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MONA GILLEN

Mona Gillen was a small town girl with big dreams who got her start after co-founding LIV FILMS (LIVFILMS.COM), with writer/director, Jed Gillen, which produces videos for the web. Starting out with no budget and a simple 20 second clip, starring Mona brushing her teeth in her underwear, it received a couple hundred thousand hits. From there the clips became more scripted and were consistently number one on METACAFE.COM before they made their transition to YOUTUBE.COM. Steadily making a name for themselves on the web, their videos are a must see for anyone who loves good content and comedic timing.







DESTINA MONUE



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DESTINY MONIQUE

Destiny Monique has her eyes fixed on the prize. This former Marine turned lingerie and swimsuit model knows where her path leads. While stationed at Camp Pendleton, near San Diego, she got a taste of the entertainment industry. Knowing Los Angeles is where dreams are made, she decided to plant some roots and make a name for herself. Fast-Forward 4 years and you can find her in numerous magazines, conventions and music videos, with a few movies in the works. "Is it destiny?"... Stay Tuned!



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CRYSTAL MANTECON

Crystal Mantecon, a native of Dallas, Texas attended High School for the Performing and Visual Arts as a Vocal Major. There she won awards at Jazz festivals across the country, and performed locally in plays, including the internally complex lead role in the acclaimed play Why We Have a Body written by Claire Chafee. A strong command of her craft coupled with a unique beauty that comes from her Mexican and Cuban ancestry got a local talent agent's attention. Her talent and diverse look gifted her opportunities to work with many Oscar Nominated actors, with projects in the works her star is rising at a fast pace with no signs of letting up.



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NIKI GHAZIAN

You may easily recognize our April Cover Girl, Niki Ghazian from her numerous appearances in FHM, or maybe have even seen her out in Hollywood on the scene attracting oodles of attention with her Lingerie Bowl teammates. The Los Angeles native, who has been stamped a socialite, owes her success in modeling to her suitry and exotic looks, a direct result of her Persian ancestry. Despite being nominated for a coveted spot on FHM's 100 Sexiest list this year, and being romantically linked to star athletes, Ghazian has a somewhat normal side to her life. The 26 year old model-socialite is also a Law Student. Niki has been quoted in the past as "wanting to be recognized for something other than [her] looks," and spends her down hours hitting the books and planning her post-modeling career. The bad girl gone good, focuses her philanthropic efforts in her hometown of Santa Monica, at homeless shelters, spending holiday hours helping out. In a candid interview, Niki shares with us her love for football, her past bad girl antics, and the 'ruckus' she caused as a teenager while growing up in Los Angeles.

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ALEXIS LOPEZ



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ALEXIS LOPEZ

Alexis Lopez is a model, actress, host and full blood Latina! She is hot and sultry and not one to be messed with. Having been in the modeling business since she was 7, now 23, Alexis is a 4-time cover model who's also a member of SAG and AFTRA. As a host, she's had the opportunity of meeting and interviewing a variety of stars from Orlando Bloom to Rita Moreno. You can catch Alexis on tour with Monster Energy signing calendars and posters across the country.









