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FANCY FOOTWORK

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS TWO KINGS OF COLOR? SPRING POLISHES WITH SANDALS TO MATCH.

The most important thing to a shoe designer, one can imagine, is the pair of feet that are going to be nestled becomingly in his or her shoes. Said feet of dreams would be smooth and soft, expertly pedicured, hopefully with toes polished to a gleaming, Chinese lacquer–like shine. So it makes very good sense that Pierre Hardy would team up with fellow Frenchman François Nars to create six sets of nail colors—one shade for your toes, the other for your fingers if you wish—coordinated to go with a selection of his chicest spring shoes.

SCROLL

FRENCH TWIST NARS PIERRE HARDY VENOMOUS POLISH WITH ITS MATE, HARDY'S ZIG ZAG SANDAL. SUNO DRESS. POLISHES, FROM TOP: SHARPLINES, SHARKS. PHOTOGRAPHED BY GREGORY HARRIS. FASHION EDITOR: SARA MOONVES.

PERFECT PAIRS NARS VERTEBRA POLISH, WORN WITH HARDY'S SANDAL OF THE SAME NAME. ESCADA DRESS. POLISHES, FROM TOP: VERTEBRA, VENOMOUS.

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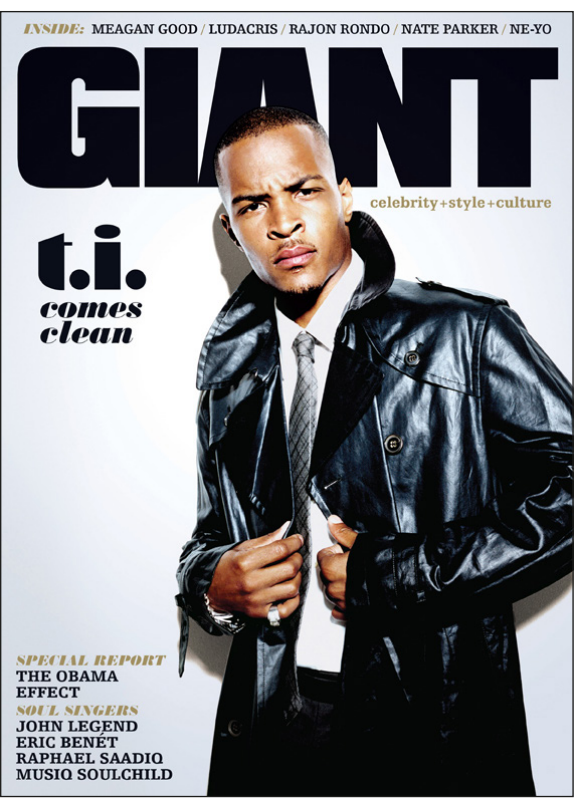
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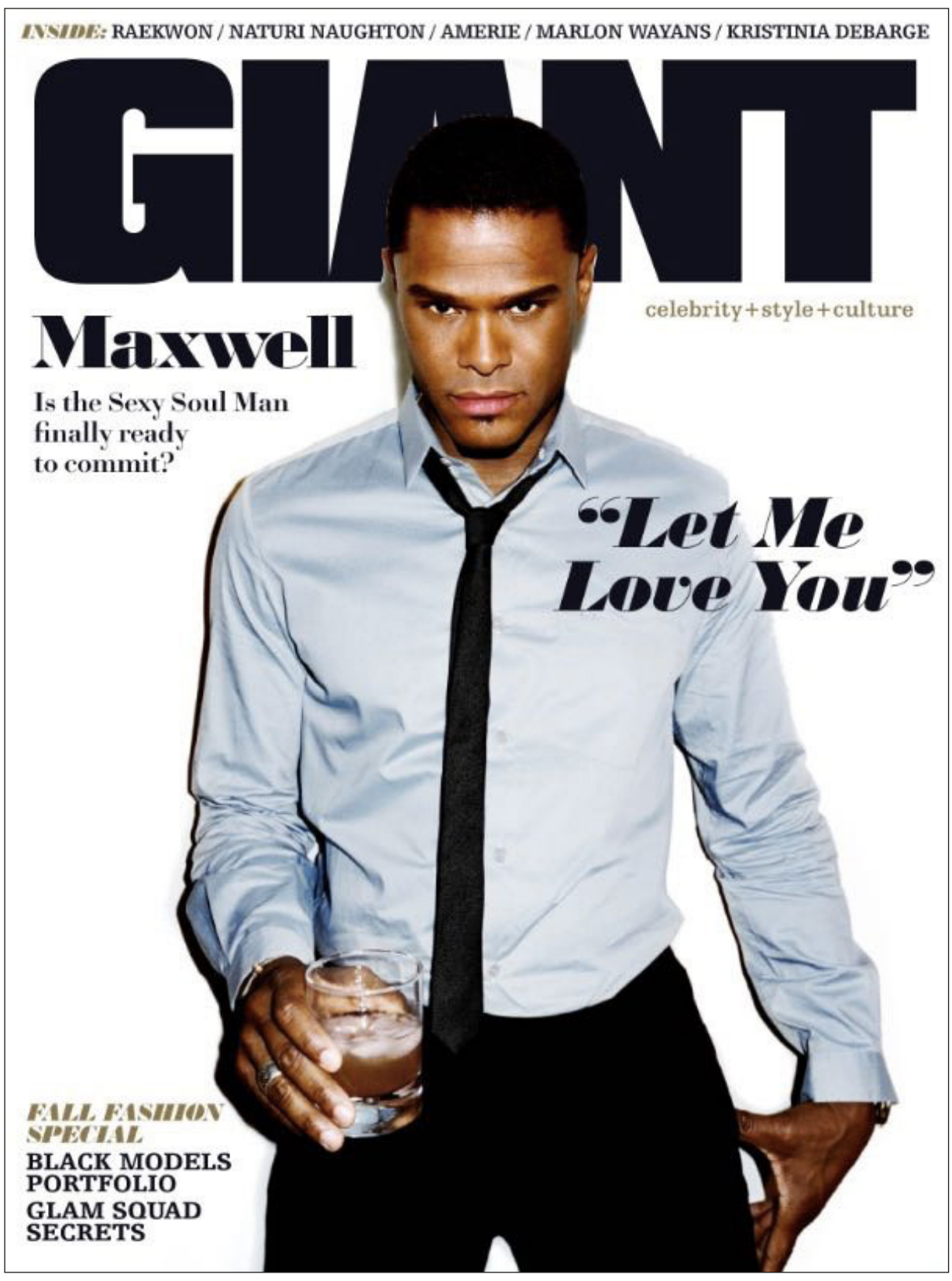
CHANGE IS IN THE AIR ARIZONA MUSE WEARS MANOLO BLAHNIK FOR VICTORIA BECKHAM FLATS AND A CHANEL DRESS. PHOTOGRAPHED BY COLIN DODGSON. FASHION EDITOR: SARA MOONVES.



