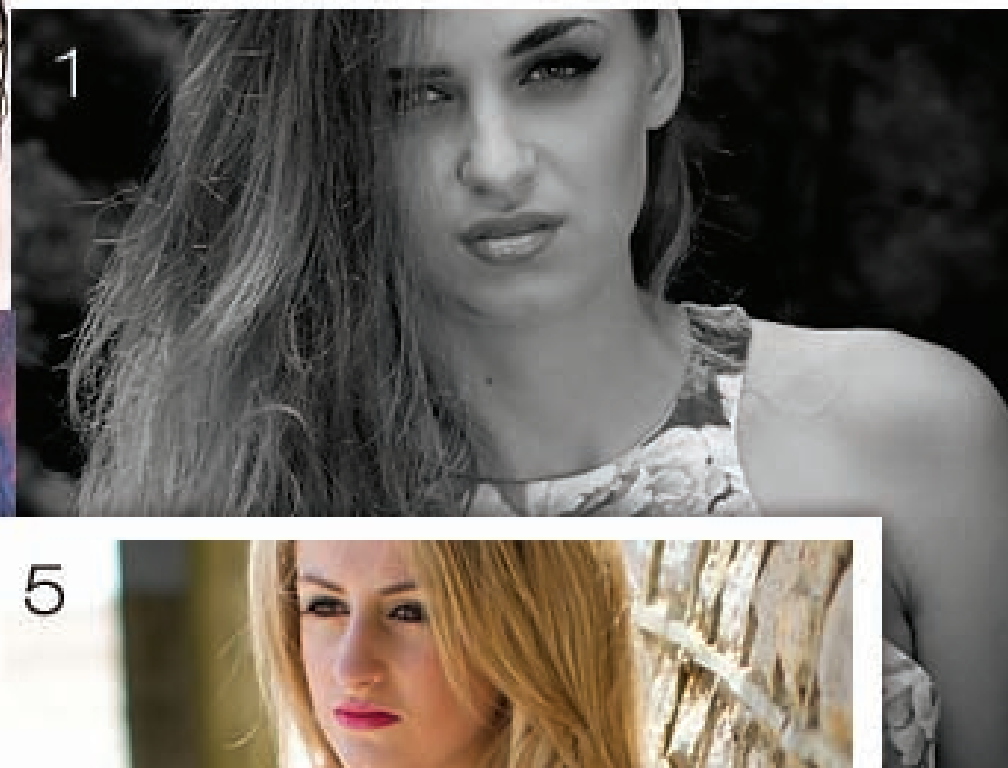
Gianmarco is a jack-of-all-trades who openly loves life and is infinitely curious about everything that happens within it. He grabs every opportunity presented to him and has taken so many pictures on his travels that he's sure there's enough material for a movie one day!

### 6. Joshua Preston

Down-to-earth, 20-year old Joshua certainly has the outlook in life that attracts success. A firm believer in positive thinking, setting goals and gaining strength from overcoming obstacles, Joshua loves to spend quality time with his family and friends. He often visualizes himself at being at the finish with everything he has ever wanted.



# SEXIEST WOMAN OF THE MONTH NOMINEES



## 1 Karolina Janku

Born in the Czech Republic, Karolina now lives in the Gold Coast, Australia and is studying Marketing at Griffith University. A recent entrant into the world of modeling, she enjoys the opportunity that it gives her to express herself. Describing herself as a young woman of purpose, she hopes to also use modeling as platform for raising awareness in various global issues.

## 2 Rhiannon Disljenkovic

23-year old Rhiannon only entered the modeling world in November 2012 and already she can find her face on a bill

board! Busily blazing a trail in the South Australian modeling industry, Rhiannon's recipe for her success has been living a healthy lifestyle, setting realistic goals, having fun with all she does and an infallible hard work ethic.

## 3 Courtney Sloane

Growing up in motor racing capital of Australia, Bathurst, has meant that Courtney is an avid fan of the sport. A bikini model and a personal trainer, she is studying Environmental Science and enjoys motorbike riding, horse riding, traveling and going to the beach.

## 4 Jasminah

Strong, sophisticated Jasminah looks forward to every opportunity and blessing that comes her way. Possessing of an unwavering faith, her persistence has been an important element to her life.

## 5 Fay Hill

Matching her beauty with brains, Hertfordshire, UK-based Fay describes herself as a typical girl who loves to have a laugh and to enjoy life. She aspires to be a good role model for other young women, encouraging them to work hard for their dreams and to not give up.

## 6 Trisha Grant- Calitri

As with many other people, bills are on Trisha's list of dislikes! Smokers, alcoholics, rudeness and lying also make her list. But what makes this 20-year old Canadian smile are luxury sport cars, the colour pink, hot weather, baked goods and like many females...clothes and shoes!



# The Dating Game: Strategy or Simulation?

By: Holly Phillips

In a world where internet dating, Blendr, Grindr and other Social Networks exist; did our ancient forefathers and mothers have it right? Is Sex first; getting to know each other second the new 'normal'? Have we transcended dating, and are now simply mating? Call me old-fashioned, but if this is the road we're headed down then perhaps the midriff showing, daisy duke clad girls struggling to walk up and down the nightclub stairs have it right. Putting themselves out there just for a bit of sexual gratification served straight-up in the form of a wolf-whistle?

As a loved up, happily coupled person you may think I don't know about the ins and outs of the dating world. Not true. It's taken me a long time to get here. And my group of steadily single girlfriends, fill me in on the bits I'm missing. I know all about what those sneaky and sometimes not so subtle gentlemen are up to.

One of the most terrifying things I've heard lately came from a Sydney local who had, almost seamlessly coerced my roommate (and single lady spy) into going out on a date. As a good friend, I of course, spied on his arrival and there was the first strike; he didn't open the car door. Gentlemen readers, listen

loud and listen clear. Ladies love chivalry and opening the car door is your first foot in the metaphorical door. She later told me that ten minutes into their sushi dinner, without even batting an eyelid, nor a stammer in his voice he proclaimed 'I really wanna f\*\*\* you ayel'. Apart from being humiliated from the wide eyed onlookers waiting for her response, she wondered what is the success rate of this little sentiment? How often does this actually work? For him to be so calm and forthcoming (pardon the pun) with the offer, surely there must be a certain number of single ladies who are responsive to this kind of treatment. Needless to say, she cabbed it home quicker than you can say California Roll. It really goes to show, even the seemingly nice ones can shatter your perceptions of dating normality.

I'm not saying there is anything wrong with a one night stand - no sir! It's more the fact that, as women, the devaluation of our own worth is growing. I myself have been victim to the classic dating games. You know, the usual waiting by the phone for that message to light up your screen, or waiting another seven minutes to send a message so you don't seem so needy. In a world where it's almost totally acceptable to say what you think, why can't we just seem to be ourselves?





# THE ONE MALE QUALITY THAT WOMEN FIND IRRESISTIBLE

By: Alex H

First let me ask you a quick question: have you ever heard of the term "laughter is the best seduction?"

Now I'm pretty sure most of you know this by now, but for the benefit of those who have been living under a rock for the past decade, it's actually a highly known fact that women are attracted to men with a great sense of humour.

Let's say you go to a shopping centre, you strike a conversation with a bunch of women, you tell them that you're doing a survey and you ask them what are the five most important qualities they'd like in a man – I bet you that all of them will tell you that they want a man that can make them laugh.

And indeed that is the case for every single woman all over the world, because laughter is the number one key aspect in any blossoming relationship.

Remember back then when you were a little kid?

You tell a little girl a joke and if she finds it funny she'll suddenly start laughing out loud, hitting you in the arm and then chasing you around the playground. Well guess what? Even though 50 or 60 years have already passed, I'm pretty sure that little girl would still appreciate a good laugh!

Whenever you make a woman laugh, you give her the impression that you are a fun, free, and sociable. No one wants to be around bland guys who act serious all the time. Who would want to be around a man

who's as plain as a lamp post and with the personality of a dry cardboard??

Well, not unless you're super rich or a celebrity then you need to make an effort!

It doesn't really matter if you're two feet tall, you have four legs, a big bushy tail and six arms or that you're so hideous that it's necessary for your mom to put a steak around your neck so that dogs would play with you – If you can make women laugh and forget about their problems then they'll be attracted to you.

Why do you think celebs are always laughing and smiling and looking like they are always in a great mood even if they're not? That's because they know that laughter attracts people as well as echoes positive vibes.

Now the trick to being funny is to be mischievous and playful. If you're witty and playful, you can definitely make her laugh. If you can be a funny and masterful conversationalist then I guarantee that women will want to be around you.

Now if you're thinking that being super nice and chivalrous is enough to attract women – think again! The fact is, women don't really give a rat's ass if you're one of the nicest guys in the whole universe.

"NICE" men can never make women feel that IRRESISTIBLE ATTRACTION towards them.

So what attracts women?

