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'A Moment in Redd [named after photographer Tyren Redd]' is an introspective digital portrait series presented on our Instagram channel [<http://instagram.com/360Magazine>], which encapsulates artists who embody the true essence of our publication- empowerment, equality, sensuality and most important of all, humanity within a global society.

Hence, it was only befitting that we chose Skai Jackson to adorn the cover of this 'Heart' volume as it is a reincarnation of what to expect from our marquee as we orbit around another sphere. Our connotation of the word is to never lose faith or give up. As an independent, like a prize fighter in the ring, it's us against the world; and, the only one who has our back is ourselves. Thanks to Jackson's innate ability to stand against bullies [i.e. Azealia Banks], we have been reinvigorated to push to higher heights."

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# Gregory B. Walker II



**Gregory B. Walker II** was born and raised in Pompano Beach, Florida, a product of two hardworking and loving parents whom afforded him the opportunity to attend private school. Upon a successful completion of his high school athletics program, Lasell College in Newton, Massachusetts accepted him with open arms. While earning several honors on the collegiate basketball squad, he concurrently was recognized as the "Student Leader of the Year" while graduating on the "Dean's List." Years later, while back home in Southern Florida, he became a local high school basketball coach.

This newfound obsession took precedence over almost everything, including his health - intense working hours were followed by extreme neck pain and headaches. As time progressed, he commenced to experience fatigue, nausea and sudden weight gain. Shortly afterwards, he was diagnosed as having Chiari Malformation (a condition in which brain tissue extends into the spinal canal) alongside of a tumor on the pituitary gland. Unlike many, he overcame his surgery and has decided to devote the rest of his life to inspire individuals to push forward no matter what obstacles obstruct their path.

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# Adrian Yap

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**Adrian Yap** is the founder and festival director of the 15-year-old creative arts festival Urbanscapes (<http://urbanscapes.com.my>). Urbanscapes is one of the longest-running creative arts festivals in Malaysia. Since its inception 15 years ago, the aim of Urbanscapes has always been to bring together creative communities in the country and beyond, from the fields of music, arts, design, film and other creative disciplines.

The multifaceted entrepreneur is also the co-owner of café, community space and cozy, dive bar-esque live music venue The Bee (<http://thebee.com.my>), home to its Upfront music series and showcase that have previously hosted sell-out shows for Grimes, Hiatus Kaiyote, The Vaccines, and many more.

Prior to venturing into events and F&B, Adrian co-founded music and culture magazine KLue, Junk, and online fashion portal Tongue in Chic. While KLue and Junk have ceased publication after an applaudable run, Tongue in Chic was later acquired by PopDigital.



Actor on the rise **Thomas Barbusca** is a breakout star in the entertainment industry. Be it in film or television, Thomas has the gift of captivating audiences making him one-to-watch.

Thomas stars as Chip Pemberton, a supremely confident young teen with adult-like sensibilities on FOX's laughter packed comedy, *The Mick*, opposite Kaitlin Olson. It centers on a hard-living aunt that's forced to take care of her wealthy sister's spoiled kids after their mom flees the country to avoid criminal charges.

Concurrently, he recurs as Finn in Netflix's *One Day at a Time*, a reimagining of the classic sitcom of the same name, co-created by Norman Lear.

# Thomas Barbusca

Previously, Thomas starred as Leo, the scheming best friend and partner in crime of Rafe, in the CBS Film *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*. The comedy is based on prolific author James Patterson's #1 *NY Times* bestselling book series.

On the small screen, the multifaceted actor has worked with a number of the industry's biggest stars in a variety of challenging roles. Some recognizable roles include *American Horror Story*, *Grey's Anatomy*, AMC's *Preacher* and *Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp*.

In between his projects, Thomas found time to take flight as Peter Pan in the memorable Geico commercial, as well as dealing with Amy Schumer's crazy antics in Old Navy's back-to-school commercial campaign.

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# James Freedson-Jackson



Nurturing an impressive body of work that encompasses film and television, fifteen-year-old **James Freedson-Jackson** is one of Hollywood's most promising young talents. Inspired by Michael Jackson, at a young age James grew a passion for dancing which led him to the world-renowned Alvin Ailey School pre-professional program in New York City. There, he trained for many years in dance but also found his calling and love for acting.

James starred in the highly rated 2017 SXSW thriller, *The Strange Ones*. Written and directed by Lauren Wolkstein and Christopher Radcliffe, *The Strange Ones* tells the story of two brothers, Sam [Freedson-Jackson] and Nick [Alex Pettyfer], who make their way across a remote American landscape. On the surface it all seems normal but after a series of mysterious events, what appears to be an average vacation soon gives way to dark and complex truths. James' incredible performance did not go unnoticed as he won the *Special Jury Recognition for Breakthrough Performance*.

In 2015, he made his Sundance film debut in Jon Watts' crime thriller *Cop Car*, co-starring with Kevin Bacon. His stellar performance caught the eyes of viewers and landed him on "Ones to Watch" lists. On the small screen, James can be seen as Young Kilgrave in the Netflix Original Marvel series *Jessica Jones*. Other TV credits include NBC's *The Blacklist*.

Chosen by Grammy award winner Bruno Mars, James performed alongside the singer-songwriter in opening the 2014 *Super Bowl Halftime Show*, with his track 'Billionaire.'

In his free time, James loves to ski, bike, hike, play basketball and hangout with his twin sister, Anita.

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# Field Blends

by Nick Bricks

Assoc. Winemaker at Dutcher Crossing Winery

What are field blended wines?

