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The Daiquiri

Let's break down a classic libation. You want to be able to confidently make these drinks in your own kitchen so you can wow your friends, impress the ladies and do irreparable harm to your liver. For this issue and the start of our journey, let's take a look at one of the most beautifully simple, delicious and refreshing of them all.... The Daiquiri.

I know when many of you hear that name you immediately conjure up images of a fluorescent colored slushy in a fishbowl sized glass, surrounded by 4 coeds sucking on straws with whipped cream all over their lips... Okay, that's not a bad visual. But the reality is this is one of the most elegant and romanticized cocktails in history. Created at the end of the 1800's, this classic was born in the tropics that inspired it by an American residing in Cuba named Jennings Cox. Thankfully he named his creation after the sleepy little fishing village he lived in, Daiquiri, and not after himself (how awkward would it be to answer the bartender's query "what would you like?" with "Cox"?). Rum was as plentiful then as it is now in Cuba and through experimentation this visionary saw that the addition of lime and sugar made it good.



Classic Daiquiri

The classic recipe is nothing more than:

- 2 ounces quality white rum
- 1 ounce fresh squeezed lime juice
- ¹/₂ oz. Simple Syrup

(To make simple Syrup... combine 50% water and 50% sugar in a saucepan and heating until sugar dissolves. Make in whatever quantity you'd like and store in your fridge)

> Shake all ingredients over ice until the shaker tin is really cold and strain into a chilled cocktail glass (preferably a sugar-rimmed coupe or martini glass). Garnish it with a lime wheel.

That's it. You can adjust the sweetness and/or tartness by playing with the sugar and/or lime juice amounts but basically you are ready to sip your way to a remote beach in a tropical paradise.

The Hemmingway Daiquiri

Now, if you're man enough, you can zest it up a bit and make yourself a Hemmingway Daiquiri. Yes, when he wasn't wrestling bears or giant fish, the legend himself passed many a sun drenched afternoon sitting in the open air bar of the Floridita Hotel in Cuba enjoying his favorite libation created and named for him known then as a "Papa Doble." He once perfectly quipped "I drink to make other people more interesting." One can only wonder how many of his immortal tales he penned under the glow of this beverage:

- 2 oz. quality white rum
- ¾ oz. fresh squeezed lime juice
 .5 oz. grapefruit juice (fresh squeezed if you can, if not use a good one... not those little
- cans) • .5 oz. Luxardo Maraschino Liqueur
- (available at your finer liquor stores)
- Prepare just as the original but garnish with a 1/4 slice of grapefruit

The addition of the maraschino liqueur and the grapefruit juice give this classic a blended fruit burst and mouth feel that will have your guests wondering why they have never had a daiquiri so amazing and begging you for the secret. Whether or not you share the recipe and its origin is obviously your decision. But you can rest assured that you have started to build a cocktail arsenal that will impress even your most discerning audience.

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KASEY DAVIDSON

Model - Kasey Davidson Location - Chicago, IL, USA Age - 28 years old 5′10″ / 125 lbs Bust: 34B / Waist: 26 / Hips: 36

Photography - Oblique Foto obliquefoto.com





















Veronika Fasterova

Model - Veronika Fasterova Location - Prague, Czech Republic Age - 26 years old 5'7" / 106 lbs Bust: 33B / Waist: 24 / Hips: 34 modelmayhem.com/3119294 instagram.com/veronikafasterova