Unpredictability, playfulness, wit and SENSE OF HUMOUR.

Here's a common scenario: Attractive

women are usually approached by hundreds of 'nice' guys that want to get to know them, shine their shoes, kiss their beautiful ass, buy them expensive gifts, clean their bathrooms and bore them with bland conversations about science, politics and economy.

BORING.

So what type of guy could immediately arouse her interest and cause her to feel that BUTTERFLIES IN HER STOMACH sort of attraction?"

Yep, you got it.

Playful and witty men who have the guts and the audacity to bust her chops!

If you say to a woman "I want to kiss you", it won't be as effective as saying to her "You want to kiss me don't you?" in a teasing way.

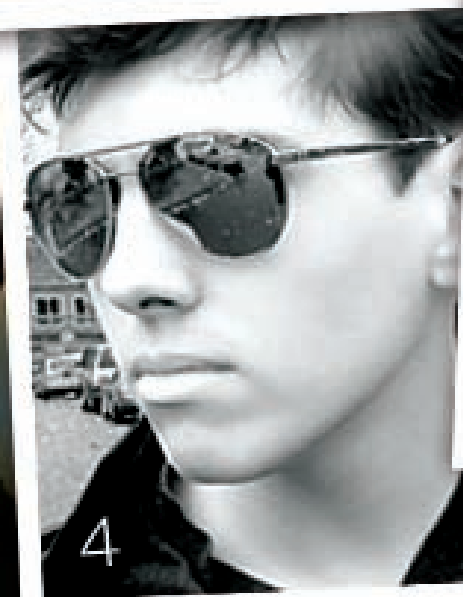
Get it?

Women like humorous and witty men the same way guys like tight bodies and firm, perky buttocks – that's why you should always try to make her laugh.

In saying that though, make sure that she's laughing WITH you and not AT you. Don't be a Jim Carrey comedian in real life. Because if you act like a silly moron then she will treat you like a silly moron. Keep your jokes clean initially as well, talking about genitals or hygiene to a woman you barely know is not endearing – trust me. Well, not unless she brings up the topic herself.

Bottom-line? If you can make a woman laugh, then you can most certainly make her fall head over heels in love with you.





## MALE YOUTUBE ARTISTS OF THE MONTH NOMINEES

### 1 Johan Larsson

Swedish singer, Johan Larsson doesn't need a stage to perform on. His shower is sometimes the only stage he needs! He loves pop music (he usually sings with his sister, Sofie) and many motorists may have heard him sing at top volume while driving his car!

### 2 Phillip Flink

20-year old, Phillip Flink lives in Denmark. With music being his passion, late last year he took the huge leap of starting his own YouTube channel.

### 3 Michael O

Michael O. is a singer from Los Angeles. Look out for his EP coming out in Late April.

### 4 Adrian Easton

Adrian Easton is a 16-year old singer/songwriter. Since he began singing at the age of 3 years old, he knew that music had to be a part of his life. His passionate belief is that music is the one thing that makes "everyone happy." His aim is to create music that's fun and interesting to listen to and "...most importantly something that people will love!" Look out for his album called 'Mixed Signals' coming out soon!

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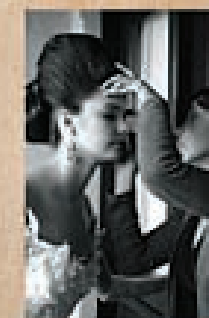
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# FEMALE YOUTUBE ARTISTS OF THE MONTH NOMINEES

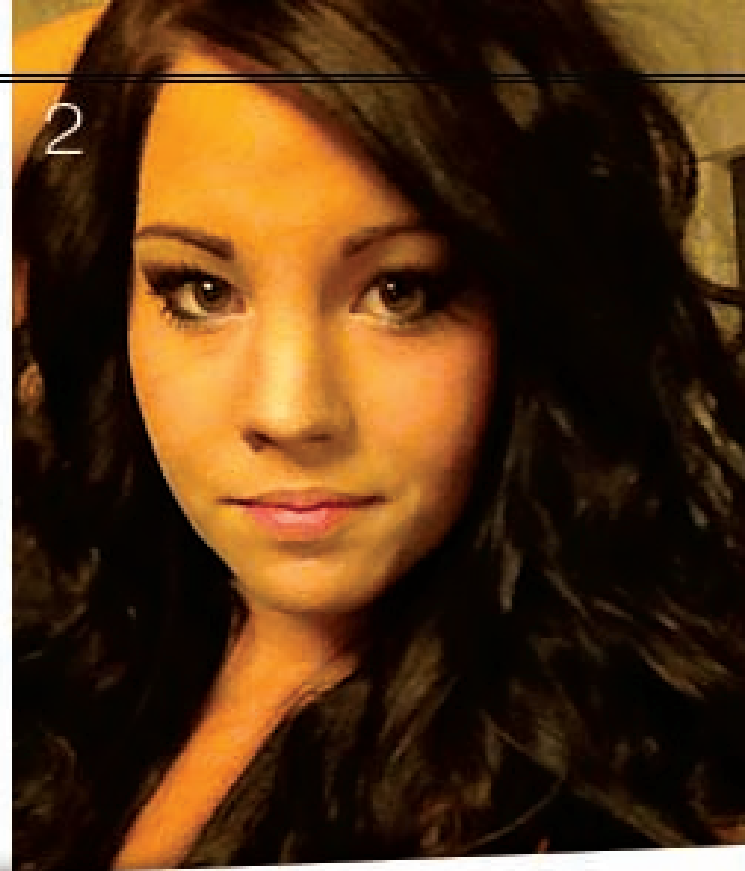


1 Alayna

Alayna is an American country/pop female artist and songwriter. She is currently pursuing music in Nashville, Tennessee.

2 Frida Roos

Frida Roos currently lives in Sweden, in a small city called Finspång. She has always been passionate about singing ever since she was a little kid and she loves creating covers and writing music with her sister. She has performed in a number of singing contests in the past and she has even performed with the famous Swedish singer called Shirley Clamp. She also considers her friends and families as her source of inspiration.



3. Alyssa Siebken

Alyssa is your typical 19 year old girl who feels that she is stuck in the middle of Nebraska with big city dreams.

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By: Patricia Higgins

Something has happened to Facebook in the last year or two... Where once it was the primary domain of pokes, games and apps it has now become a valid tool for self promotion and employment. A host of online networking initiatives have sprung up within the entertainment industry. Undoubtedly, the web provides an excellent platform for any artist – but the caveat is that one must be selective and savvy. Knowing where to go online is crucial, and like with any source of information on the net, "sifting" is required to separate the wheat from the chaff, the genuine from the genuinely suspect.

Think of this article as an insider's guide: here are my top five online networking ventures – debunked.

### 1. **StarCentral Magazine**

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Visit: [www.starcentralmagazine.com](http://www.starcentralmagazine.com)

# Top 5 ways to market yourself & sizzle online



## 2 Starnow

Are you on Star Now? Chances are you have come across the site - pretty much anyone involved in the entertainment industry appears to be using it. Just in case you aren't familiar here are the specs - a basic profile is free and there is a small subscription fee to use the full service of the website. Audition and castings are updated every day.

Anyone can list an audition or job (so be mindful of amateurs) but a lot of well known companies/enterprises do use Star Now to advertise e.g. X Factor, Big Brother, Bras N Things, Chiko... the list goes on. You can refine your specification, become part of the talent directory, and can receive email alerts. There is also a Star Now phone app.

The site is great for finding promotional work and paid work can be found - it is just a matter of sourcing it out. Always check the website of the company advertising. You create a profile for yourself and this is a handy link to flick to potential employers.

Visit: [www.starnow.com.au](http://www.starnow.com.au)

## 3. Model Mayhem

Who out there is an "MMer"? If you haven't a clue what I am talking about then you must not have stumbled upon the self professed "#1 portfolio website for professional models and photographers". Model Mayhem (MM) is a website that allows you to create a portfolio, search castings and participate in forums.

An online community, MM has its codes of behaviour so make sure you read up on these. You'll notice it's big on etiquette.

You will also undoubtedly notice it's also quite big on nudity. You can toggle this on or off for safe viewing. A fair share of scams do come through MM - there is information contained on the site that may assist you to detect and avoid these. Look for professional and quality work before agreeing to meet with any photographer and (as discussed previously) always bring a chaperone.

Visit: [www.modelmayhem.com](http://www.modelmayhem.com)

## 4 Facebook groups

Facebook groups that network artists are burgeoning. There are a million and one initiatives out there, plus all the usual promotion groups for those who need votes for various competitions. I am aware of some Queensland based groups that may be of use - "SEQ Casting" and "Gold Coast and Brisbane Photographers and Models" for actors and models respectively. "Super Models Australia" and "Model Comps - Gold Coast - Brisbane" are groups that are useful for those who wish to enter competitions and pageants.