Field blended wines, or field blends, are a look back into the history of Northern California's early European immigrants. Often used to make their "everyday" home wine, these vineyards were planted with anywhere from just a few to up to twenty different varietals in a single block. The finished wines produced by bonded wineries were often labeled as "mixed blacks," a much simpler name than trying to state the multitude of different varietals on the bottle. The producers found that the wines resulting from the interplanted vines were more well-rounded and complex with an integration that would have taken years to achieve through conventional methods of blending and aging.

So what makes these vineyards special now? Let me answer that in two parts.

First, the current norm for grape growing and winemaking is all about control—control of the nutrients the vines receive, the amount of water available to them, the cultured strain of yeast used to inoculate the fermentation, and the blend composition of the finished wine. In America, the industry standard is to pick and ferment each varietal and vineyard separately, and later blend those wines together to create the final product. This is a very effective and controlled approach to winemaking.

It is the departure from that control which brings excitement and challenges to field blended wines. Simply stated, you get what you get. Don't be mistaken; every step of the process is meticulously monitored, both in the vineyard and during wine production. But each vintage will change slightly since every vine is affected individually by the weather and vineyard practices, resulting in differences in production level, ripeness and flavor. The signature of the vineyard is always there, but each vintage does have its own unique characteristics which showcase the growing season displayed through the wine in your glass.

Dutcher Crossing Winery (<http://www.dutchercrossingwinery.com>) is fortunate to get to work with several of these rare field blended vineyards including our Bernier Sibary Vineyard and the Maple Vineyard Bill's Block, two of our customers' favorite wines year after year.









# “Lucius Blake: Son of Fire and Clay”

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A portrait of a Black man with short, dark hair and a light beard, looking directly at the camera. He is shirtless, with visible tattoos on his shoulders. He is holding a dark grey denim jacket over his head, with the sleeves framing his face. The background is a plain, light grey.

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# Chinatown Daze

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Belt: Raisa and Vanessa  
Pants: Vintage Claude  
Montana  
Mules: Zara







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Top: stylists own  
Jacket: Adidas  
Pants: stylists own  
Shoes: JF London





Bomber Jacket: Adam Lippes  
Dress: Alexander Wang  
Socks: Stylsts own





Cardigan: Emma Mulholland  
Pants: Pari Desai





Top Vintage  
Crochet Dress: Pari Desai  
Shorts: Pari Desai  
Sneakers: JC Play by Jeffrey Campbell





Dress: Burberry





T-Shirt: Alexander Wang  
Slumber party pillow pants: Dyspnea  
Shoes: Marni



The **McLaren 570S** is the launch of the Sport Series in addition to the Super and the Ultimate Series completing the trio in the family. Previously we reviewed the McLaren 650S and 675LT from the Super Series and noted that they were the most connected car we ever drove. We now have the 570S Coupe and Spider which is the most driver-friendly McLaren of them all. What we mean by this is that while the 650S and 675LT are hard core super sports cars, the 570S is a sports car you can drive every day to and from work and even going shopping. Don't get us wrong here, the 650S and 675LT are not difficult to drive but it requires the driver to be involved a 100 percent. The P1 and P1 GTR which makes the Ultimate Series is mostly track focused and not practical for everyday use. The 570S is still a McLaren, so when the road beckons, you can dial in the S Mode and it will give you what you expect. There are 17 exterior color choices and a variety of leather, Alcantara and Nappa leather options to enjoy a truly bespoke experience.

Starting with the Superformed aluminum panels which are "shrink-wrapped" to the car, aerodynamic efficiency is maximized to control airflow over, under and to the sides of the bodywork. The dihedral doors feature an upper tendon that channels the air to the radiator, all contributing to the fixed aerodynamics package. The MonoCell II carbon fiber chassis weighs only 165lbs and helps not only in saving weight but aids in easier ingress and egress from the car by being 3" lower than in the Super Series. The 570S is 390lbs lighter than its nearest rival. Inside the cabin, it's roomier because it's wider and the visibility improved with smaller pillars and larger glass. The door opening has been increased as well as luggage space. The 7" portrait mode IRIS touch screen is used for air conditioning, audio, telephone and navigation. In the Track Mode, the touch screen can display track telemetry as well as useful data to optimize your lap times and driving techniques. Our car was equipped with the 12 speaker Bowers and Wilkins Audio System with a unique tweeter sitting like a karaoke microphone on top of the dash.





# 2017 McLaren 570S

**The Owner, Driver, User Friendly McLaren**

By Shin Takei, Automotive Editor-At-Large







The 570S is powered by a twin-turbo M838T 3.8 liter V8 that develops 562 bhp and 443 lb.ft. of torque mated to a 7-speed seamless shift (SSG) dual clutch automatic transmission. Cylinder Cut technology with Inertia Push utilizes the flywheel that allows for faster shifts and no drop in the rate of acceleration. There are three Drive Modes, Normal, Sport and Track, all selectable by a rotary switch on the center console. The Electronic Stability Control (ESC) gets a dedicated rotary switch similar to the Drive Mode selector. Combined with the new Performance Traction Control and Brake Steer system which applies the brakes to the inside rear wheel and electro-hydraulic steering, driving the car in "Dynamic" mode which allows for a little more slip, the 570S becomes an exhilarating car to drive near the limit.

Driving the 570S around town is a breeze because the overall package works well to accommodate the driver and passenger for maximum comfort in a sports car and to that effect the engineers and designers at McLaren have achieved quite an exciting balance. On our test drive around the twisties, the 570S proved once again that it is indeed a McLaren with precise steering and the adaptive dampers that even with narrower tires than the Super Series, car control was next to none and gave us a thrill now familiar with any car with the McLaren badge. Even with all this, McLaren has provided start-stop to help achieve a remarkable 26.6 mpg fuel economy.