Photography - Jacques Rouhier mucha-studio.book.fr













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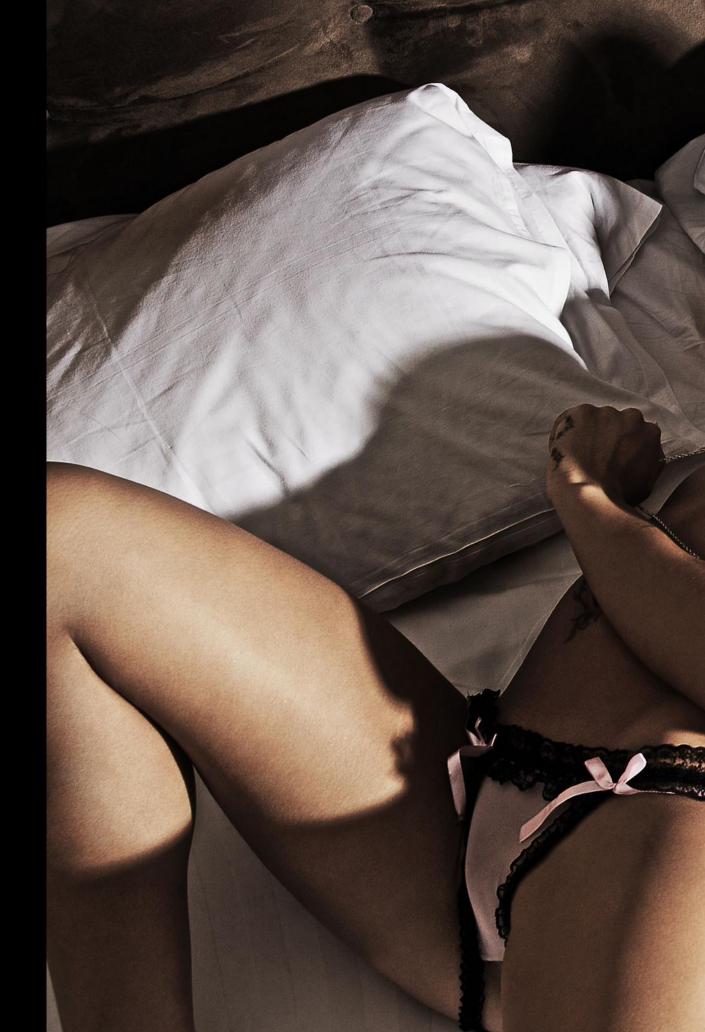
Rachel Connolly Model - Rachel Connolly

Model - Rachel Connolly Location - Flintshire, UK twitter.com/ConnollyRach

Photography - Benjamin Lycett benjaminlycett.com









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Innocent Magazine | Business Profile

Innocent Magazine sits down with former glamour model Francesca Osorio turned fashion designer and owner of Francesca Bella Lingerie to learn more about her transition from model into the business world.

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How did your experience with modeling help you transition to your current role as business owner?

My experience modeling definitely assisted me with my transition to business owner for my lingerie company in a few ways. Being a freelance model I was in charge of finding my own work, which meant I needed to be proactive when it came to networking and opportunities. My entrepreneurial spirit definitely aided me in helping my modeling career to be successful. Through my hard work and passion, I was able to select my jobs, set my schedule, and know that I was going to get back what I put into it. The same applies for my lingerie business now. I always enjoyed working for myself and I have always felt it was my calling, so it was important to me when I ventured on my own to start my business that I utilized the self-discipline and lessons that I learned behind the scenes during my modeling career.

What was your favorite experience while modeling?

My favorite experience while modeling were people that I met along the way. Often there were exclusive parties that brought together so many different people from all over the world. I really loved meeting people from different walks of life and learning their story. Never a dull moment in that industry haha! And of course these meetings were typically in beautiful settings so the combination led to a lot of savored memories. What do you think about being the face of your company? I think being the face of my company was a good move. Initially I wasn't sure how it would be received, but since it was from my heart and I stood behind my dream, I found it was important for women to see me. There are a few different reasons for this, one being that I think it's great when businesses are started by women and it seems more and more are these days. So I hoped it would act as a sort of inspiration for some, but also add a sense of personality. Second, I wanted people to know that it was just me sharing my vision with women. I believe in it so here I am wearing it.

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What do you personally love about lingerie?

What do I personally love about lingerie? I love that lingerie brings out a side of us that is within, but often hidden from the world. We see a beautiful panty, and from there we create a story using our sensual side as the lead. That in itself is exciting, refreshing.

How long have you been in business? We opened our lingerie business in 2011.

Where is your company based?

Our company is based in the United States out of Seattle, Wa.



What products/services does your company produce and/ or offer?

FBL provides women with exclusive lingerie designs and a quality product at an affordable price.

Tell us a little bit about your company's history.

Since launching in 2011 we have gained some in store presence on the west coast as well as participated in two fashion shows to gain some recognition being a new business. We are always evolving and love hearing from our customers and what they would like to see.

What differentiates your products/services from your competitors?