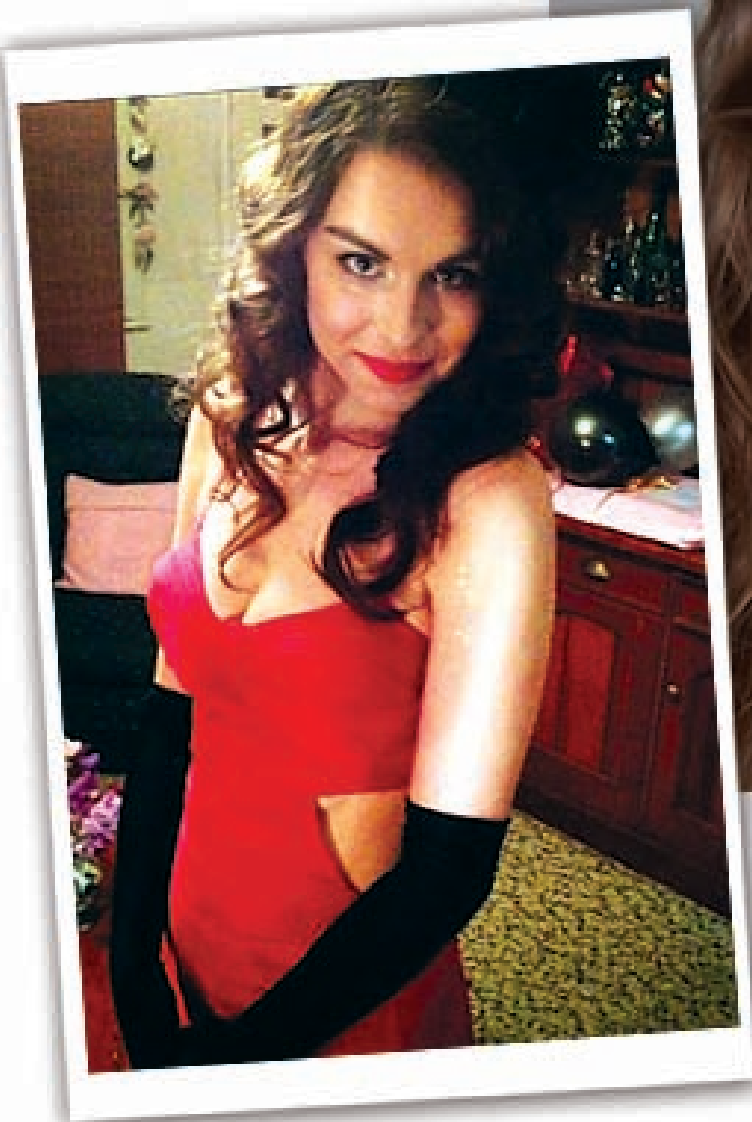
## 5 Artist / band / public figure Facebook page

Creating a public figure page on Facebook is a nice way to showcase your work and provide an easily accessible portfolio. You can then direct interest to this page via a link. You can display your biggest achievements as well as smaller victories.

Remember, keeping at the forefront of your online audience's minds and keeping constantly on top of opportunities is the ticket to web success.







### Kate Elizabeth Laxton

Kate was originally an Olympic trials (National Open) Australian swimmer; she was an athlete for 10 years until she found something she loved more - acting and performance and all things related to the magical process of creating film and television. So far she has filmed a film trailer with Lovecraft 21C Productions and Fierce Pixie Films, she is currently involved in a new USA project by 'Twilight Child Productions Corporation' under the direction of James Bartling and she has just recently been chosen to play the title role in the short film called 'Rosemary' by Yohet Shijia Xia.



### Laura-Beth Hill

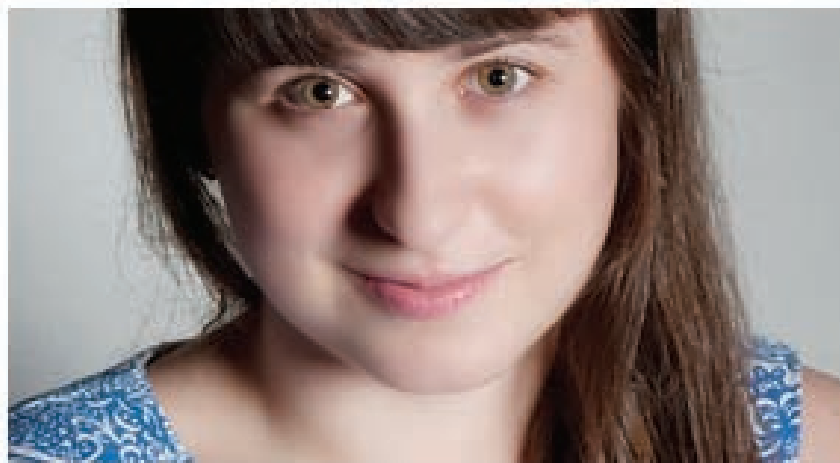
Laura-Beth Hill is a British actress based in Los Angeles. She began her training as an actor, dancer and singer, and then went on to continue her training in London at the world famous Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts. She eventually moved to LA where she was introduced to a whole other world of comedy acting... "Improv!" She began her improv training in June 2012 at the Westside Comedy Theatre in Santa Monica, and have since then gained a place on a resident house team which has performed in numerous other improv shows. From doing improv she then progressed to doing stand up comedy. Stand up has helped develop her acting skills and has also opened doors to meeting numerous industry professionals. She has so far worked in a number of TV shows, films, theatre plays and commercials and she has also done a number of voice over and TV hosting gigs.



### Chauntelle O'Brien

Chauntelle is a 20 year old actress who hails from Lake Macquarie, New South Wales. Most recently she performed as a show girl in the "Wayne Rodgers Show Stoppers" and in a performance troupe on P&O Pacific Sun. She has appeared in music videos for the bands Mickey Finn and Paper Halo and she has also appeared in a variety of commercials as well as a featured extra in the feature film "Broken" and the ABC mini-series "Marking Time". She has completed a Diploma in Dance Teaching through the British Ballet Organisation and she is currently studying drama at the University of New England.

## UP AND COMING FEMALE ACTRESS OF THE MONTH NOMINEES



### Aimee Duroux

Aimee Duroux is an 18 year old actress who hails from North Brisbane, Queensland. Her passion for acting has taken her to many places and given her once in a lifetime experiences. As well as having played the lead role in various school plays and musicals, Aimee has performed with established musical theatre companies in Brisbane, Australia. She has also been selected by former Miss Universe Australia, Rachael Finch, to participate in a national talent competition. Last year, she represented Australia at the World Championships of Performing Arts in Los Angeles where she managed to place 1st in four out of the five acting categories in her age group! For her heat, she was awarded an 'Industry Award' as well as a \$10,000 scholarship to the New York Conservatory For Dramatic Arts. This June she will be leaving for New York to take up her scholarship.

# UP AND COMING MALE ACTOR OF THE MONTH NOMINEES



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## 1 Aaron Fiora

Aaron Fiora just turned 24 and he also just recently completed an intensive acting course in Los Angeles. He is so passionate about his craft that he ended up selling his retail business, moving out of his apartment and selling his car to pursue acting! He considers playing the lead role of 'Ralph' in the film 'Dog Eats Dog' as his best achievement to date and he is planning to move to LA permanently to pursue his acting career.

## 2 Matt Penson

Matt has been acting all his life. From the tender age of around 11 years old he was already performing in various school plays and amateur productions. He is now 18 years old and for the past two months he has been working professionally as an actor. He has played a number of lead roles in various short films, done voice over



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as well as 'extra' work. He loves acting and he loves being around people who love the industry as much as he does.

## 3 Christian Magdu

Christian is a versatile Swedish actor who has appeared in a number of films, commercials, stage plays and television shows. He attended high school in the town of Skövde, Sweden, where he trained as an actor with the famous director, playwright and acting coach, Leif Olson. From there he went on to attend a theatre school in Gothenburg, Wendelsberg. After living in Gothenburg for quite some time and appearing in several plays, productions and commercials, he moved to Skara in 2000 to attend the famous and competitive Skara Skolscen. Later he moved to the town of Falkenberg to work with acclaimed actor/director Gun Jönsson. His first ever two feature films were Camp Slaughter (2004) and Year One (2006).



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## 5 Lucas Linehan

Lucas is currently signed with Select Actors Management in Melbourne. He has only been acting for the past 3 years and in this short timeframe he has already made some big leaps. In his first ever debut role, Lucas played the role of 'John Bender' in a stage production called "The Breakfast Club" wherein he scored a nomination for "Best Supporting Actor" at the Victorian Drama League Awards. Lucas' next role was in the short horror/slasher film called "SLASH", last year alone he starred in over 15 short films and projects. This year he played the lead role in 2 feature films - "Metafiction" and "Monster Pies". Monster Pies was a challenging role for Lucas; he played the lead character of William, a troubled teenager who was struggling to deal with the new feelings he was developing for another male classmate. Monster Pies recently debuted at the Melbourne Queer Film Festival where it won "Best Feature Film" and it was also officially selected for the Philadelphia QFest in the US as well as several other international festivals.