There was a terrible accident a couple of months ago when two drivers were street racing in Woodland Hills. One of them was driving a 2015 McLaren 650S. From the photos and videos taken at the crash scene, it was a high speed crash and debris was scattered all over the place. The McLaren driver may have been racing against a Charger or Challenger when he hit an Audi. The remarkable thing here is the driver walked away although he did sustain injuries. The carbon fiber MonoCell remained intact and protected the driver. News articles say the McLaren was totaled, but in my opinion, the car is rebuildable, albeit at a steep cost. An improved MonoCell II is inside a 570S as well.

With the announcement of the new 720S, there's a lot of excitement at McLaren. But the 570S will remain the bread and butter for the group. As with the other McLaren cars, the lessons learned in Formula 1 is not wasted, making the 570S a prime player in the sports car market.

<http://www.mclaren.com>



# BETTY MOON

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high-energy hooks place her  
among modern greats  
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**- Celebrity Cafe**







## "The Moment"

Featuring: Julio Jones and The Migos

Champs Sports today launches the latest installment of its "The Moment" franchise, with Episode Three highlighting star NFL wide receiver Julio Jones of the Atlanta Falcons and Atlanta-based hip-hop trio MIGOS.

"The Moment" is a Champs Sports franchise that provides a platform for professional athletes to share inspirational stories rooted in their personal journeys to success through musical collaborations.

Following two earlier successful collaborations between elite athletes and iconic artists, the third episode spotlights Julio Jones as he lives in his "moment" standing at the top of his sport. Julio's passion to play at a young age helped him stop at nothing to make his dreams of getting into the NFL a reality. After another stellar regular season, highlighted by a fourth Pro Bowl selection, a 300-yard receiving game, and ending with a trip to the Super Bowl with the Falcons, Julio's preparation is leading him from an eager child interested in the sport to now being a perennial Pro Bowl selection.







<https://youtu.be/BHtu7gpgxDM>





Champs Sports will look to inspire its consumers by bringing to life other athletes' storytelling moments in future releases of this series.



Inspired by his past, focused on his future, and living in “the moment,” Julio leads the Champs Sports audience through his journey. The episode begins with Julio walking down the paved streets of an Atlanta-based neighborhood clad in Under Armour with the MIGOS soundtrack playing until Julio approaches a group of young kids. In this time frame, Jones begins to share his story beginning with, “As a kid... I was a dreamer” to then interacting and playing with the youth in the street. After spending time with the children and walking further down the streets of Atlanta, Julio connects with MIGOS at the iconic 11th Street Studios where MIGOS plays the title song for the star athlete.

Through artfully captured photography and video, Julio Jones shares his personal story about the importance of following your dreams coinciding with “The Moment” that captures the Atlanta-based connection and story between Julio Jones and MIGOS. These young men have continued to push the boundaries of sport and culture, allowing them to live out their dreams.



The campaign spot includes an original track by MIGOS titled “11 Birds”. In addition, there is a behind-the-scenes music video starring MIGOS and Julio Jones, featuring Under Armour product including the UA THREADBORNE SHIFT footwear available now for \$95 at Champs Sports locations nationwide. MIGOS narrates an authentic Atlanta journey to success story alongside Julio. Through the lens of Champs Sports and inspired by Under Armour, these leaders aim to inspire the youth to forge their own path, and to persevere through adversity.

“We Know Game” is a declaration of the values Champs Sports shares with its consumers: Perseverance, Achievement, Growth, Community, and Optimism. Champs Sports is committed to equipping its consumers for the win, no matter the landscape they face in life. In the process, Champs Sports will provide innovative platforms for athletes and other celebrities to share their personal stories of living these values.



# Rolls-Royce Wraith Black Badge 2017

Story by Vaughn Lowery + Benjamin Reese





Ever think about what's in a name? See the words "Rolls-Royce" and say history, opulence and royalty, but the actual question is what's really underneath all of that? Begin thinking deeper about the fellowship known as Rolls-Royce Motorcars and immediately doors that open up in ultra majestic suicide fashion come to mind. An automobile with the presence of a large ship carrying a beautifully sculpted figure on its bonnet beholding the power of all greatness in its spirit. A striking piece of artwork crafted from nothing less than the finest and most precious materials known to mankind.

All of this in mind, every time Rolls-Royce Motorcars releases a new model we recognize it's going to be a special one. The Wraith coupe was reintroduced in 2013 after being on suspension from its original first appearance back in 1938. Today, their latest of evolution of the Wraith has arrived in 2017 in the "Black Badge" edition. Still a Rolls in every sense of the word, simply think of the Black Badge as a garnished twist that leaves you with a darker and sportier essence.



Photos by Tyren Redd [<http://tyrenredd.com>]





The traditional V12 engine is up in power, bringing max output to 624 hp with 642 lb-ft of torque and is now officially their most powerful engine ever created. Zero to sixty mph comes in just 4.3 seconds, which the younger minded buyers Rolls Royce claims the Black Badge plans to attract will care about. The Black Badge is built to inspire sportiness and their 21-inch carbon alloy composite wheels, inspired from 1960's exotic Italian supercars will compliment that feature. While a steel monocoque sits underneath it's chassis, Rolls has reworked the rear end along this fast back coupe to provide it with the athleticism it suggests.

