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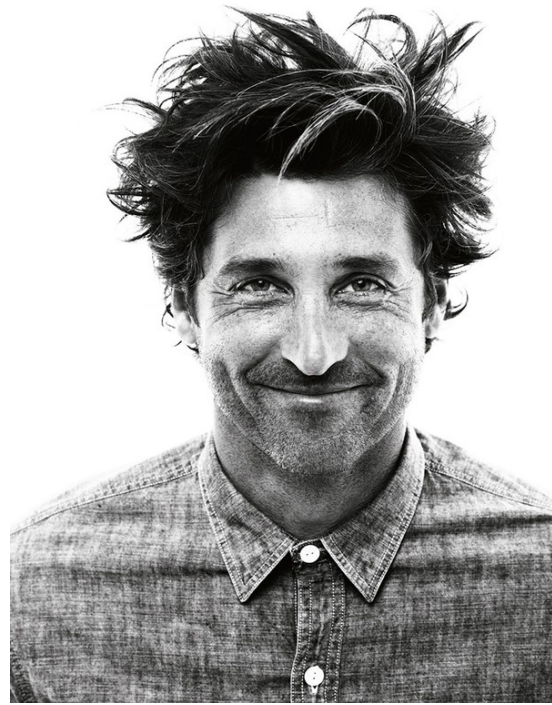
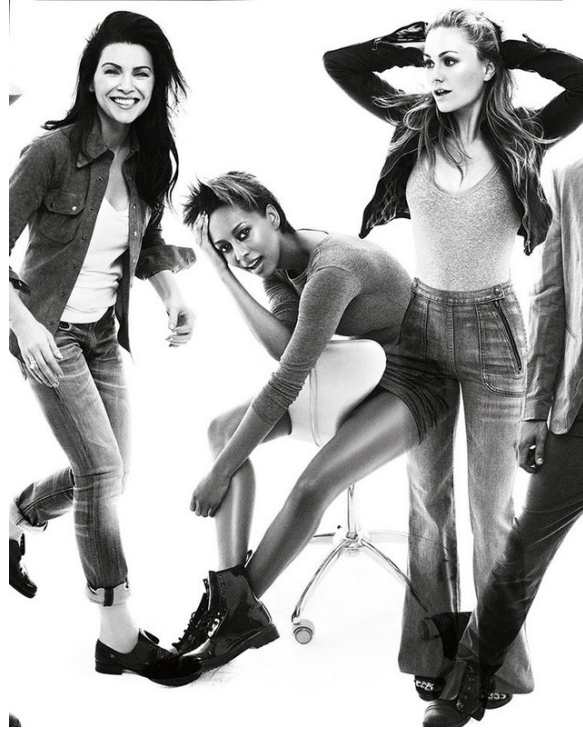


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ultra  
violet

In the world of Def Jam teen idol ALESSIA CARA, superstardom isn't always a smiling matter.

PHOTOGRAPHY BEN RAYNER FASHION SORAYA DAYANI WORDS RUSSELL DEAN STONE



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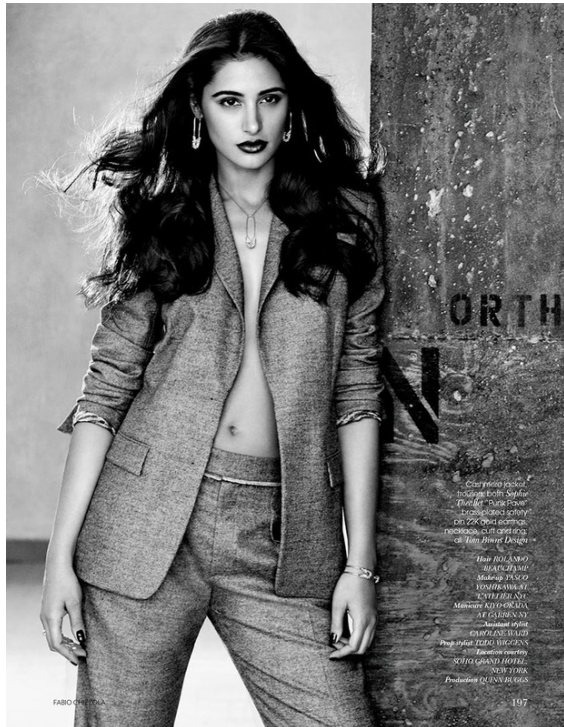
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**Last Look** *snapshot*

**VIEW FROM THE TOP**  
LORDE AT THE EMPIRE  
STATE BUILDING  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY  
JEFF HENRIKSON

**age 16**  
**what she's wearing** "A Moschino dress, Valentino Kora necklace, Pina Azzolina bracelet, and my own rings."

**village voice** "I've grown up in the same suburb my whole life. This is my first time in the States! I come from a big, loud family, and I'm the quieter one. Performing is something I have to switch on. I've heard I get really soxy onstage, which I'm not in real life! It's fun to be that person for an hour a night. My family keeps me grounded—I don't do something my dad asks, he's like, 'You're not going out tonight.' It's easy to forget you're not a big deal to anyone you know."

**true life** "I started writing music when I was around twelve. My current record company saw a video of me performing at my school talent show. My lyrics are about something that's happened to me or a friend. I've been told by people my age that they can relate to stuff I'm saying, which is so important to me. But my friends get annoyed. They're like, 'You can't write about us in songs anymore. People are going to hear it!'"

**practical magic** "I love thrift shopping. You can get ten things because everything costs, like, three dollars. I feel weird spending money on myself—my first big purchase will be a double bed! I like simple clothes, but sometimes I'll go for a goth witchy vibe."

**queen bee** "I came up with the name Lorde after looking through aristocratic titles. L'ord is a supermasculine word, so I added an 'e' to make it feminine. [Her real name is Ella Yelich-O'Connor.] I like the musician James Blake, but I also listen to Drake and Nicki Minaj. For me, rapping is a barely contained dream. When it comes to career goals, I think of myself as cool in five years, then I'm doing all right."

**lorde**  
Meet the New Zealand singer-songwriter who's on the fast track to superstardom.

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