## 4 Tamaha Carroll

Tamaha was born and raised in Christchurch, New Zealand. To date he has been featured in three music videos for different artists/bands including the Brisbane Band "Brother Fox" and artists "Phil Hancock" and "Enya Angel". He then appeared in a short web series shot on the Gold Coast called "Project Schoolies" where he played the support role "Zak". This is when he decided to take his acting to another level by appearing in a number of independent short films shot around Brisbane, including "Suburban Warrior" - a meaningful short film which sends one key message to viewers: Stop violence against women.



## TOP THREE MOST ANTICIPATED HORROR FILMS THIS MONTH

By: Holly Phillips

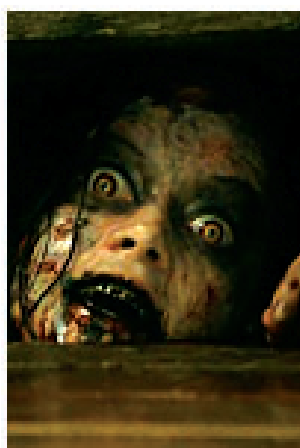
With Autumn truly upon us, it's that time of the year where being cozy is paramount and getting your heart rate up is a great way to stay warm! What better way is there to get the blood pumping than to snuggle up at the cinema with your friends or your lover and brace yourself for a scary movie? These three terrifyingly, tantalizing thrillers are set to keep you glued to your seats in April. Don't say we didn't warn you...

**1 The Evil Dead**, set to be released on April 5 will surely have you cowering in your seats. The controversial remake of the cult classic of the same name boasts to be 'the most terrifying film you will ever experience.' Fede Alvarez delivers a ninety minute horror that will have you trembling from the word go! Alvarez, who won his directorial stripes with his short film 'Panic Attack' has taken a humble cast of Jane Levy (*Nobody Walks*), Shiloh Fernandez (*Red Riding Hood*) and Jessica Lucas (*90210*) to extreme new heights as the characters venture to a remote cabin, only to stumble across the Book of the Dead. As the story unfolds, demons who live in the surrounding woods inhabit the unsuspecting victims to terrorize them (and the audience) to their core! To say the film is scary is an understatement! My advice; definitely don't check this one out if you're planning an outback getaway!

**2 6 Souls**, starring Julianne Moore (*Chloe*) and Jonathan Rhys Meyers (*The Tudors*) is based around a forensic psychiatrist (Moore) bamboozled by the mystery surrounding her newest patient (Meyers) who appears to be channeling murder victims through his multiple personalities. This R rated thriller comes from Swedish directorial duo Mans Marild and Bjorn Stein, and from the same Producers as *The Ring*. Like *The Ring*, *6 Souls* has the same spine tingling stillness and paranormal feel to it, with a more realistic edge. If you're looking for a film that makes it almost impossible to sleep without a night light – look no further! This flick will have you mulling it over for days after you leave the cinema.

**3 The Lords of Salem** is the newest addition to Rob Zombie's portfolio. Released on April 19, *The Lords of Salem* promises to deliver a twist on the ole' Zombie style. If you're looking for a classic Zombie-esque film, this one might not satiate all your desires; lacking a plethora of gore, guts and guttural goings on and replaced with a more sophisticated edge! The protagonist, Heidi (played by none other than Rob Zombie's wife, Sheri Moon Zombie), is a local DJ and gets her pretty little hands on an old record with some particularly eerie tunes leading her to hallucinations and flashbacks of the town's volatile history. She is left to decide, with a little help of course, whether she is going insane or vengeance is due. Not for the faint hearted, this jumpy thriller is a must see!

# The funnest way to meet new people.







## Restaurant Review

# SIXES & SEVENS

By Jade Middleton

I mentally bookmarked 'Sixes and Sevens' when it caught my eye as I drove down James Street recently. It looked fresh and interesting from the outside, and a quick Google search revealed it could be a nice little local pub.

So a Tuesday lunch with a friend provided the perfect opportunity to check out 'Sixes and Sevens.'

The best thing about this place is the space itself. A couple of different seated areas makes it interesting and I really liked the ambience - dark rustic wood, charcoal interior paint and big windows to let the lovely light in. The outside beer garden-type space also looks like a great place to chill on a Sunday arvo.

The best way to describe the food is fancy pub grub. They offered fish fingers coated in a pine nut and herb crumb; the sausage rolls were done with pork and fennel seeds and the potato bake was made with

baby chats and a parmesan cream . . . Well, you get the idea. We shared one of the fancy toasties, a serve of the fish fingers and some rustic chips - it was all quite tasty.

There was also a decent variety of beer and cider on tap and by the bottle, with four or so different cocktail pitchers and five or so bottles each of red and white wine - basically enough behind the bar to keep you out of trouble.

Service was friendly, though a bit vague- I guess that probably just comes with being a new place.

I drove past on my way back from dinner that same night and saw that it was absolutely pumping - a pretty good sign for a Tuesday night. Looking forward to trying out 'Sixes and Sevens' for dinner and drinks some time soon.

**Address:** 67 James Street, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, Australia

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### 1 Chris Jay

24-year old, Nigerian-born, Chris Jay came to the UK a few years ago in search of a better life. Since his move, he has become a student at the University of West London studying Business Marketing and is an aspiring businessman/fitness model. He loves to keep fit, playing pool and basketball as well as spending time with his friends.

### 2 Samuel Smith

Indonesian/Welsh model, Samuel already has an extensive national and international portfolio to boast of. He has appeared in multiple television commercials, fashion campaigns and runway shows. He also did some modeling for various online clothing stores and he has also been a TV presenter.

### 3 Axl Motamo

London-based, multi-talented Axl is a web designer and a prolific painter. He is also a photographer and he loves to work in post-media production. Added to that, he is often hired as a film extra and participates in various photoshoots.



### 4 Kingsley Rippon

26-year old Kingsley Rippon decided to swap the bright lights of the catwalk and High Fashion modeling for the sexy world of Adult modeling. His redefined passion and physique is now also in demand in the modeling world in the areas of fitness, underwear and male glamour.

### 5 JT Isaak

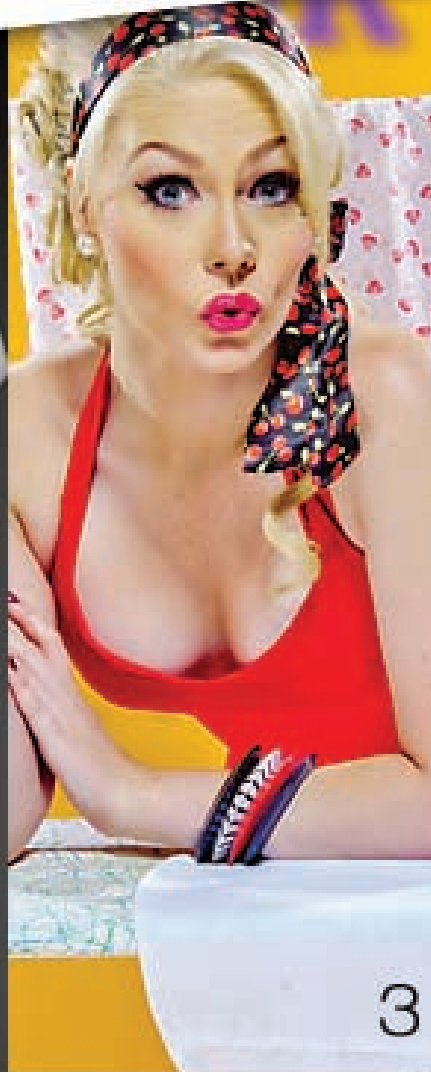
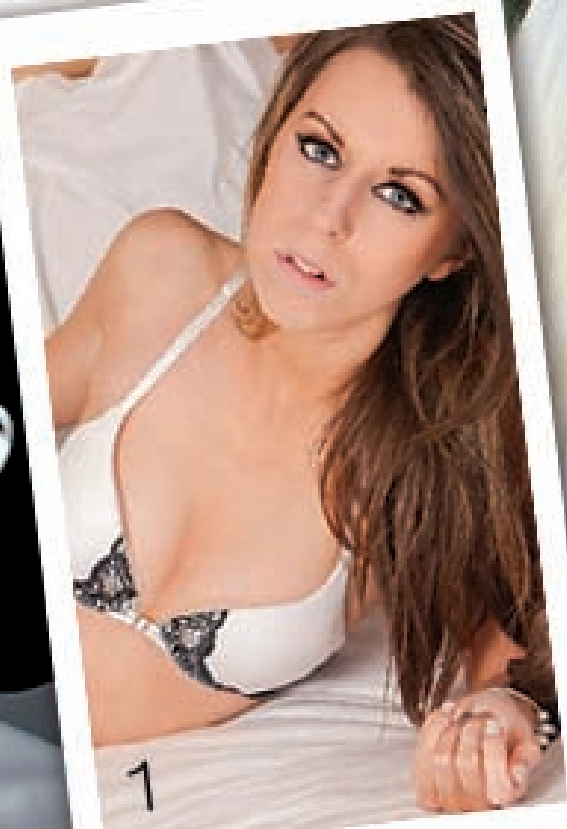
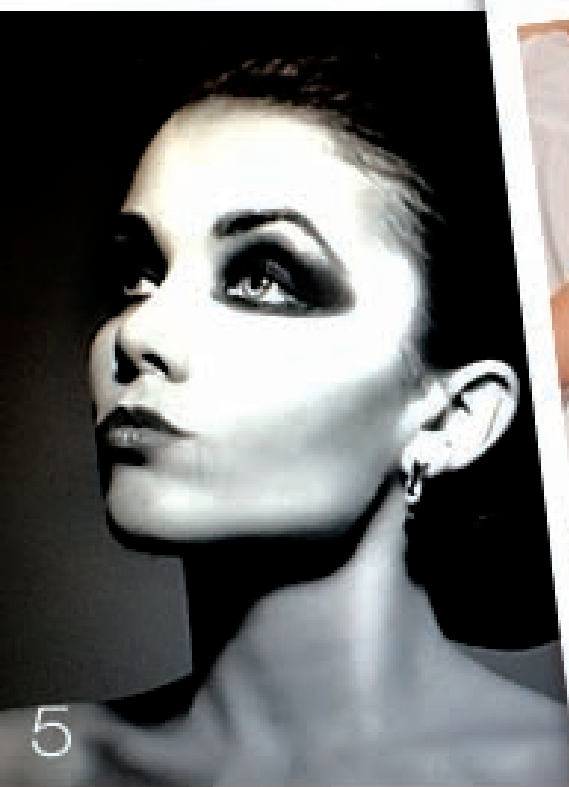
JT Isaak is a qualified personal trainer who loves to help inspire people to achieve their fitness goals and search for their nirvana in life. He believes that life is an adventure and he is looking forward to new doors opening in the modelling and acting arena.