A RAMBLING CALIFORNIA AFTERNOON ON THE PROWL WITH THE NEW BRAT PACK, THE INSTAGRAM ARISTOCRACY—KENDALL JENNER, ANSEL ELGORT, JUSTIN BIEBER—FEATURES AN HAUTE-CASUAL MIX OF TEXTURE AND CONTRAST. PHOTOGRAPHED BY MARIO TESTINO.


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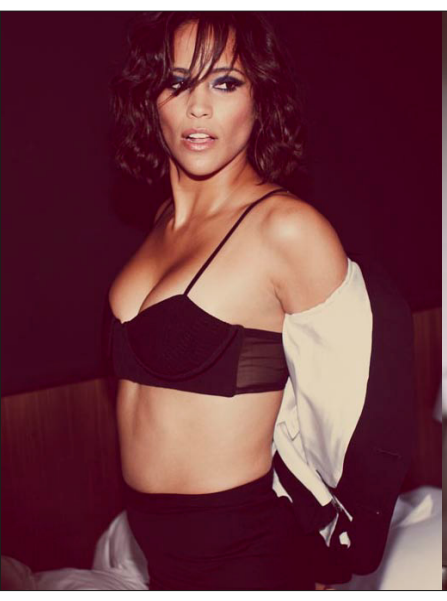
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fast & furious

From crunk & B first lady to certified pop star, **CIARA** changes lanes with her latest effort, *Fantasy Ride*. Sexy, stylish and serving high-octane video imagery, the singer revs her engine and gears up for the fast track. Gentlemen, fasten your seat belts.