The inside is completely thrilling with a primary Mugello red interior, contrast stitching and a black starlight headliner reminiscent of the dark sky. Black Badge models come with technical fiber on the fascia, center console and armrest opposed to the wood veneer found on standard Wraiths. Nonetheless, every Rolls-Royce is made custom to order and buyers have the option of fitting any style cockpit they desire (hence part of the reason there's no two identical Rolls in the world). A driver-focused heads up display also comes standard with the Black Badge while passengers are able to enjoy a Bespoke Audio 600-watt 16 speaker audio system. Exclusive and new for the Black Badge is a unique clock resting on the center console with the "infinity" symbol placed on the front face, indicative of its limitless attitude and personality.

The grand price of ownership for the Black Badge Wraith comes in at \$416,000.105 USD as tested but in this category price is nothing but a figure. The young and the restless will daringly pay for the excitement this latest Rolls has to offer.

<https://www.rolls-roycemotorscars.com/en-GB/black-badge.html>



A man is performing a handstand on a city sidewalk. He is wearing a grey and white camouflage t-shirt with a circular logo that says "a.fatti" and a yellow bar. He is also wearing a grey beanie with "a.fatti" on it, black pants, and black sneakers. The background shows a city street with cars and buildings, including a prominent clock tower (Philadelphia City Hall).

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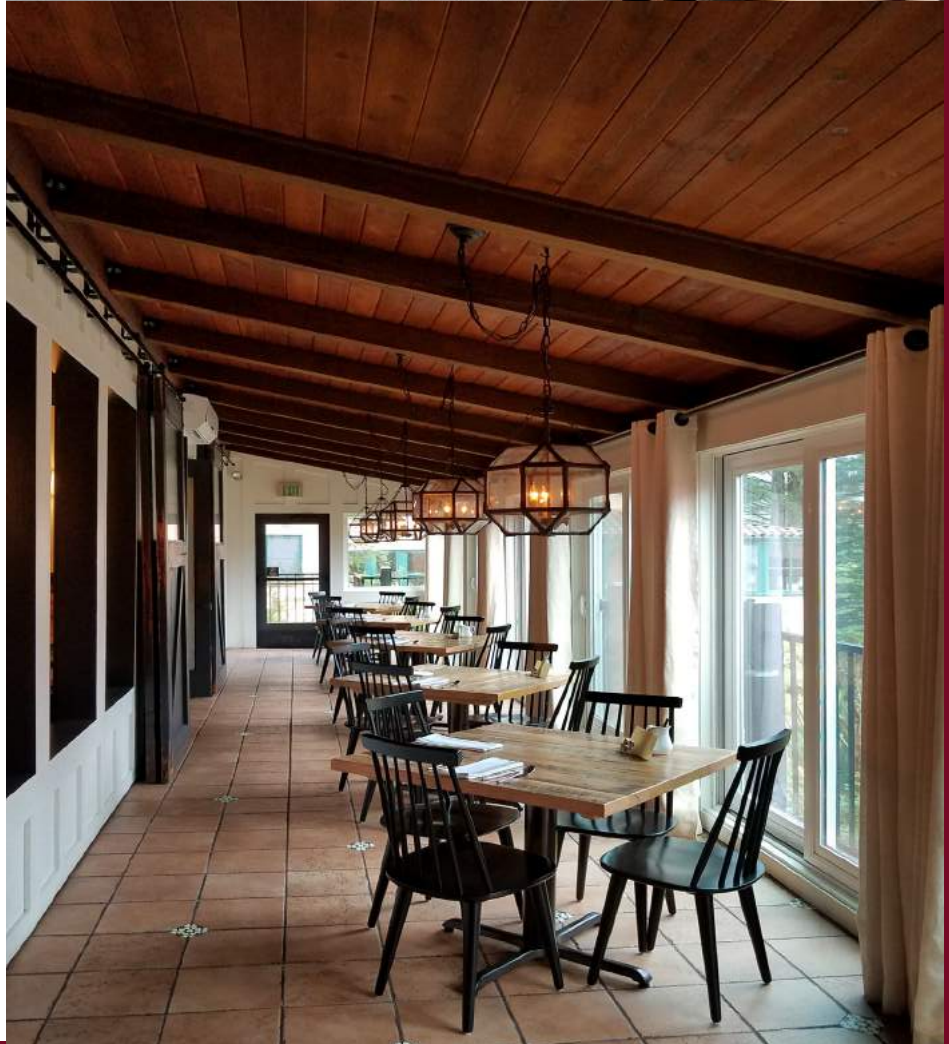


# The Applewood Inn

Story by Vaughn Lowery + Ana De Cózar

Merely an hour from the Golden Gate bridge, in the heart of Russian River Valley Pinot Noir growing region, there is the finest hideaway you could ever find for those wine lovers. 360 MAGAZINE had the pleasure to spend two memorable nights in such a secluded, peaceful resort while immersing in a wine country living. Applewood Inn was built at a carefully selected location to explore Redwood National Park, wineries and the rugged and beautiful Sonoma Coast.

The original structure (Belden Mansion) of the property was built in 1922, and became a hotel in the spring of 1985, when the original owners, Jim Caron and Darryl Notter opened the doors to the public. The restaurant opened on Thanksgiving Day in 1985, quickly garnering an international reputation for fine dining. The property has had numerous improvements over the years, with the most recent renovation being in 2016. The long-awaited restaurant Pinoli Cucina Rustica will be opening at Applewood on May 15th, 2017 under the guidance of Christian Darcoli.











This slightly off-the-beaten path inn offers 19 cozy rooms with a fireplace, comfy beds and even a mini-wine fridge to store all of your Russian River wineries or beer purchases. If you are visiting during this time of year, we suggest swimming in the heated pool/jacuzzi surrounded by a tranquil environment. Furthermore, breakfast at the Applewood Inn Restaurant was superb. Exploring the vineyards is a great deal easier after a two course mouthwatering meal accompanied by bottomless mimosas and spectacular views.