What distinguishes our company from our competitors is our desire to move away from commercialized, overpriced, and mass produced lingerie that is manufactured in Asia. Our goal is to integrate quality, appeal, authenticity, and affordability into all of our products. FBL is dedicated to preserve this core value and it is important to us that the lingerie pieces we offer encompass these principles.

What new/different products/services might you offer in the future?

From when we first launched until now we have moved towards offering additional sexy lounge wear. This means lingerie style pieces that are casual enough to watch a movie or cook in, but still have that sexy edge. These are fun and versatile additions to our current collection.

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What do your customers like best about your products/services?

Our customers appreciate the small things. Great customer service, hassle free returns, and of course the pink satin bag that accompanies each order receives many positive comments.

How do you stand behind your product/service? Guarantee? Return/Refund Policy?

We want all of our customers to be happy with their purchase so we honor a return within 14 days of receipt of the product.

How can our readers find out more

nformation about your products/services? Readers can find out more about what FBL is up to on our facebook page. Here they can see our latest designs and receive special offers. Facebook.com/francescabella.co

How can our readers purchase your products/services?

Readers can purchase our lingerie on our website: francescabellalingerie.com and our online store lingeriebyfbl.com



Andrea Vangel

Model - Andrea Vangel Location - Southern Hungary Age - 22 years old 5'1" / 100 lbs Bust: 32 / Waist: 24 / Hips: 32

Hobbies:

Spend a lot of time outdoors, riding horses, working out every morning 2 hours in the gym, modeling, travel and getting to know new people

Favorite Music: Snoop Dogg, Notorious B.I.G., Rihanna, Pharrell Williams

> Photography - Ruzdi Ekenheim ruzdiekenheim.500px.com modelmayhem.com/2757372 twitter.com/ruek66







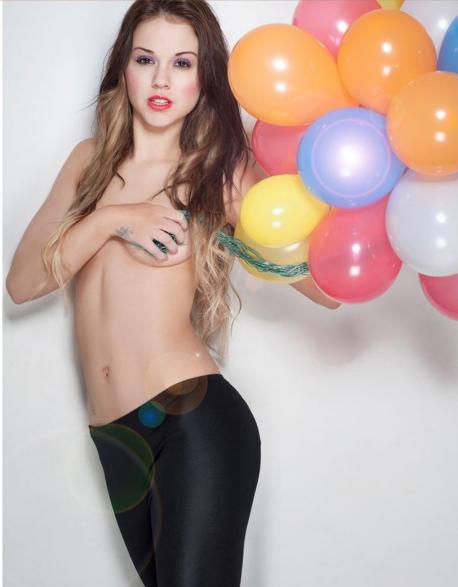


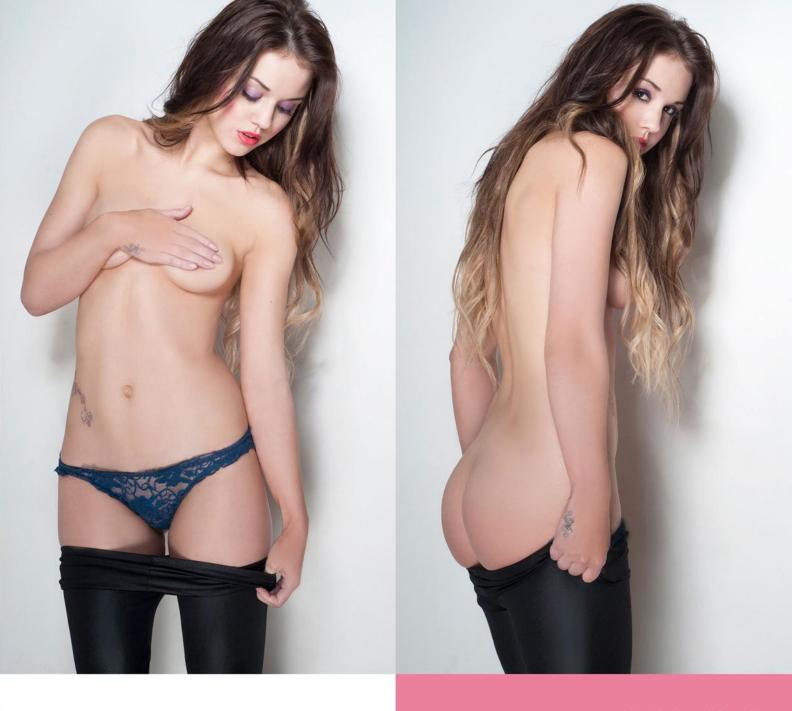






Hannah Powell





Model - Hannah Powell Location - Gloucester, Gloucestershire, UK Age - 20 years old twitter.com/ModelAnnabelle facebook.com/hannah.powell.505