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ELIZABETH VELASQUEZ

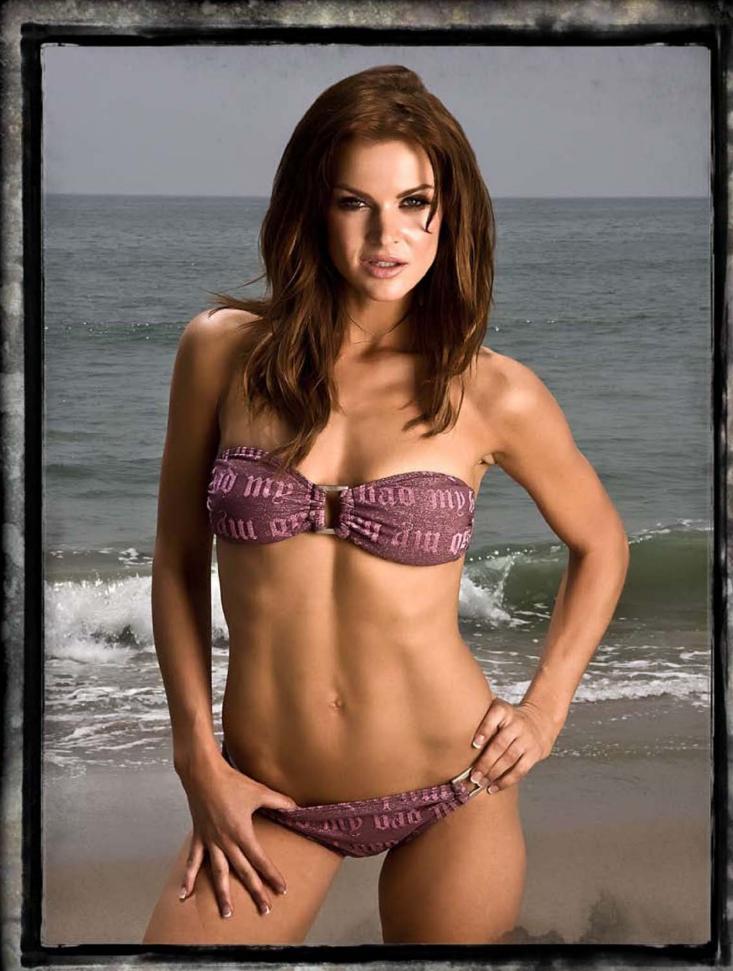
Elizabeth Velasquez is a Mexican-American actress, model, and radio co-host. Velasquez was born and raised in Wilmington, CA to Mexican parents Rosa Bernal and Pedro Velasquez. Shortly after her mother's pregnancy Mr. Velasquez decided to separate from his family. Raised by a single mother along with four brothers and two sisters has motivated Elizabeth to do more than the average. After high school, Velasquez continued her education at California State University, Long Beach majoring in education with a concentration in mathematics. While in college, Miss Velasquez traveled through different avenues in search of herself, not knowing all along it was right under her finger tips. Being the social butterfly that she is, Elizabeth was discovered through MySpace by a modeling agency. Only two years in the modeling industry, Miss Velasquez has graced the pages of magazines, music videos, hosting events, and radio co-hosting. With so much being offered Miss Velasquez finds herself enjoying life and being blessed. As for the future, there is more to come. Watch out, Elizabeth Velasquez is on the rise.



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LISA JAY

Upon first meeting Lisa Jay, or simply "LJ" to her friends, you may have trouble deciding whether to ask for her number, or give her a fist-bump and buy her a beer. An Idaho girl at heart, Lisa's just as comfortable going camping or catching a game as she is slipping into a slinky dress and working the red carpet. Lisa has already been showing up in your living room for quite some time now. She made her television debut in a memorable role seducing James Marsters in an alleyway on the last season of the cult phenomenon Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Since then she's played everything from a naughty demon on Charmed, a shotgun-wielding bank robber on CSI: New York, a flirty Sin-City cocktail waitress on Las Vegas, a sarcastic hooker on Two and a Half Men... well, you get the idea. Lisa is making the jump to the big screen in a leading role in the upcoming feature film Spring Break '83, alongside John Goodman, Joe Pantoliano, and Jamie Kennedy. She is also stripping down, both metaphorically and literally, on the internet; she is starring in the FOX pilot/webisode hybrid TEASE as a screenwriter named Marie doing undercover "research" in a fantasy strip club. You can catch Tease on YouTube. Judging by the way things are looking, it's safe to say you'll definitely want to keep watching.



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KORTHE O'CONNOR



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KORTNIE O'CONNOR

Kortnie O'Connor was born in Sacramento, CA and moved to Orange County when she was

10 years old. She went to Junior High in Huntington Beach and then moved to Laguna

Beach to finish High school. She is currently attending the Fashion Institute of Design and

Merchandising in Los Angeles. She first started modeling when someone approached her at
a local mall and asked if she had any interest in becoming a model. She has done a variety
of work from runway, high fashion and commercial print to swimsuit and lingerie, as well as

Playboy. She has recently taken up acting and has been featured in music videos with such
artists as Santana, Nickelback, Foo Fighters, Saliva, Hinder, HelloGoodbye and 303 just to
name a few. She has recently done work with the hit HBO series Entourage. She has high
hopes for the future and would ultimately like to land a permanent role on a TV show, land
a modeling campaign or become a Victoria's Secret model. Those are just a few of the
many things in Kortnie O'Connors future. Keep an eye on this one as she rises to the top.