Among other attractions during your accommodation in Applewood, it is nearly mandatory to conduct a wine tasting at Dutcher Crossing Winery where you can try a wide variety of wines grown in the area. Our top selection was the 2015 Terra de Promissio Vineyard Pinot Noir and 2015 Chenoweth Vineyard Chardonnay. In addition, one of our most unforgettable moments during our journey in Sonoma County was our bike tour with Russian River Cycles (<http://www.russianrivercycles.com>) helmed by our wine expert Nick Briggs. For those explorers, there's excellent hiking/walking trails throughout Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve ([http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=450](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=450)) nearby the Russian River, where you can encounter a remarkable stump that washed ashore on Johnson's Beach in 2006 (donated to the park by then owner Clare Harris).





Applewood Inn Restaurant & Spa believes in the security of the earth's finite resources and that is why they rely on solar panels and self-sufficiency. Guests can embrace the ultimate "farm to table" experience since the bulk of their produce for the restaurant is grown onsite in the gardens, surrounded by lush vegetation. If this eco-awareness was not enough, they're also installing additional vehicle charging stations in mid-spring.

This charming hotel is the perfect combination of unpretentious, down to earth-ness mixed with the sophistication of great wine and delicious food. The most pleasant of the choices when you are looking for a romantic stay in Sonoma County or a friendly getaway.

<http://ApplewoodInn.com>





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# Upper Class Poverty



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# Shama Jade

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Shirt Worn as Dress: Zara  
Belt: J. Crew  
Earrings: Kate Spade



# Skai Jackson

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If you haven't encountered Skai Jackson on one of the two Disney Channel shows she's starred in, perhaps you noticed a little tiff go down on Twitter between her and Azealia Banks last year. Banks, a female rapper from New York, has become something of a joke in the music industry due to her unrelenting attacks on others via the social media platform. So it wasn't that surprising when she got into an altercation online with Skai last year.

What was surprising was that Jackson -- who is just fifteen -- managed to shut down Banks' barbed tweets with finesse, and fired back some of her own, exhibiting an easy propensity to stand up to bullies without stooping to their level. Jackson has been in the entertainment industry since she was nine months old, so nothing as simple as a mean tweet is going to shut her down.

As one of the few women of color on the Disney Channel, Jackson empowers young women both her own age and older with a maturity that's beyond her years, and owns her ability to reach girls of all ages as a positive agent of representation. Skai is a pro when it comes to living in the spotlight, as a native New Yorker, she was in the right place at the right time to begin a career in entertainment, and took to it immediately.

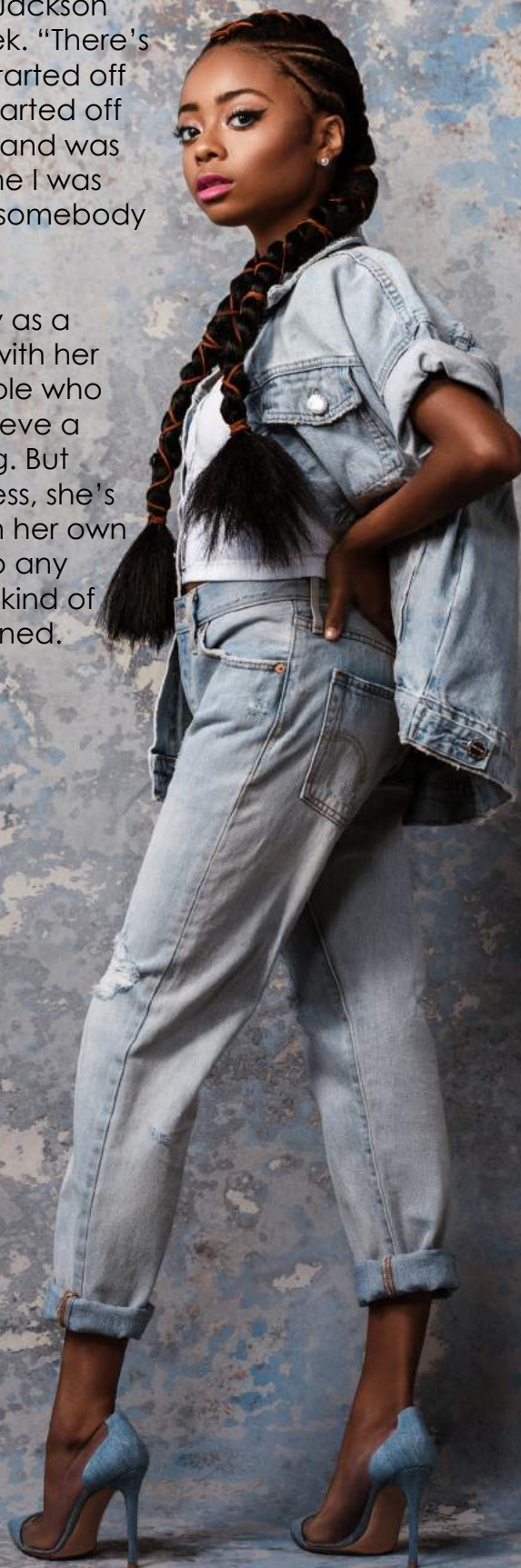
Starting out as a successful baby model, she quickly transitioned into the world of TV and film as a toddler, doing commercials and appearing in a number of guest roles. Her breakout role, though, was when she was cast as Zuri Ross on the Disney Channel hit sitcom *Jessie* in 2011. The show was so popular that it spawned a spin off, *Bunk'd* which began in the summer 2015 and is still currently airing. Jackson reprises her character of Zuri on the show, a smart and quick-witted girl with a love for fantasy.