Photography - Tom Pritchard-Gordon twitter.com/tompgphotoman purpleport.com/portfolio/tgphotograph

FEATURED MODEL Katie Marie

Model - Katie Marie Location - Eugene, Oregon, USA Age - 25 years old 5′2″ / 98 lbs Bust: 32D / Waist: 22 / Hips: 33 instagram.com/miss_katie2407 facebook.com/modelkatiemarie

Photography - Paris Photography parisphotography.com twitter.com/parisphoto instagram.com/donconrad modelmayhem.com/240

On a scale of 1 to 10 how innocent are you?

(1 being not Innocent at all and 10 being very Innocent) I would say I'm an 8...I believe in meaningful relationships so I don't sleep around..but when I'm involved I am very adventurous.

What is your occupation? Makeup Artist

Where did you attend college?

U of O. I was pre-dental for 2 years and hated it so I attended beauty school and got my license in aesthetics, then attended a school in LA specifically for makeup.

Where did you grow up?

inside as a kid.

What's your best memory of having grown up there? I grew up in Eugene, OR. Best memories are all outdoor related. That's the great thing about growing up in Oregon, so many outdoor activities I hardly ever spent any time

What are some of your interests or hobbies?

Anything spontaneous, adventurous and fun. I love hiking, biking, surfing, mini golf, traveling -really anywhere. I would rather read than watch TV or movies any day! But most of all I have a need for speed...I love racing!

What is your biggest regret in life?

I don't have any, because every single thing that has happened to me has made me who I am today and I am very proud and happy of the person I have become.

If you could spend a week anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Bora Bora, it's my dream vacation!

What's the best job you've ever had?

Being a makeup artist because it is something I am so passionate about. I feel alive and at home when I am creating my art.

What's the worst job you've ever had?

Retail...most of my clothes are on hangers because I have folded one to many articles of clothing

If you could have any job in the world what would it be?

Makeup artist, I love making people feel good about themselves...plus I love art and when I get the opportunity to step into something more creative it allows that part of me to take over and flow freely

What is your favorite color?

Red, green, pink, blue....I like them all!

Do you have any phobias? Spiders...eek!





Who is your favorite Disney princess?

Cinderella, I love how she is the one who ends up winning over the prince and has a happy ending even after having a hard life of being pushed down and taken advantage of. Moral is strong desire translates dreams into reality.

What other models do you look up to, stalk or are secretly in love with?

I have a massive crush on model, Jessa Hinton (have for a long time). She is the total package, amazingly beautiful, sexy, intelligent, funny and a great business woman. Basically she's everything I want to be <3

Do you kiss on a first date?

I don't like rules for dating, so I say if it feels right then do it... but if not, then don't

Describe your ideal date....

Where would you go? What would you do? My ideal date would consist of anything fun/adventurous/ exciting followed by dinner and great conversation

What do you look for in an ideal boyfriend or partner?

Someone who is confident, intelligent, funny, outgoing, caring, adventurous, but most of all I want to be around someone who I have a great connection with. Nothing compares to in depth conversations about life and spirituality.

Who is your celebrity crush?

Drake. My friends know I would drop anything to go on a date with him. He's sexy, confident, intelligent, funny/goofy and has a different energy than most celebrities

Do ever go out in public without a bra? Absolutely

What do you get complimented on the most? My eyes

What are your favorite features and body parts? My booty! I don't do much to maintain it, so I'm pretty blessed

What would you change about your body if you could? My legs- I would give anything to be taller and have legs for days!

What surprises people about you, after they get to know you?

Actually most everything...I'm very independent, free spirited, open minded, spiritual and funny/goofy. The most important thing to me is to continually growing and learning as a person and expanding my perceptions

What is the craziest place you've had sex? In an elevator

What is something that never fails to turn you on? My boobs are my soft spot-that always gets me going!