# MALE MODEL

## OF THE MONTH NOMINEES





# FEMALE MODEL

## OF THE MONTH NOMINEES

### 1 Hannah Lewington

For model, Hannah Lewington, her creativity extends to both sides of the camera's lens. Hannah's own work is inspired by her late grandfather's talent with photography. Living by the motto that 'You don't have to be great to start, you have to start to be great', she hopes to inspire and promote confidence in other young women.

### 2 Jade Valentine

Half English/half-African, 21-year old Jade was born a singer. Based in London, she is beginning to gain more experience in the modeling industry.

### 3 Cassidy Anderson

Australian-born Cassidy Anderson (aka Cassidy La Creme) is a woman of many talents. A professional singer, Marilyn Monroe impersonator and fitness instructor by trade, her passion lies in conceptualising, styling and creating vintage-glamour pinup images with a modern twist. Cassidy has been collaborating with some fantastic up and coming photographers from all over the world and has been featured by various international publications.

### 4 Sophie Murphy

Sophie's first love in life is horses. As well as her modeling, the Northampton, UK-based beauty is currently training her own Welsh pony to compete in show jumping events later on this year. She is also studying to complete a business degree part-time. She hopes to one day live on the UK coast and to travel the world, exploring new places.

### 5 Megan Darkes-Seddon

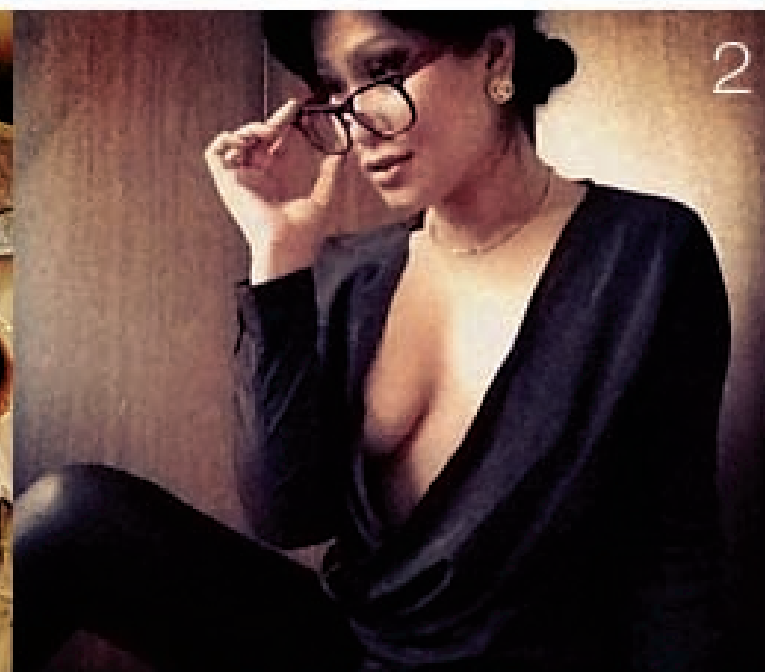
A newcomer to the modeling industry, 25-year old Megan previously worked as a carer. A laid back young woman with a lot of personality and who is not afraid of hard work, she believes her career caring for others has prepared her with the essential qualities for a successful modeling career.

### 6 Nicole Poindgestre

Girl-next-door Nicole's cheerful smile has certainly won her a lot of fans in the modeling industry. The 19-year old enjoys dancing, keeping fit, spending time with friends as well as watching horror movies and playing X-Box.

# FASHIONISTA

## OF THE MONTH NOMINEES



### 1 Candace Parker

Candace is a 17 year old fashion blogger/YouTube guru who considers herself extremely frugal. She likes to look socially presentable all the time and her style is a combination of laidback California style and tumblr/fashion blog influences.

### 2 Annabelle Lumba

Annabelle is a 26 year old entrepreneur who strives daily to reach her goals. She's a skin therapist and a makeup artist specialising in cosmetology, facial treatments and makeup artistry. She loves the nature of beauty whether it be fashion, food or the world itself. She thanks God for all the blessings and problems in her life because without

them she wouldn't be here today and she wouldn't be the woman that she is right now.

### 3 Aby Mendoza

Aby is a Fashionista who hails from the Philippines. She considers everything in her life as a blessing.



### 1 Amy Pocock

Amy's creativity finds its stage in her blog, 'The Camera's Lying.' She writes about a whole range of subjects including fashion, photography, beauty, music and literature. Her personal thoughts and musings are given voice in her blog and has been entertaining her loyal group of readers.

### 2 Bailey

Bailey grew up in a small town outside of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Graduating from The University of Manitoba with a Major in Art History and a Minor in Classical Studies, she will be attending Blanche Macdonald in Vancouver, British Columbia later this year to become a special FX makeup artist. She currently does freelance makeup and hairsyling.

### 3 Tori Sterling

Tori was only 12 years old when she first came upon make up tutorials on YouTube. She had always been interested in the beauty industry. First wanting to be



# BEAUTY GURU

## OF THE MONTH NOMINEES

a manicurist, then a hairdresser, her interest then evolved to becoming a fashion designer and now a makeup artist. She now has her own makeup studio at her home where she aims to give young girls an affordable makeover for a special occasion.

### 4 Lucia

14-year old Lucia lives in the sunny state of California. A multi-talented young lady, she loves playing with makeup and creating outfits. She is also interested in video editing as well as in ad campaigns for the beauty and fashion industry. Lucia also has a musical side as a singer/songwriter/performer.



# Stephanie May

*She has all the makings of a star - Brilliance, talent, undeniable charm as well as a beautiful face and body to complete the full package. So let's get to know this charming lass who goes by the name of Stephanie May - the breakout star of the month!*

It was dancing that first exposed Stephanie May, StarCentral Magazine's Most Fascinating Actress of the Month for March 2013, to the world of the performing arts. Her first foray into the limelight was at a local concert in front of a massive audience, dancing to Madonna. "...I also remember being backstage with the older girls thinking I was some sort of cool chick because I was hanging out with the big girls..."

After her family relocated, she discovered acting at her new home. She discovered the mediums of film and theatre and found that she loved both forms in different ways. She enjoys the freedom and adrenaline rush of the stage ("...the room is filled with electricity and cannot be matched by any other profession in my opinion..."), while she is intrigued by the collaboration an actor has with their director when performing in film (it "...is also quite fun to see your interpretation of a scene differs from theirs or if it's on the same wavelength..."). There is also one other thing that she enjoys about acting in film -



**"...there is no bigger buzz than seeing yourself on the big screen with your friends and family around..."** One of her most memorable performances was in 2006 in the Shakespearean play, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. This one is notable for Stephanie as it was "...the last play I did before my Nan passed away and I have never done theatre again...my Nan came to all the shows and was so supportive and proud of me and I know that she still supporting me to this day and is my guardian angel..."