For Skai, who has been working and thriving in the industry for her entire life, there's no such thing as starting too young.



"I don't understand how someone could be too young to act," Jackson said by phone earlier this week. "There's so many celebrity stars who started off at like five, six, and for me, I started off modeling at nine months old and was already into acting by the time I was two. So I honestly don't think somebody could be too young for it."

Though she started off literally as a baby, Jackson has still dealt with her own fair share of haters; people who didn't believe she could achieve a career as an actress so young. But after growing up in the business, she's strong-willed and confident in her own decisions -- and her advice to any other teens dealing with that kind of negativity has been hard-earned.



Jacket: Current Elliott  
Top: Topshop  
Pants: Levi's  
Shoes: Gianvinto Rossi  
Necklace: Guess  
Earrings: H&M



Shirt: J. Brand  
Vest: Frame Denim  
Skirt: Tortoise  
Shoes: Jimmy Choos





Jacket as Dress: Zara  
Boots: Go Jane  
Earrings: H&M





"Don't let anyone's words ever get to you, because there have been some people in my life who have said 'You can't do this' or 'That's not possible.'" Jackson said. "But now I did it, so I proved them wrong; I got where I always wanted to be today. So if you really want to do it, and you're really passionate about it, don't ever give up. It might take time, it's not going to happen right away, but something great will eventually happen for you."

Acting isn't the only thing that Skai has her sights set on for the future, she's currently involved with a charity called No Kid Hungry that seeks to help starving children in America, and has dreams of becoming a fashion designer one day, as well as dipping her toes in directing and producing when the time is right.



Shirt: J. Crew  
Skirt: Topshop  
Earrings: Kate Spade  
Jeans: Zara  
Shoes: Zara





Headwrap: Stylist's Own  
Jacket: J. Crew  
Top: J. Brand




"I would love to pursue fashion, eventually, that's something I've always wanted to do," she said. "I've always kind of been creative and I hope being a fashion designer is something I will get to accomplish. Some of my favorite designers are Alice and Olivia and Supreme -- I like things that are different and things that speak through the fashion. I love Jeremy Scott too, I think he's amazing. Eventually, I'd also love to do directing and producing, I think that would be fun."



Shirt + Top: Zara  
Overalls: 7 Jeans  
Shoes: Stella McCartney





For now though, she's thrilled to be a role model via her long tenure at the Disney Channel, and counts the ability to provide representation for her fans as a great responsibility.

"There's so many people who do look up to me, which is really cool, because I was on *Jessie* first and now I'm on *Bunk'd*," she said. "It's been almost seven years with the Disney Channel, which is a long time. But it's a great responsibility to have, just to be a role model for so many kids is awesome. I never thought people would actually look up to me, and I enjoy it. I love doing what I do."

Top: Zara  
Necklace: Topshop  
Earrings: H&M  
Psnhs: Rag & Bone  
Shoes: Christian Louboutin











# 2017 BMW B7 Alpina

## Executive Exclusivity

By Shin Takei, Automotive Editor-At-Large

Back in the late seventies, I walked into the used car lot of a BMW dealer and found a uniquely colored 7 Series that had Alpina B7 badging on the trunk lid. It had fancy wheels, front air dam, rear spoiler and an exotic water buffalo interior. I took it around the block and remember it to be ultra-luxurious and have a solid feel. It was a grey-market import and I passed on it because I couldn't afford it. We've come a long way since and the 2017 BMW Alpina B7 xDrive is among the finest four door luxury sedans today. Starting with the long wheel base 750iL, the folks at Alpina have massaged the 4.4 liter twin-turbo V8 so that it produces 600 bhp and 590 lb.ft of torque. 0-60 mph arrives in 3.6 seconds and the top speed is 193 mph. This is accomplished with special Mahle pistons which results in a compression ratio of 10.0:1. Twin scroll turbos and bigger diameter intake and outlets aided by high performance intercooler and cooling systems produce 20psi of boost pressure for the B7. At 2,000 rpm 494 lb-ft of torque is already available for aggressive but smooth performance. This is mated to an 8-speed ZF automatic transmission with oil cooler and Launch Control. Instead of paddle shifters, buttons behind the steering wheel change the gears. Actually this is quite convenient and it works smoothly once you get used to it.







To help manage airflow a mildly aggressive front and rear spoiler reduce lift and an Active front grille opens and closes as needed. This helps reduce the drag coefficient for a large sedan weighing 4,800 pounds. The body features "Carbon Core" structure with strengthened steel, aluminum and carbon reinforced plastic to reduce weight and structural rigidity. Turbine style 21" wheels similar to the ones I saw way back when are much lighter than its recent predecessor and distinguish the Alpina B7 from the normal 7 Series. Overall, the styling of the B7 is calm and understated and hides the sporting nature of the car. Inside, an elegant cabin awaits the passengers. Lavalina leather, Alcantara, Alpina black lacquer or Myrtle wood grace the comfortable interior. Selectable soft lighting enhances the mood within the cabin and creates a calming effect. The infotainment System is now operated by touch screen as well as the familiar knurled knob on the center console and is a huge improvement from its predecessor. A 16 speaker Bowers and Wilkins premium sound system adds to the ambience. The multi adjustable front seats are heated and massaged and can be set for maximum comfort for long trips. The rear seats also can be reclined, heated and massaged. A quad zone HVAC system keeps the occupants happy. There's a full color heads-up display and the instrument panel features blue gauge faces with red needles in Comfort Mode and black with green needles in Sport Mode. There is a special plaque on the center console that depicts the genuine Alpina heritage.