Check out innocentmagazine.com for more exclusive photos and videos of Katie Marie!















The Big Fasy

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La Nouvelle-Orléans (New Orleans) was founded May 7, 1718, by the French Mississippi Company, under the direction of Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville, and was named for Philippe d'Orléans, Duke of Orléans, who was Regent of France at the time. Today this most populated city in Louisiana is recognized as one of America's top tourist destinations and is well known for "wild weekends", stylish boutique hotels, cocktail hours, singles/bar scenes, live music/concerts and bands, antique and vintage shops, cafés/coffee bars, neighborhood restaurants, and people watching. After having visited the city known to many as The Big Easy on many occasions, we at Innocent Magazine thought you might appreciate some of our personal insight into this fascinating and alluring city, as we share with you some of our favorite places to dine, drink, visit and photograph.

> It's almost unimaginable to consider a visit to New Orleans without planning to indulge in the very unique flavors of this city. Heavily influenced by French and Spanish settlers as well as African slaves during colonial times, the cuisine of this region is unlike any other you'll ever encounter. Although many divide the styles of cuisine in the city as either Cajun (more European influenced) or Creole (more African Influenced), we consider it all delicious. As you embark on your culinary journey through New Orleans, you'll quickly realize there are two ways to explore: The high-end gourmet restaurants that have achieved world acclaim or the local street food that has a devoted following of its own.

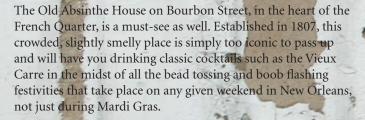
> If money is no object, then prepare yourselves for some very indulgent meals at some of the city's most famous and rightfully lauded establishments. Antoine's, which was founded in 1840, has been visited by Presidents, dignitaries and countless celebrities over the years and invented the famous dish, Oysters Rockefeller (oysters baked on the half shell with the original Rockefeller sauce created by Antoine's in 1889), named after the richest man in America at the time. Although the famous dish is still served, Antoine's will delight your senses with many other classic French-influenced offerings such as Escargots a la Bordelaise (snails basted and baked in a red wine and garlic sauce, crowned with a mixture of cheeses and French bread crumbs), and shrimp remoulade. We also recommend you try the Potage Alligator au Sherry (a well-seasoned sherry winelaced, alligator bisque) that you're unlikely find anywhere but this tiny part of the world.

Another fine establishment we would recommend you try is the less historic, but equally famous Emeril's, the flagship restaurant of celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse. Dining at Emeril's will show you how the city's cuisine has evolved over time and will allow you to sample more modern dishes that still demonstrate the essence of Creole and Cajun flavors. We recommend the Whole Truffle Fried Chicken & Waffles for Two, if you feel like indulging in true southern decadence. For dessert, don't miss the Upside-Down Whiskey Pecan Cake with Butterscotch Sauce and Sweet Potato Ice Cream. This dessert will harden your arteries on the spot, but it's completely worth it!

For a more rustic experience of classic New Orleans street food, you must at the very least have beignets for breakfast, order a bucket of crawfish, and eat a Po-boy sandwich during your visit. For beignets, there is no substitute - go to the famous Café du Monde at the French Market, stand in line, wait for a table, and once seated ask for a large order of these little pillows of fried dough completely covered by a mountain of powdered sugar. Yes they are unhealthy.... so what.... do it anyway! Wash them down with a large cup of their famous chicory Café au Lait. You can thank us later. For crawfish, we've always found that the Acme Oyster House in the French Quarter to conveniently have them fresh and on hand while also serving up a pretty good cup of Gumbo and Red Beans and Rice. Acme is actually not a bad place if you're looking to sample several classic New Orleans dishes at the same time. For Po-boys (a very famous local sandwich often featuring fried shrimp, oysters, or crawfish) believe us when we say that we have searched high and low for the very best and we are about to recommend an unconventional place to enjoy one. We are almost certain that

no one else would share this unlikely gem with you. Proceed with caution (because it is located away from the tourist areas and area might be considered unsavory by some) to 1700 Rampart Street inside the Rampart Street Food Store, and proceed to the back where an Asian man (that's right, Asian) will make you the freshest, most seafood-packed Po-boy on the softest sandwich roll imaginable. When you bite down into this sandwich, you will thank yourself for having purchased this magazine, and having taken the time to pause from browsing the images of beautiful women and taken the time to read this article. Yes, it's that good. You're welcome.