The 22-year old Australian has certainly spent a lot of time in front of the camera in the 8 years since she began acting. She has appeared on Australian TV shows and TV movies such as 'Underbelly', 'All Saints', 'Home and Away' and 'Panic at Rock Island, ' as well as on numerous TV commercials for major brands such as QANTAS, Canon, IKEA, McDonald's and the Australian Tourism Commission. 2013 is shaping up to be a huge year for Stephanie May. She has three feature films due for release this year - 'The Navigator', 'Torn Devotion' and 'Drown.' She is also set to start filming this year on three other films ('The Truth', 'Instant Flesh' and 'The Second Coming') as well as on her own screenplay called: 'The Tale of Alison.' Whew!

But for all her successes, Stephanie knows that she would be nowhere without the constant support of her family ("...my mum has really been a rock for me... my Dad gets super proud of me too when I get a role, he tells all the boys at work about me... even though my brother doesnt say much at the best of times, he is also very proud of what I have achieved so far...") and friends - "...My friends have been a constant support team from day #1 and I promised to thank everyone who voted for me in here... so once again guys THANK YOU for your kind words, love and support..."

"I plan to be in this industry for a long time and will stop at nothing..."





By: Patricia Higgins

They say that eyes are the window to the soul. If it's sexy appeal that you wish to exude then there's nothing quite like the classic cat's eye. However, Angelina Jolie's makeup staple demands a certain technique (to keep the lines clean and not an inky mess).

The cat's eye uses liquid eyeliner to achieve a bold, sultry, and yet, sophisticated look. I'm often asked how I get it right day after day - I've got it down to an application that takes mere seconds. Follow my easy tips and you'll soon be staring down the competition.

#### Preliminaries:

- Go shopping for an eyelid primer. Eyelid primer will create a clean line - not a watery one.
- Look for a "nib tip" when you are first buying liquid eyeliner. Just like a pen, this applicator type is firm and creates a steady line. This is the best place to start when you are first using liquid eyeliner. You can move on to a "brush tip" when you become steadier. In the end, it is all what your hand gets used to but in my experience a nib tip is the place to start.
- Trial liquid eyeliners on your hand. Look for a bold, dense line - not a watery one.
- Invest in a good eye make-up remover. If you have sensitive skin look for gentle formulae as the under-eye area is very delicate.

#### Application:

- Dab a small amount of your eyelid primer (what fits on a cotton tip) on each eye and smooth over the eyelid evenly.
- Try placing your elbow on your basin when you go to start using your liquid

eyeliner. This will create steadiness and added dexterity. Shut one eye and draw a line as close as possible to the lash line to the outer corner. Leave your eyelid shut for a few seconds to dry. Stop at the end of the eyelid and repeat on the other eye.

•Now you can add your cat's eye "wing". This is the element that makes things that little bit sexier, yet, still sophisticated. Apply to one eye at a time (and keeping your eyelid shut and letting dry afterward) extend your line for the outer corners of the eyelids with a curve that flicks upward and outward.

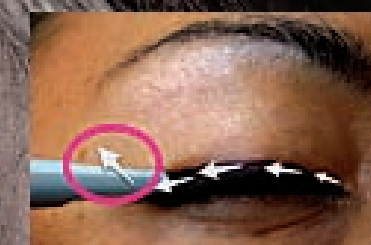
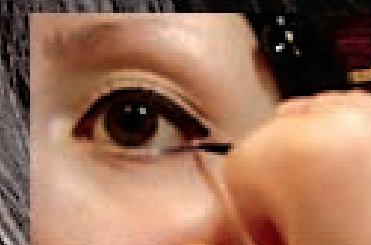
#### Finishing touches:

- You can fix any mistakes with eye makeup remover. Dip a cotton tip in the solution and use as an eraser should a mishap occur.
- Finish with a volumising mascara to add extra impact to your look and to balance the boldness of your liquid eyeliner.
- Fill in brows with your appropriate shade (fair, medium or dark) of eyebrow pencil or powder.
- Add a touch of highlighter to your brow bones to add that final, sublimely sexy touch. Simply dab on the product just underneath the eye brow and blend. Luminous magic!

#### Recommended products:

- Australis Eye Shadow Primer \$12.95.
- Prestige Liquid Eyeliner \$15.95
- Nivea Daily Essentials Extra Gentle Eye Makeup Remover \$8.79
- Revlon Double Twist Volumising Mascara \$25.95
- Rimmel Professional Eyebrow Pencil \$8.50
- Benefit Highbeam \$45.00

With these tips and affordable product you'll have a sophisticated, everyday take on the cat's eye down to a fine art - in no time. Meeow!



# How to create the perfect Cat's Eye

# Top 5 crazy Celebrity Stalkers that'll creep you out!

By: Natalie King

Sometimes, celebrity fans can get a little crazy. While most take pleasure in collecting memorabilia, following the stars on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or perhaps even get inked with a celebrity tattoo, some have been known to go off the rails with their infatuation situation.

## 5. The Man Who Bit Britney

At a Britney Spears concert in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, one male fan was invited to join Spears up on stage and participate in the performance. Spears handcuffed the fan and straddled her legs over his shoulders while holding onto a pole. Not satisfied with having Spears perched on his shoulders, and clearly wanting to get more out of the experience, the man turned his head and bit Spears on the calf! Well, that's one way to get a real taste of the diva.



## 4. The Person Obsessed With Daniel Radcliffe's Crotch

You would presume a majority of Harry Potter fans to be young, innocent and harmless. But it appears Voldemort isn't the only creep Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe needs to be wary of. Starring as a special guest on Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen, Radcliffe revealed how one unsettling fan sent him a bunch of



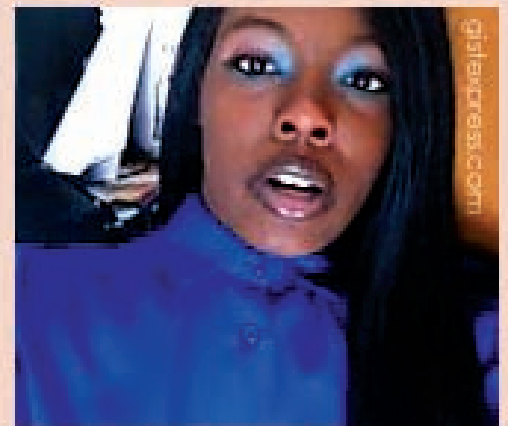
photographs, ranging from when Radcliffe was 12 to 15. And if that wasn't weird enough, Radcliffe went on to tell the audience how the obsessed fan had circled Radcliffe's crotch on all of the photos with an arrow pointing to it. Perhaps the crazed fan should have just kept the images to himself...

## 3. The Woman Convinced She Was Usher's Wife

Many celebrities have experienced the trauma of a stalker once in their career. For Usher, this was 26-year-old Darshelle Jones-Rakestraw. The delusional fan turned up at Usher's Georgia home with the intent of harassing the star and his family. Arrested and warned by police to stay away from the property after the first incident Rakestraw turned up uninvited a second time and began pounding on the front door demanding to be let in. When police arrived Rakestraw casually informed them she was Usher's wife and had simply misplaced her keys. Uh-huh, sure thing. Rakestraw was swiftly placed under arrest and later taken to a psych ward for a mental evaluation. Usher immediately obtained a temporary restraining order, which was later extended to a year. Rakestraw took to social media to defend her case, posting a YouTube video, claiming Usher had been secretly giving her cash and promising living arrangements and to help with her music career. Wanting to be a part of a celebrity's life so bad you convince yourself you're married, now that's top-notch psycho behaviour.

## 2. The Woman Who Claimed to Bear Justin Bieber's Baby

"I want to have your babies!" is a common line shrieked by crazy, young, pop star fans, but Mariah Yeater, a 20-year-old Justin Bieber fan, took this to the next level when she claimed she was pregnant with his baby. Yeater claimed she became pregnant during a 30-second sex session in the bathroom with Bieber at the LA Staples Centre after one of his performances. The extreme fan then demanded a DNA test and child support from Bieber. With slightly less obsessed Bieber fans sending Yeater outrageous death threats, the paternity suit was dropped. Bieber's fans had his back.