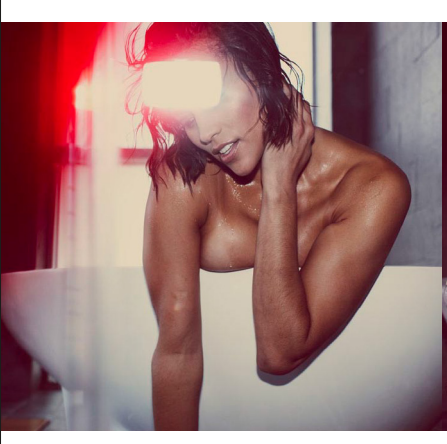
merely five years since her debut and with two platinum albums to show for it, 23-year-old Ciara is back and looking to rebrand herself as a bigger and brighter pop star with her third album, *Fantasy Ride*. With a new electro-pop sound, a sexier strut and a gang of successful songwriters, producers and guest vocalists at her disposal, the Austin, Texas–born Atlanta representative is now walking the path of pop diva and music-video star—like Janet and Madonna before her—yet the making of C's *Fantasy Ride* has been filled with twists, turns and false starts.

"The timing last year was just not right," Ciara explains about the yearlong fits and starts of *Fantasy Ride*. "So we pulled back and made sure everything was perfect for the listener." The album, conceptualized as a three-disc project,





This page: Bra: Bottega Veneta. Bracelet: Lia Sophia. Cuffs: and David Yurman. Opposite page: Shirt: Guilty Brotherhood. Bra: Dolce & Gabbana. Shorts: Nicole Miller





"PEOPLE CAN GET MY ALBUM ONLINE, BUT YOU CAN'T LEAK THE SHOW...IT'S LIKE WATCHING A PORNO VERSUS GETTING SOME REAL S**."





CARDIGAN: ALTERNATIVE EARTH. SHIRT: DKNY.

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Meet the Future GIANTs...

Ramon Rodriguez (the chameleon)

Making moves: From the blacktop to the silver screen. **Foot fetish:** Rodriguez kicked off his acting career after getting an invite to compete in a Nike basketball event by footwear aficionado Bobbito Garcia. "He was like, 'Come to this Nike competition, they're giving away free sneakers,'" Rodriguez reminisces. **Birthday suit:** After scoring second place at the competition and subsequently appearing in Nike commercials, the New York City native got into acting and scored the role as Renaldo on *The Wire*: "My first, opening scene was me naked in the bed." The 29-year-old actor recalls thinking, "What the fuck am I getting into?" **Blockbuster:** This summer, he's poised to rule the season by starring in two big-ticket films, *The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3* and *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*. "*Transformers* is a big movie. We filmed on the actual Pyramids!" he exclaims. "It was an amazing adventure."

TOP FIVE ESSENTIALS

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AMERIE

Simply stunning.

photography GLYNIS SELINA ARBAN



CELEB STYLE In the roughly two years since Amerie's last album, *Because I Love It*, the pop princess has been noticeably absent, allowing upstarts like Rihanna and Ciara to emerge and take her place in the music landscape. Nevertheless, the 29-year-old remains confident, probably because her time away found her getting stronger. She untangled herself from corporate bonds to Sony, started her own production company and completed her latest album, *In Love & War*, via Def Jam. Despite the competition, one thing is certain: Music is still Amerie's passion. And she looks damn good doing it. ZAMBIE BLAY

➨ **Ready to wear:** "I love Alexander Wang's slouchy feel, yet the lines are still so clean. It's a great balance! They're perfect pieces to mix and match with older standbys." ➨ **Rock & roll:** "I'm digging black leather these days, but it must have lots of stretch! I've also been doing lots of latex pants, which can be pretty tricky to get on at times. I don't love a look that's too hard, so to balance it out, I usually throw in something softer, like fur, feathers or maybe even chartreuse." ➨ **Easy living:** "My style philosophy is easy: equal parts art and comfort. I look at fashion as art, so it's fun to throw different things together. I love to live in clothes, so it's also about being comfortable." ➨ **Fair weather:** "When I'm hanging out with friends, going to dinner or catching a movie, I love to layer up, especially in LA, because the weather gets so cool in the evenings. Stella McCartney and Chloé are great for that." ➨ **Mixmaster:** "I'm all about mixing the high and the low. Style isn't just about name brands or fabulous designers. Those are terrific, but inexpensive brands can be just as great. Oftentimes, lower-end pieces can help take away that precious element to a look. Fashion should be fun!"