Now that we've told you where to fill up your bellies, we turn our attention to another favorite pastime in New Orleans, drinking. The Sazerac, sometimes referred to as the oldest known American cocktail, has its origins in pre-Civil War New Orleans. It's a combination of rye whiskey, Herbsaint, and Peychaud's Bitters. A real puts-hair-on-your-chest concoction that is for advanced drinkers only. Although you can order a Sazerac in any respectable New Orleans bar, we have found (through diligent research and at the cost of our own livers) the bar that serves our favorite, the Carousel Bar. Carousel Piano Bar & Lounge is the only revolving bar in New Orleans. The bar is inside of the Hotel Monteleone and overlooks Royal Street in the French Quarter. Installed in 1949, the 25-seat circular bar turns on 2,000 large steel rollers, powered by a 1/4-horsepower motor. The bar rotates at a rate of one revolution every 15 minutes. In addition to the rotating bar, an adjoining room includes booths and tables with live entertainment offered nightly. But most importantly, the experienced bartenders produce the most delicious Sazerac we've ever encountered, and the one by which we judge all others.



Pat O'Brien's is another tourist favorite, famous for inventing the "Hurricane". This place will have you drinking this tart and fruity gin, rum, and vodka cocktail in its famous courtyard, listening to live music until your knees get wobbly and you drop your souvenir glass on your way back to your hotel. Always, packed, if you want to drink at Pat O'Brien's get there early or be prepared to wait to get in on weekend nights.

If a more upscale drinking venue is what you're after then there's no better choice than Cure, located in Uptown. The master mixologists working there will serve you some top quality hand crafted gems such as one of their specialty drinks, the Cosmetic Damage, which is an effervescent sour with strawberry, cucumber & caraway and Amaro Abano, Aquavit & Champagne contributing to this complex crowd-pleaser. Cure offers classy, comfortable ambiance and no threat of drunken urination, as you might experience in the French Quarter. New Orleans is also a very picturesque city, with authentic cobblestone streets and historic buildings in every direction. Photo opportunities for amateur and professional photographers abound in this colorful town. Some of the most unique locations you can photograph in New Orleans are the above-ground cemeteries. The city actually sits below sea level, which led to the devastating flooding that occurred after hurricane Katrina due to the failure of some of the city's protective levees. The cemeteries, therefore, have been built above ground and offer some strange and wonderful, if not creepy, landscapes and backgrounds to capture. The mighty Mississippi River also passes next to the city where you'll find colorful paddle wheel boats passing by and offering short cruises on the river. If you like a more post-apocalyptic look to your images, then just travel a few minutes away from the downtown areas and you'll soon run into areas that virtually destroyed ghost towns that are the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. You may be shocked how freshly damaged these areas still seem. Just a warning, however, if you're planning a shoot in the area: Although these areas seem barren and deserted, the police still regularly



patrol the area and may inquire as to what you're doing there. Also within a short drive of New Orleans are several historic plantations that offer beautiful colonial homes and vast gardens and grounds that are perfect for lifestyle, fashion, landscape, or artistic photos. One of the most picturesque is Oak Alley Plantation with its long rows of enormous oak trees leading to the front of the mansion than have been featured in several films such as Interview with a Vampire. The French Market also offers some unique sightseeing and photo ops. You'll find everything there from Voodoo dolls, to preserved Alligator heads, to hand carved African art in this eclectic open air market.

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Overall, it's very difficult to describe everything to see, do, taste and enjoy while visiting this colorful and vibrant city. And we didn't even discuss the full-sized Vegas-style casino, Harrah's, located near the French Quarter, as well as the multiple strip clubs, antique shops, art galleries, music venues and historical sites to visit. Suffice it to say, that New Orleans offers more and more to see each time you visit and should be on everyone's bucket list. We urge you to go and see for yourself, you won't be disappointed!



