



Pixie strikes a pose!

THE STUNNING SINGER ON HER INCREDIBLE RISE TO FAME, HER TEARS IN FRONT OF MARIAH AND HER QUEST FOR A FELLA...



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She's blonde, beautiful and blessed with a voice that could stop traffic – and now Pixie Lott's unique sound, strong sense of style and songwriting talents have gained her two number one singles and turned her into an overnight-success story.

Already in 2010, the 19 year old from Essex has picked up three BRIT Awards nominations, landed her first film and will be joining Rihanna on her UK tour in May, plus there's the launch of a fashion collection for Lipsy.

However, Pixie's journey hasn't been easy. She says: 'I was really shy when I was young. It wasn't until I went to stage school that I would sing in front of anyone. That brought me out of myself and I grew up a bit.'

The *Mama Do* singer: 'I've been trying to get into the music business since I was 13.' And her persistence has clearly paid off, though she admits: 'The paparazzi stuff is a little weird. I used to leave the house in my pyjamas. I can't do that any more – but I'm not complaining!'

Here, as Pixie dresses up as some classic icons, she talks about her lack of romance, leaving home, Hollywood, and how Mariah Carey made her cry...

You've been out in LA – how has it been?

Well my music is going to be released there this year, which is very exciting. And I'll be visiting for a month to make more songs and start promoting.

Would you like to live there?

I'd like to for a little while because I love the sun and the beaches, and I've got friends out there who are really lovely. But London is my favourite, I really want to get a flat there soon.

What does your mum think about you moving out of the family home?

I don't know, I think she'd like us all to stay forever. But she knows that I want to move out this year, especially when I have to work so much in London. It takes two hours to drive in and I have to wake up extra early. It can be long days.

Have you got yourself an American boyfriend?

Erm, no, I haven't. [Laughs] I've made loads of friends and who knows what will happen in the future. But no, I haven't got myself an American boy. With guys it's hard as well. I hope someone comes along at some point. >

Above: Pixie takes on the style of Brigitte Bardot. She wears tights, stylist's own. **Facing page:** As '40s pin-up Veronica Lake. She wears dress by Anoushka G. **Above left:** Pixie has crafted quite a unique image. 'I have someone who brings in the clothes and I pick out what I like' she explains



You're something of a style icon - you've just teamed up with Lippy clothing...

Yeah, we worked on a little collection which is coming out very soon!

Is it true Karl Lagerfeld has approached you to be one of his muses for Fendi?

The last Fashion Week in Paris, he asked me to perform at a Fendi party. It was so much fun and it was great to meet him.

What was he like?

He seemed lovely. I hope I get to meet him again. He's a great photographer as well, so I'd love to do a shoot with him or something.

Do you have a stylist?

I do have because everything's so busy and there's no time in the week to spend a whole day shopping. I have someone who brings in the clothes and I pick out what I like.

Back to music, there's talk of you and Ne-Yo getting together to do something...

I'd love to write a song with or a duet with him. He's very talented. I'd love to see him do some live gigs.

Tell us about meeting Mariah Carey - didn't you get starstruck?

I got really overwhelmed. I started to well up and had to look down - it was really embarrassing! I kept it under wraps, but I was just like: 'I'm a massive fan!' It was amazing, she was amazing. It was really cool to meet her.

How do you keep your feet on the ground?

I think it's just my friends and my family and how I've been brought up. And my management and label. I don't see how I could ever lose normality.

You star in Fred: The Movie - how did that come about?

I was so surprised, I expected it to happen five years down the line. I was in LA to do some showcases, one got cancelled and this happened to pop up. I did the audition and was flying home when I found out I got the part. It felt like fate!

How was filming?

It was for a couple of weeks in December. But it was quite hectic to fit it in as my schedule had already been done. I was out to LA for a day then I had to fly back and to go to Switzerland and Italy, then back to the UK and then to LA again for a week. It was a bit crazy! But I'm glad I did it - it was a lot of fun.

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Showing off her fine figure, Pixie recreates that famous Farrah Fawcett pose. She wears body by American Apparel. Right: Getting dolled up - it was hairdresser Akin Konizi, of HOB Salons, who groomed our Pixie into icon after icon!