Fur Nice Collection; *Knit* By Malene Birger; *Pants* Givenchy; Necklace Amerie's own

STYLIST: KENYETTA M. SMITH; HAIR: STEPHANIE PORRAS/ARTIST BY TIMOTH PRIAMO; MAKEUP: A.J. CUMMINS

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Meet the Future GIANTs...

Kristinia DeBarge (the legacy)

Having moves: From daddy's girl to Def Jam starlet.

HAIR TODAY: Born to James DeBarge, of the famous musical family, Kristinia DeBarge never knew Daddy for 15 years. "A lot of people tell me that," she says with a smile. "I'm not super-mean all the time, but this is my career and I take it really seriously. Daddy's **dreams:** Though her father's career has had its ups and downs, as an 'ism, Kristinia always wanted to sing. The older DeBarge tested his daughter's commitment when she was 15 by taking her on 'tour with him; by age 16, she was working out producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds. "I met Babyface at my father's studio when I recorded two rap songs with him," says the songstress. "So two, my manager at the time introduced me to Babyface, and I sang Mariah Carey's 'Hero' for him and he loved it. So my self-in love with me right away, and he's been my mentor ever since." After she closed Def Jam, through Babyface's label, SoSoDef Music, she released her debut album, *Un-someone*.

Family matters: "My family's taught me a lot of wisdom, courage and strength," says DeBarge. "That's like, 'If this is something that you really want to do, you have to be prepared for the good and the bad."

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KEISHA WHITAKER

Effortlessly Elegant

BEAUTY "I've never been thrown under the fashion bus so far... knock on wood," says Keisha Whitaker, co-founder of the cosmetics line Klassible Couture. Her winning streak continues since the former model, wife of Oscar winner Forest Whitaker, TV fashionista, and marathon shopper is not some overnight label whore. In fact, her impeccable style stays laid back. —AARON MASON

ATTENTION TO DETAIL "When it's time to play grown-up, I love glamour but I'm more classically chic. Day-to-day I wear jeans and sweaters, then play around with accessories—like a funky bag, shoe, or necklace."

SHOESASMIC "If I get a new pair of shoes, I make them work with everything—with jeans and a white tee, a dress, to the grocery store..."

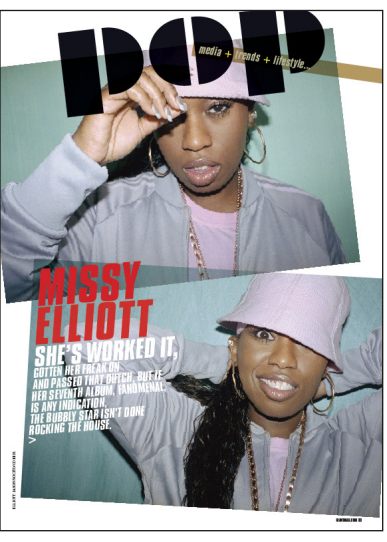
DRESS-UP "I like to put on outfits that tell a story. I love a proper skirt and a high heel."

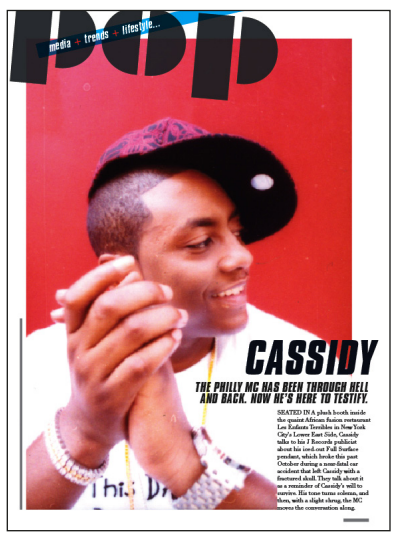
EMOTIONAL BAGGAGE "I could definitely go on a packing diet. I dress [according to] mood, so I can't be limited. I even bought a book on how to pack, but it's not working. I keep it in my closet for inspiration."