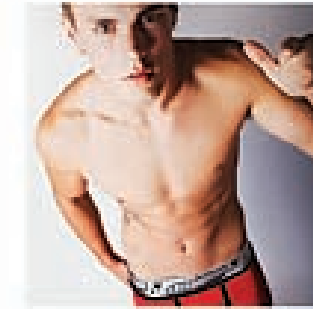




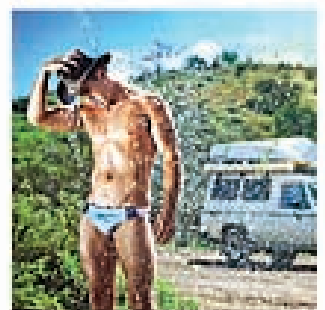
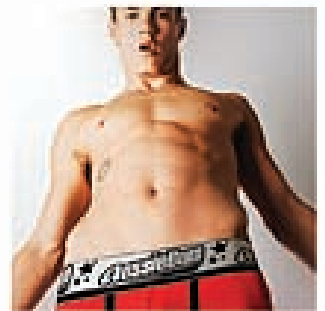
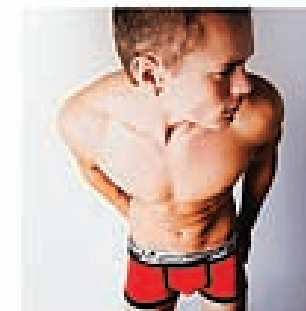
### 1. The Person Who Threatened to Kill Ellen Page for Dating Alexander Skarsgard

When you're a ridiculously good-looking male celebrity you have to expect a certain level of obsessive and slightly jealous fans—it just comes with the job. But when a deranged fan threatens to kill anyone you date, you can be sure you're dealing with a psycho. This happened to Ellen Page from Juno while dating Alexander Skarsgard from True Blood. The pretty actress received multiple death threats and was forced to ask police for help in catching the disturbed Skarsgard devotee. Unsettling messages have since been removed from Twitter, but included chilling threats like, "I'm going to murder Ellen Page. She's dead," with more insane statements continuing such as, "Ellen Page if you continue to date I will K-I-L-L you in public in the next year ... Be it in a club, at a game, in a restaurant, or when you're signing autographs." The tweets apparently coincided with a disturbing call received by organisers of the LA Film Festival, where Page's film To Rome with Love premiered. It was reported that the caller was going to go to the festival and "kill Page." Thankfully, Page was safe as the person behind the calls didn't initiate an attack.

So remember kids, tweeting "I love you @Harry\_Styles", is acceptable fan behaviour—slightly self-deprecating, but still acceptable—tweeting, "I will kill you @taylor-swift13 for dating @Harry\_Styles", is not acceptable fan behaviour and most definitely psychotic.



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### 1 Emily Kate Symes

Emily's blog, EKOLUV, isn't just about her passion for finding beautiful treasures or DIY vintage pieces, nor is just a blog about her travels around the world. It is also a place for her to promote ethical business practices and a more sustainable fashion culture. She was an ambassador for one of the first Health and Wellness Congress's in Asia in 2012.

**Blog:** <http://ekoluvr.blogspot.com>

### 2 Sylvia Helena Jahn Otero

19-year old Sylvia's adventures in the dating game provided the perfect fodder for a multitude of stories. After being encouraged by her friends, her blog, 'SingleZyly' was born. In it she writes about dating, the single life and more.

**Blog:** <http://singlezylv.blogspot.com.au>

### 3 Amie Moynihan

Living in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney, Australia, Amie's creative mind was surrounded by a lot of inspiration. That inspiration found a platform in her blog as well as on her online store: 'Ahkala'. Ahkala specializes in recycled men's and women's clothing with a hipster/vintage edge, proving that cool can definitely be found in the second-hand clothing bin!

**Blog:** <http://www.ahkala.com>

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## OF THE MONTH NOMINEES







*Da Silva*

## DANCER OF THE MONTH NOMINEES



### 1 Tanya Williams

Tanya grew up in a very small town called Bungendore outside of Canberra, Australia. She has performed in the Weird Al Yankovic Concert Tour and she has been a back-up dancer for Vanessa Amorosi, Shannon Noll, and she also portrayed 'Isadora Duncan' for Swarovski Crystal.

### 2 Megan Annabella

With over 19 years of training under her belt, Megan has achieved high standards in many aspects of the entertainment industry. Some of her highlights include dancing for Kelly Rowland/David Guetta, Johnny Ruffo, Justice Crew, Paulini and The McClymonts. She knows jazz, tap, ballet, hip-hop, contemporary and various other styles and she has also appeared in various film clips, TVC's, short films and live performances.

### 3 Eddy Fly

Eddy a.k.a Didy-Fly is a twenty seven years old French B-Boy. He considers his determination and positive attitude as his biggest weapons in life. He believes that life is a challenge and competition is a part of him. His mother and his family are his source of inspiration and he also has a bigger brother who can dance too. Together they have won several dancing competitions.

### 4 Bonnie Curtis

After a debilitating knee injury, 12 months off dancing and being told that she'd never dance again - Bonnie almost gave up on the prospect of ever returning to dance. But through hard work and perseverance, she has bounced back and is now a full-time dance student at the Wesley Institute in Sydney, majoring in Classical Ballet.

### 5 Mikhaela Gregory

Mikhaela is a 23 year old dancer who is passionate about her craft. Through sheer drive and determination, she has been able to follow her dream job from here in Australia to England, to the Philippines and hopefully, one day...to LA.

### 6 Daryl Morante

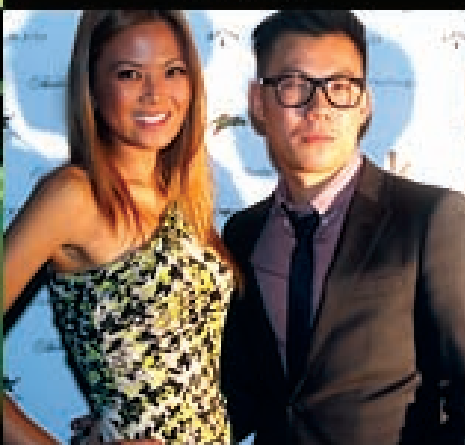
Daryl Morante, popularly known as 'D.Mo' has been dancing since the age of 5 in Brisbane, Australia. In 2010, he moved to Sydney to pursue his dancing career and he has since then established his name as an in demand commercial hip hop choreographer and dancer. Under his belt, he has choreographed multiple video clips and has even coached X-Factor's boy band "The Collective" who placed third last year. He was also a front act for Jason DeRulo in his 2011 World tour.



Performer at Avant Garde Nights



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Joanna Cubello



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## 1 Barry Southgate

Having opened for vocal giants like Brian McKnight, Eric Benet, Craig David and K-Ci & JoJo, toured the globe with world-renowned artist Darlene Zschech and five-time Grammy winner Israel Houghton, penned songs for a smorgasbord of artists - and even sung for the Pope - one thing's for sure: Barry Southgate possesses a talent and star quality that is undeniable. No stranger to featuring in TV commercials, the multifaceted artist recently took the leap to the silver screen, securing a role in the critically acclaimed #1 box office hit, *The Sapphires*. Adding 'philanthropist' to his growing list of skills as well, Barry is an ambassador for the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation. He's set to hit airwaves with Melbourne's Diafrix, featuring on *Throwback*, the new single from their *Pocket Full of Dreams*. The album finds him in stellar company, including ARIA winner 360, X-Factor NZ judge Stan Walker, American artist Dwele, and soul man Daniel Merriweather. He also just signed on as 180 Nutrition's newest ambassador, joining the likes of 2012 Cross Fit Champion Chad Mackay and James Newbury.

## 2 Lovely Osarobo

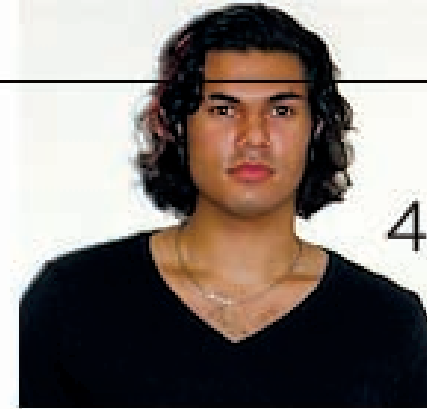
Lovely Osarobo was originally born in Nigeria but he is now currently residing in Italy. He's a Hip hop, Latin and African traditional/contemporary dancer and he has been in the music industry since 2009. He graduated in 'Theatre Art' from the university of Benin (Uniben) in 2000. He's a dancer, personal trainer, techno Hip Hop Singer and he also plays African drums and other African Percussion instruments.