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MICHELLE TOMNICZAK

Michelle Tomniczak was born and raised in Simi Valley, California. Her mother is full

Mexican, and her Father is Polish, German, Irish, and French. She enjoys eating, sleeping,

music, learning, laughing, singing, hot baths, dancing and watching movies. She started

pursuing modeling when she turned 18 and has loved every minute of it ever since. Her

goal in this industry is to become a Victoria Secret model. When she's not modeling Michelle

enjoys hanging out in either Hollywood or Malibu since each is only 20 minutes away and

there's always something to do!







MELLIN LORENZO



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MELANY LORENZO

Melany lorenzo is originally from Houston, TX. She now resides in sunny San Diego, CA and has been there for the last 5 years. She started modeling when she first moved to San Diego and has been landing a lot of magazine spreads and tv commercials. Melany has been featured in Modified Mustangs, Fords Magazine, Car Craft, and Super Streetbike Magazines. She was also featured on El Channels hit show "The Girls Next Door". When she's not modeling she loves to run and workout. You can also find her at the beach with her dogs where she watches them run free in the ocean surf. Melany hopes to keep

modeling and possibly become the host of her own show.



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MASTURA ZANI



MASTURA ZAINI

Mastura Zaini is originally from the small city-state country of Singapore, this exotic blend of Singaporean Indonesian-Malay has been modeling for a little over a year. She enjoys modeling as a creative outlet and enjoys working with talented photographers. Mastura is an entrepreneur at heart and started her first business at 12 years old. She works extremely hard to support her family in Singapore and always gives 100% with everything she does. She has invested wisely in oil and gas syndications which provide her the residual income to do the things that she enjoys. She is fascinated by the art of photography and is passionate about anything pertaining to advertising, branding and marketing. Her academic focus is to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Business Marketing and continue to work with real estate investors in Las Vegas. She feels blessed to have been given the chance to work in various fashion shows, shoots, modeling events, and would like to thank everyone for all of their kind support.







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MONICA



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MONICA GOE

Monica Goe is originally from Cali, Colombia, This exotic Colombiana has been modeling off and on both in Colombia and in the United States. She took some time to get into modeling when she got to the States, but look for her to come on strong! She loves to get in front of the camera. Monica enjoys the art and has a passion for modeling. She has been working as a promotional spokes-model and will be working on some calendars soon! Monica has a degree in Chemical Technologies and wants to pursue a career in marketing, interior design, and real estate as well as continuing her modeling.

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IRINA VORONNA



IRINA YORONINA

The Russia native was born and raised in the city of Dzerzhinsk, once considered to be the most polluted city on the planet. At the age of 20 Irina moved to Milan to pursue modeling.

She instantly started booking print jobs and TV commercials and soon became an international model, traveling all over the world.

Irina relocated to the US to become Playboy's Miss January 2001 and her career continued to flourish. Ever since breaking into film with parts in "Reno 9111: Miami" and "Balls of Fury".

Look for Irina in a new sitcom "Svetlana" to be released in early 2010 as well as a field reporter on "Lopez Tonight". "My next goal is to produce", said Irina. "I am currently developing a TV show and working on making a feature film of my own".

Great looks plus a great laugh equals one great lady. You do the math.



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ELENA CHURIKOVA

Elena was born in Melitopol, a small sea town in the Ukraine. She grew up with a twin sister, which drew a lot of attention around town. When Elena was 14 her family moved to Russia. Two years after the move she had her first modeling experience. While shopping at a local record store she caught the eye of a photographer from St. Petersburg and had her photos published in the local paper. Elena came to the United States when she was only 19 to continue her education. While living in the USA she has had the opportunity to work with some very talented photographers. Elena plans to continue modeling with hopes that it brings more great opportunities and experiences. This stunner is sure to break some hearts along the way. Watch out Americal

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NAUREEN ZAIM

Naureen Zaim was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She went to the University of Illinois and obtained two Bachelors in Fine Art-Painting and Sculpture. After graduating, she moved to LA to pursue her art career. While living in an 1,800 square foot artist loft next to skid row she cranked out paintings while also pursuing her life long goal of modeling. She often uses nudes of herself in her artwork and has always been inspired by the textures and poses used in creative fashion and beauty ads. While supporting herself with modeling she also started to get the "acting bug" and decided to give that a shot. Naureen now acts and models while still creating artwork.

Currently she will be filming a movie called Beautiful People where she will be playing a high school cheerleader, who has a dramatic and cataclysmic demise. She is the face of a major Anheiser Busch beer campaign, has a movie in post production called, "I Am Bad"... in which she kills two people with her bare hands! Hahaha.

She is also producing an animated feature film, and publishing a children's book series she illustrated and co wrote.



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