EQUAL-OPPORTUNIST "In one day, I can end up at Neiman Marcus, Big Lots, Bergdorf's, and Marshall's. I mix and match. I'll go to Forever 21 and buy a bootleg version of a sweater that I left at home."

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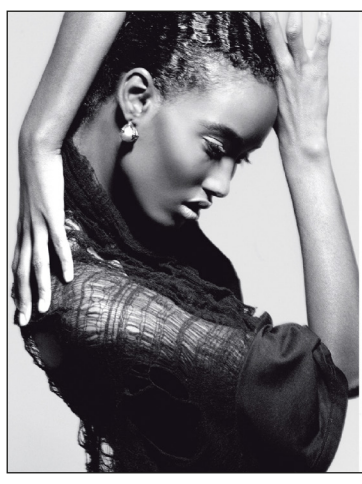
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SHE'S WORKED IT, GOTTEN HER FREAK ON AND PASSED THAT DUTCH. BUT IF HER SEVENTH ALBUM, 'SUPA MEMALI,' IS ANY INDICATION, THE BUBBLY STAR ISN'T DONE ROCKING THE HOUSE.


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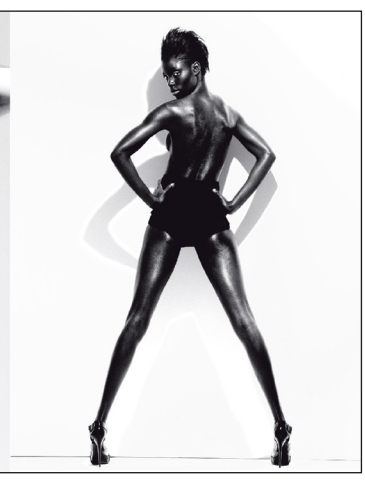

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"COMING OUT OF PRISON FELT LIKE I WAS FLOATING."
FROM SPINNING AT PRIVATE PARTIES FOR HIP-HOP'S ELITE TO PRODUCING SONGS FOR AMY WINEHOUSE, MARK RONSON HAS PLENTY OF STORIES TO TELL.
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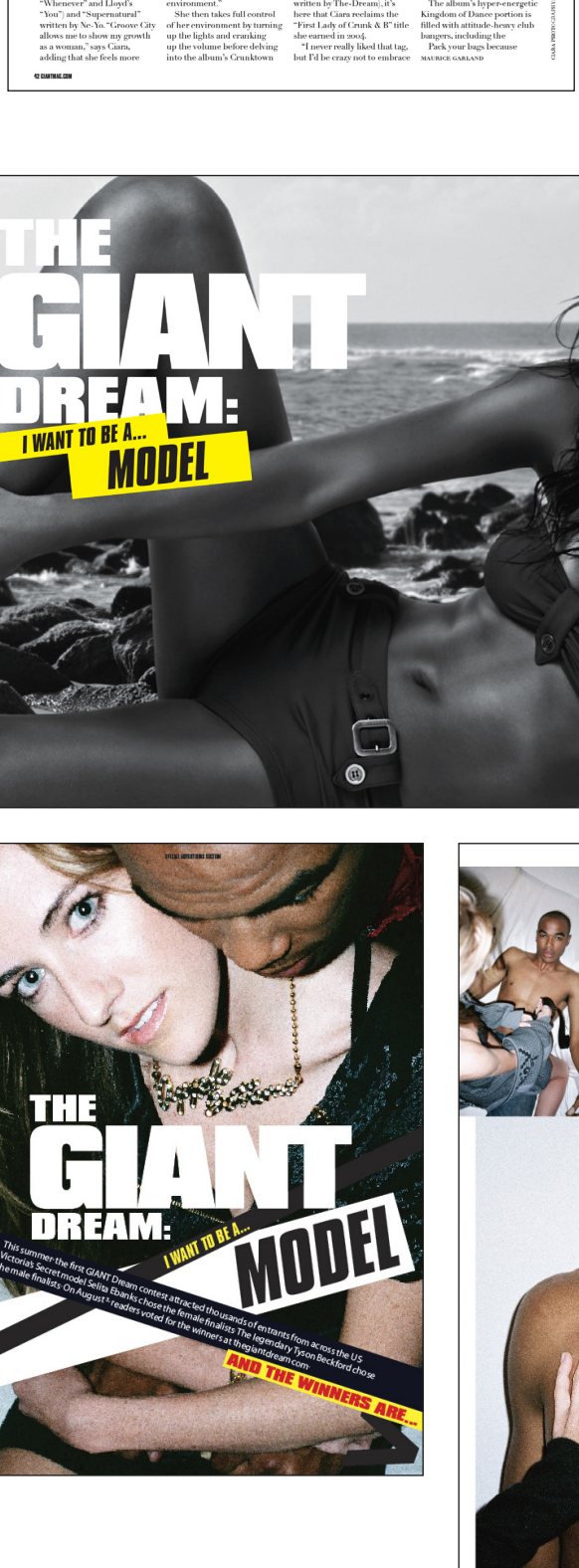