The following driving features make the difference in the Alpina B7: Starting with the Driving Dynamic Control switch the driver can select various driving enhancements. Plus Dynamic Damper Control, Active Comfort Drive, Road Preview, Roll Stabilization, Integral Active Steering with the dual axle air suspension system combine to give an optimum driving experience in any mode. This includes the 4 wheel steering with up to 3 degrees turn of the rear wheels with the front wheels in slow tight corners, or turns opposite in high speed corners. The all-wheel drive xDrive is rear biased and the Sport Plus mode lowers the car by 0.8 inches. And you can customize all the settings to your liking with the Independent Mode., overall

Driving the Alpina B7 is a lot more fun than driving a normal 7 Series which is already quite a car in terms of comfort and technology. Dial in the Sport Mode and active exhaust valves changes the tone of the exhaust and you know you're ready to fling the car fast into corners and have fun. The B7 xDrive handles great and its composure well balanced for a large sedan. It's rare and exclusive and only those who know will recognize it so it's kind of stealth.

For more information, please visit [www.bmwusa.com](http://www.bmwusa.com)







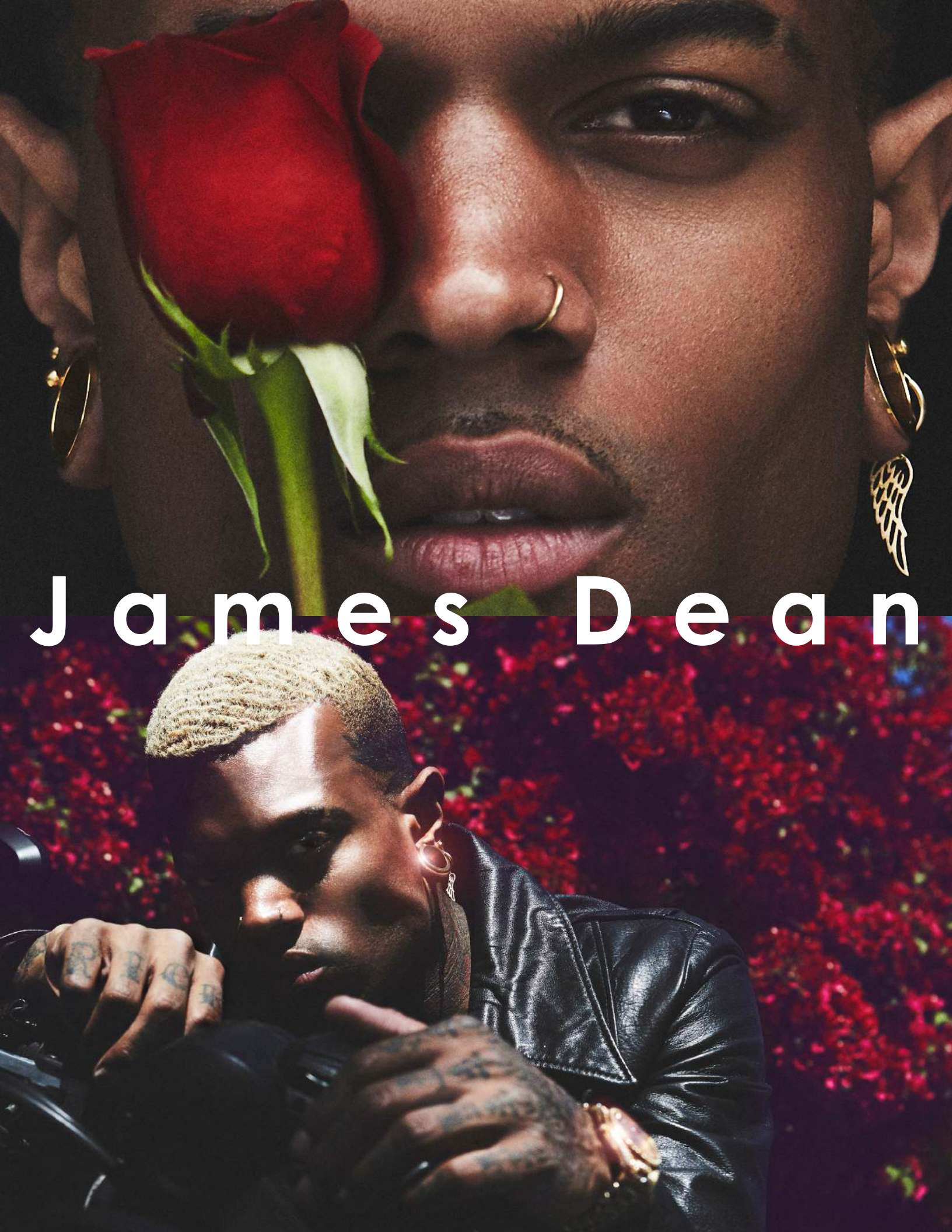
Canadian born R&B artist **Alex Fleming**, who records under the name Black Atlass has been announced as the brand ambassador for this month's True Religion

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# TRUE RELIGION

**THIS IS TRUE** Campaign. The campaign, focusing on highlighting artists that embody the brand's non-conformist values, will be launching this week. Below are a few images from the campaign – let us know if you would be interested in interviewing Black Atlass!