Nikki Cole

Model - Nikki Cole Location - Pennsylvania, USA Age - 25 years old Bust: 32DD / Waist: 28 / Hips: 34 twitter.com/nikkicole815 instagram.com/nikkiicolee8 facebook.com/nikkiicolee8

Photography - Sleeper Photography zzzphotos.com

On a scale of 1 to 10 how innocent are you? (1 being not Innocent at all and 10 being very Innocent) I am right in the middle, depending on the day, a solid 5

How would you like to be remembered? I would like to be remembered as the person who never let an obstacle get in the way of her dreams

What are some of your interests or hobbies? I love to snowboard and go hiking, and I love spending time with my dog!

What is you biggest regret in life? I don't ever regret anything, I believe it makes you into who you are

What is your favorite color? Pink, I am a girly-girl!

What are your top 5 favorite movies? Clueless, The Little Mermaid, Blow, Forrest Gump, and Finding Nemo

How did you get started with modeling?

I worked at Hooters for many years and after hearing over and over that I should model I finally gave in



What other models do you look up to, stalk or are secretly in love with? Khloe Terae, Abigail Ratchford, and Candice Swanepoel

Do you kiss on a first date? If I don't, you can guarantee there won't be a second

Describe your ideal date... Where would you go? What would you do? Something simple and laid back, I really like to get to know someone on a first date

What do you look for in an ideal boyfriend or partner? Someone who is strong, compassionate, and a good listener

Who is your celebrity crush? George Clooney!

Your Measurements? 32DD-28-34

What do you wear when you want to get attention? A little black dress and heels

What do you get complimented on the most? My hair and my eyes

What are your favorite features and body parts? My eyes, I love my eyes

What would you change about your body if you could? Nothing, I love my body the way it is

What kind of personality do you have? How would your friends describe you?

I am a huge goof ball, I make everything funny, but I also have a huge heart.

What surprises people about you, after they get to know you?

How nice I am. For some reason a lot of people expect me to be mean.

Does size matter? What is your personal preference? Any girl who tells you it doesn't is a liar! However, there is such a thing as "too big". I prefer something in the middle.

Do you like oral sex? Giving or Receiving? I prefer to give...









RACHELLE SUMMERS

Model - Rachelle Summers Location - Blyth, Northumberland, UK Age - 21 years old 5′0″ / 91 lbs Bust: 30C / Waist: 23 / Hips: 28 rachellesummers.com twitter.com/TweetRSummers

> Photography - Darryl J Dennis purpleport.com/portfolio/djd twitter.com/StainiakIsDead











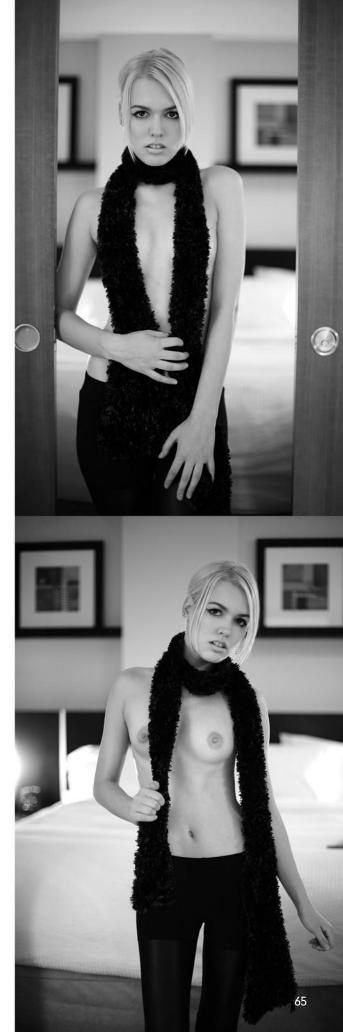




Elana Wrobel

Model - Elana Wrobel Location - Montreal, Quebec, Canada Age - 22 years old 5'6" / 100 lbs Bust: 33B / Waist: 26 / Hips: 36 modelmayhem.com/1715145 facebook.com/elana.wrobel

> Photography - MS-Photo ms-photo.com modelmayhem.com/5812





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Noelle Arora



Model - Noelle Arora Location - Albuquerque, NM, USA Age - 20 years old 5'5" / 100 lbs Bust: 34B / Waist: 24 / Hips: 34 facebook.com/NoelleArora modelmayhem.com/2498504