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– Celia San Miguel, features editor


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FANTASTIC VOYAGE
ON HER THIRD STUDIO ALBUM, CIARA TAKES LISTENERS ON AN UNEXPECTED MUSICAL ODYSSEY.
"I'M TAKING YOU TO CRUNKTOWN, GROOVE CITY AND KINGDOM OF DANCE."

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This summer the first GIANT Dream contest attracted thousands of entrants from across the U.S. Victoria's Secret model Selita Ebanks chose the female finalists. The legendary Tyson Beckford chose the male finalists. On August 1 readers voted for the winners at thegiantdream.com.
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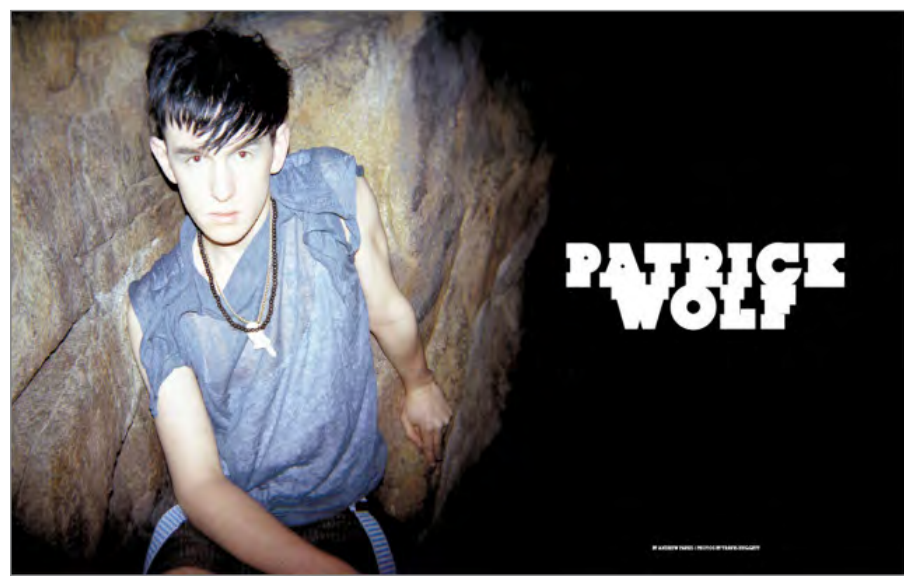

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"I was drunk. I am a werewolf. I suspect a full moon was to blame."
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• IN BLOOM •
Matthew Dear


• IN BLOOM •
Most DJs and dance producers are fully comfortable with anonymity—the isolation of a sound booth, the shadowy confines of the studio. Many make music under an alias, with chilly packaging and abstract conceptual conceits concealing the personal aspects that lie beneath the music. Which is why it may sound slightly counterintuitive for the Texas-born, Michigan-raised electronic soundscapist Matthew Dear to refer to his latest album, Asa Breed (Ghastly International), as a record full of... wait for it..."relationship tracks."


ART BRUT
Fan Club Art Brut Explains Why We're All Rock Stars In Waiting


Four days on the road with Philly's strangest (and soon to be most wanted) unsigned band.


PATRICK WOLF


"Sometimes I feel like an orchestra conductor, but sometimes I feel like an arsonist."


CHAOS THEORIES
On April 22, 2007, Patrick Wolf retired from music at the tender age of 24. Or at least that's what jump-the-gun fans believed after reading an incredibly personal message-board posting...


"It's wild oats; it's raw food; it's free-range. I bring in some coal and we make a diamond."


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From the Stacks


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