## 3 John K-Ay

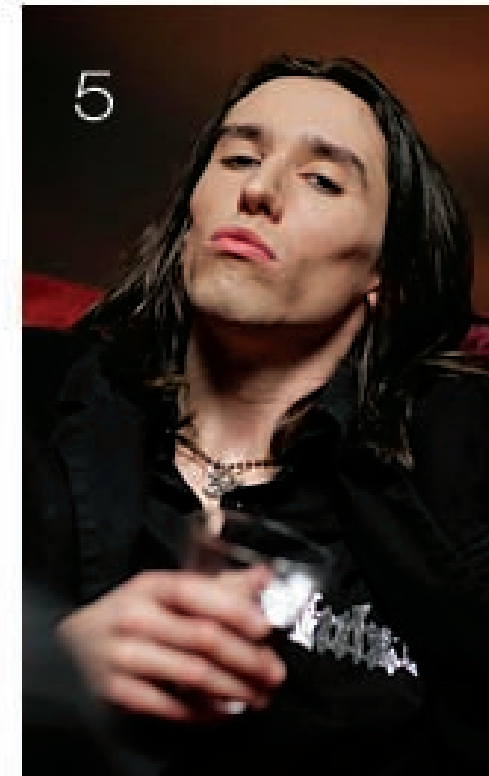
Jean Marie Ndaishimiye aka John K-ay started singing via a local church choir. Everything changed in 2009 when he ended up moving to Sydney where he met other likeminded people who also wanted to get into the music industry. He ended up forming a crew with them and they called themselves TAO BOIZ. The crew got invited to perform in various events and parties and eventually they started uploading videos in YouTube as well. Lady luck was on their side as their 2 videos "I Was Blind" and "When You Say Yes" garnered 35,600 views! Everything was going good until last year when they hit a road bump - the other member of his crew started working fulltime so the group had to stop singing altogether. He really loves singing though so he continued to pursue his dream and at the end of last year he recorded two tracks: "I Love You Mum" and "Coz I Love You" - he is planning to create a music video for the two tracks very soon.

## 4 Mali Talefenua

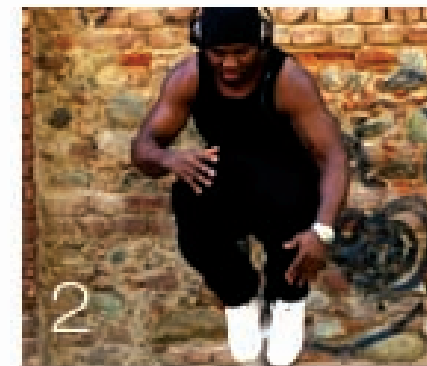
Mali is a performer with eleven years of experience under his belt in the performing arts industry. He has performed in a number of stage productions as well as television shows. He's had mentor sessions with the likes of Beyonce Knowles, Guy Sebastian, Wynter Gordan, Julie Anthony, Simon Gallaher, Venetta Fields, Luke Kennedy, David Sheather, Ayelen Mazar-Moreira and David Willis to name a few. Some of his highlights include performing in "Jesus Christ Superstar" as "Thomas the Disciple" as well as performing with Deni Hines and Anthony Callea in "Lord Mayor's Carols by Candlelight".



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# UNSIGNED MALE ARTISTS OF THE MONTH NOMINEES



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## 5 Chandler Mogel

Chandler is one of the hardest working independent singers in hard rock today. He has performed in over 15 albums and sold over 15,000 CD's in just the last few years since moving to New York City. His band *Outloud*, who is based in Greece, has toured the country multiple times,

appeared on national TV, featured on the cover of a major magazine (*Greek Metal Hammer*) and voted #4 best Greek band of 2011 in the same publication. Additionally, he has performed for the likes of Donald Trump, Chevy Chase and others, and has performed on the same bill with international superstars *The Eagles*, *Frankie Valli*, *Pitbull* and *Flo Rida*.

# UNSIGNED FEMALE ARTISTS OF THE MONTH NOMINEES



## 1 Ashleigh K

Having begun her music career at the age of six when she started learning to play the violin and singing, Ashleigh K has gone on to gain many qualifications in music which saw her touring the USA with her college orchestra at the age of sixteen. In 2003 she moved to London to take up a degree in Popular Music Performance. It was here that she changed her technique and found her real interest in popular music. Since graduating she has been working with other artists and developing her own material. She has just released her debut single "Truth" which is available to purchase via iTunes. The video has already received over 10,000 views. Her latest song 'Cowboy' has also garnered over 200,000 views on YouTube. It is now on the Vevo music channel as well as Fuse TV and MTV2.

## 2 Annelise Johnson

Originally from South Africa and subsequently New Zealand, Annelise moved to Sydney last year and has since then taken the Sydney live music scene by storm. She started singing in Church from the age of six, and since then has performed with the Jennifer Lopez Band at the Basement; the International "IRB Sevens Rugby Tournament", and on Television in 2007 for a Telethon. She has also just finished recording her first EP.

## 3 Helen Ray

At the age of only 24 and fresh on the scene, Helen has sparked a lot of interest having already toured the Middle East and played for some top venues in London and around the UK. Whilst completing her Honours degree in popular music at Huddersfield University, Helen has passionately taken on various roles throughout the industry to aid her journey on becoming a well-known and respected musician. Not only is she talented at playing numerous instruments such as guitar, bass and drums, she has also been a guitar technician for a top international fusion band, provided session vocals for various producers and composed for an online TV web series.

## 4 Michaela Ponting

Possessing a voice that will blow you away with a personality to match, Michaela is a wonderful eclectic mix - she is everything you could want in a performer and more. She is a very down to earth entertainer with killer comedic timing. She was a backing vocalist for the likes of Lee Kernighan, Ricki Lee and Stan Walker and she has also had the pleasure of working with Kate Miller Heidke in Washington. With a vocal range of an opera diva and an attitude of a "bat out of hell", this vivacious singer will take you on a ride you'll never want to get off!



## MOST FASCINATING PERSON OF THE MONTH

# POPE FRANCIS



By: Joy Enriquez

As I pen this article the world's 1.2 billion Catholics are celebrating the announcement of its new leader; the recently elected Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina, now to be known around the world as Pope Francis. Given the global nature of the Papacy's influence, it comes as no surprise that almost everyone around me - both physical and virtual - has an opinion about what this will mean for the future. News websites, Facebook feeds and Twitter rolls have been ablaze with discussion: what is this guy like, where is he from, why is he so old, and (the question that amuses me the most) is he a liberal or conservative Catholic? (The answer to the final question is that he is neither; he is simply Catholic).

Shortly after he greeted the freezing crowd at St Peter's Square, I learned the following facts: Pope Francis lived a surprisingly humble life whilst serving as

Cardinal in Buenos Aires. He chose to live in a simple apartment, he cooked his own meals and rode the bus to work (after the Conclave he even rejected the use of the papal limousine and caught the minibus back to his hotel with the rest of the cardinals). Cardinal Timothy Dolan from New York reported that when Pope Francis was elected,

Vatican officials and staffers came forward to meet him but he politely refused, telling them, "Not now. The people are waiting". Then he went to the balcony.

When I watched his first address the first thing I noticed was that Pope Francis looked nervous. I smiled to myself, thinking how overwhelming it must be to front up to such a large, expectant crowd and the world's media as The New Pope, when just a few weeks ago he was probably preparing dinner in his simple Argentinian kitchen. I can just imagine him boiling a pot of rice for dinner. Suddenly this old man's job description was a whole lot longer - and through no campaigning on his part. Unlike politicians who run for office, asking for our vote and so putting themselves forward for scrutiny, this man's credentials, mistakes and theological values are now being judged and - thanks to the internet and social media - by millions of people who have limited or no understanding of Catholicism. No wonder it took him a few moments before he could smile at the camera.

Yet despite his nervousness, I do believe he had a stellar first performance on the global stage. Bowing low before the crowd, he abandoned formalities and greeted everyone with a friendly 'Good evening'. He acknowledged and asked everyone to pray for his predecessor Bishop Emeritus Benedict XVI. Then he asked the world a favour; to first say a prayer for him as the new Bishop of Rome. This upfront admission that the office of Pope was greater than he, and that as a leader he needed both God's help and ours, was a powerful gesture of humility. I dare say that his simple request moved quite a few hearts - it certainly surprised me and won me over.

He also surprised people by calling a

mass media conference only days after his election.

There he acknowledged how essential mass media are - more so now than ever before. Perhaps this is a Pope who understands the digital age. While he wouldn't have the desire or power to change any of the Catholic doctrine that has been discussed without abandon on social media (yes, this includes the ordination of female priests or the definition of same-sex unions as 'marriage'), his opportunity to make waves shouldn't be underestimated. His less formal mannerisms and eagerness to engage media indicate a desire for more transparency and trust between the Church and the public. His fervent love for the poor and adoption of the name Francis (after St Francis of Assisi) has also created an opportunity for the Catholic Church to highlight and increase its contribution to areas of social justice and provision of welfare.

So even though it's still early days I have high hopes for this guy. I don't have a catalogue of his accomplishments or a running sheet of his stance on specific social issues, but at this stage I don't want them either. All I'd like to do at this moment is acknowledge that this man, in all his nervousness, shyness and old age is someone who has been handed a rather big boat to steer. And to borrow the words a dear friend of mine posted on Facebook: he is man who's trying to do his best - not for his glory but for God's. Not for his own salvation, but for ours. Irrespective of our opinions on them, or our religious views, he deserves our respect, and most definitely our prayers.

Viva il Papal