Photography - DreamSpirit Portraits modelmayhem.com/1585954



















Model - Siobhan Goodwin Location - Bolton, Greater Manchester, England Age - 22 years old 5'4" / 112 lbs Bust: 30B / Waist: 23 / Hips: 32 modelmayhem.com/1379179

Photography - Martin Newton martinnewtonphotography.com









Model - Ali Royale Location - Los Angeles, California, USA Age - 25 years old 5'2" / 97 lbs Bust: 32A / Waist: 24 / Hips: 33 twitter.com/AliRoyale modelmayhem.com/1426357

> Photography - Orlando Perez orlandoperez.com modelmayhem.com/245

Ali Royale



Stephanie Jacobson

Model - Stephanie Jacobson Location - Janesville, Wisconsin, USA Age - 24 years old 5'10" / 117 lbs Bust: 32 / Waist: 27 / Hips: 33 modelmayhem.com/3280898

Photography - Rich Garwell flickr.com/photos/richgphotography modelmayhem.com/1191327

FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHER Ruzdi Ekenheim

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Photography - Ruzdi Ekenheim ruzdiekenheim.500px.com modelmayhem.com/2757372 twitter.com/ruek66

How long have you been a photographer? How long have you worked with models?

I have been a photographer for some years now, but it's just in recent years that I started to work with models even though I have admired them for a lifetime....

What do you enjoy most about being a photographer?

The best thing about being a photographer is the freedom to create the image you see when watching a model or a landscape view, being the creator of an image or a dream!

At what point did you realize that you wanted to pursue photography as more than a hobby?

Having the dream of being able to be more then just a hobby photographer I think is something we all have in our minds from the day we realize that we are good at what we do as well as being fed up with the day-to-day of a an "normal" life!

What kind of personality do you have? How would your friends describe you?

I'm an adventurer, I've been running corporate business, I've been a soldier, I've been an athlete....I try to live my life to the fullest since this is the only life I have. My friends would probably describe me as a man that doesn't need a road map, I create my own road!

What are some of your other interests or hobbies?

Besides photography my interest is race car driving, fly fishing and exploring the world...

What surprises people about you, after they get to know you?

People don't get to know me....

Tell us about your first muse. How did she inspire you?

Oh! There is not one muse, there are several! In all kinds of colors and shapes, some tall, some short, some blonde, some dark, some red....the common thing they all have is their feminine being.....

If you could photograph any model (living or dead), who would it be? Why?

The one around the next corner would be my choice....

Tell us about your most memorable photo shoot.

Haha! Sorry to disappoint you....but the most memorable photo shoot was actually when I were taking pictures of the Serb-Bosnian General Ratko Mladic (war criminal), unfortunately those pics later got destroyed in a fire-fight with the same forces at a later stage in Bosnia

Besides your camera body, what piece of equipment that you own do you find indispensable?

The Canon 50 mm f/1.4, such versatile piece of lens! Covers everything from models to landscapes.



What photographers do you find inspirational?

I really can't say, I have a number of photographers who's work I like and find inspiration in, one awesome photographer is the British Tim Wallance, but his speciality is cars!

What qualities do you look for in a model?

The most important qualities in a model is her attitude, if she is humble enough to understand that each frame is a team effort then we can do magic, me, her, mua, assistants and re-touch. If she as awesome looks but a bad attitude, I'd rather just walk away.

What styles of photography do you find most personally rewarding?

The Glamour nude style is the most rewarding style for me personally, it just uncovers enough to get your mind going and it doesn't take it to the "open-legs/pink" extreme. By the Glamour nude style the entire picture is in focus, which might easily be lost if you take it to far.

Tell us something funny that has happened during one of your shoots.

It's always fun at the shoots, at least that is my aim. If it's boring then the shots will be boring.

What advice can you offer to novice or aspiring photographers?

The most important advice I could give to a new photographer is to learn your equipment. Learn what DOF is, shutter speed, ISO and the correlation between them all. I have seen a lot of beginners that has bought the most expensive stuff they can find, but they have no idea how the stuff works. A simple Canon 1000D is better then a 1DX if you know how to handle it. The 2nd most important thing would probably be to learn some of the "rules" of photography, you don't have to follow them, but I think that you should know the basics of composition at least until you develop your own style.











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