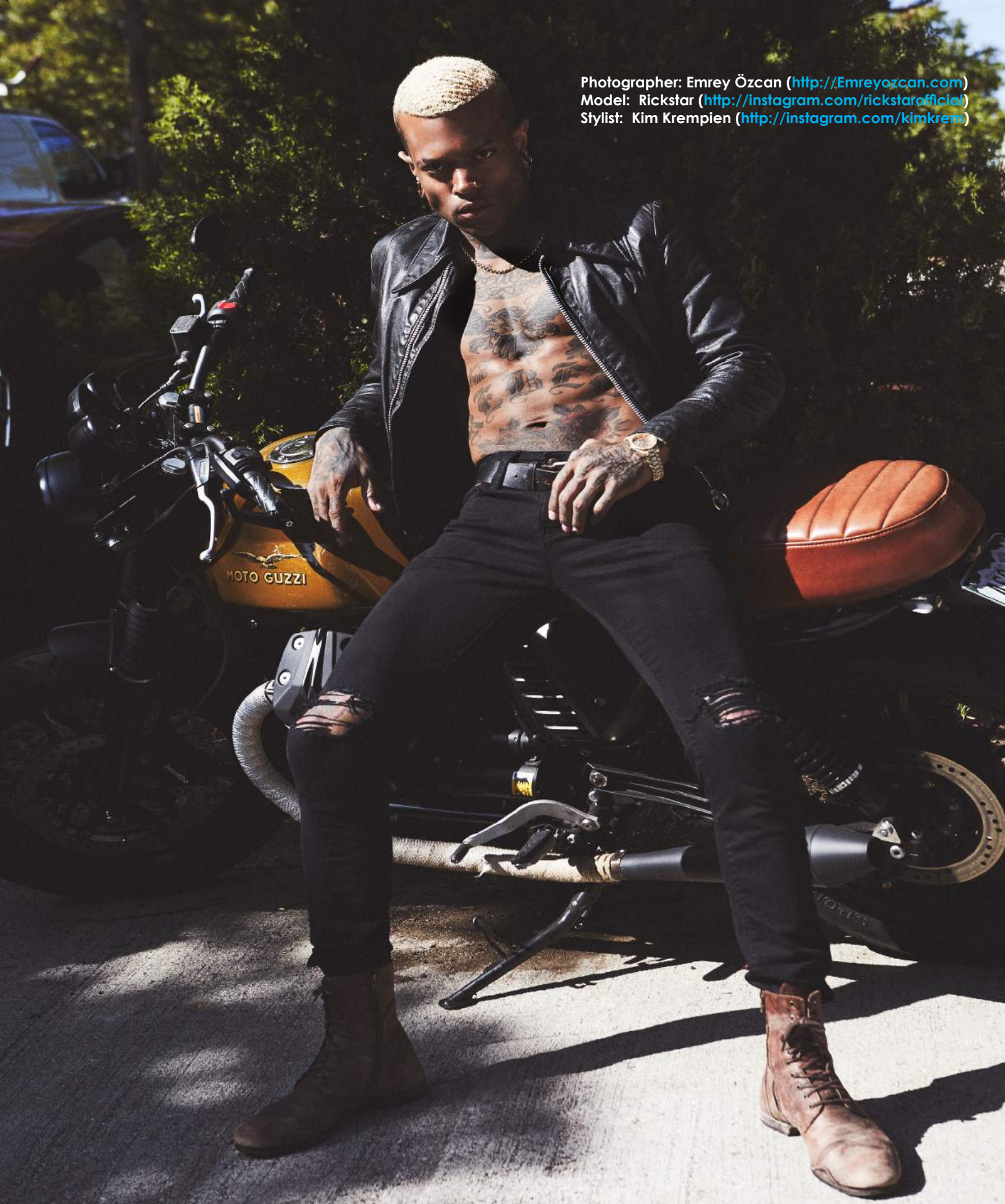




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# GUNZ LOZANO



Gunz Lozano is an LA hip-hop artist, actor and model who's work ethic has earned him acclaim from the industry's A-list actors, multi-platinum artists, and Hollywood heavy weights. "I grew up in the neighborhood that separates Lynwood and Compton. I'm proud of the variety of influences that I was raised with and that you hear in my music. I want to share that with people." Buy his new EP titled JET LAG VOL I available now on all digital retailers and look out for him in the upcoming JET LAG film. (Snapchat: [@GunzRuthless](#) /All other media: [@GunzLozano](#))

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Midwest is exactly what Threat is. He's a balanced fusion of East and West coast musical influences, with just a dash of Midwest twang. The single father of 5 is a true creative who credits his kids for his success. "The kids helped me rehearse my lines so much for my film Jet Lag, that they knew the script better than I did!" South Omaha made a lyrical beast with a vision. It will be exciting to watch. Buy or stream the new EP, JET LAG VOL I (IG: [@Threat402](#) /SnapChat & Soundcloud: [@LatinThreat](#))

## THREAT





# Jessica Meuse



Photos by Tyren Redd [<http://tyrenredd.com>]





Recording artist Jessica ("Jess") Meuse may be best known for her success on reality television (American Idol, The Voice), but her drive to overcome all odds is what distinguishes her from the rest. The Texas native relocated numerous times throughout her childhood, finally settling down at 13 in the small town of Slapout, Alabama. Jessica is the only person in her family to embrace music and the creative arts -- she's also a graphic artist and dabbles in modeling/acting -- and as a result was frequently labeled an "outcast" at many schools she attended while growing up. "They threw food at me, tortured, and insulted me. Instead of going to parties, I'd go home and teach myself guitar and write songs. I also played violin in a symphony orchestra every weekend. Music was my therapy and my healing."

In high school, Jessica developed an eating disorder, which she overcame on her own over a two year period. "I went from 153 pounds down to 109. Mom basically told me to start eating or else she'd send me to rehab...so I made a pact with myself and slowly started to eat again." Jessica also stands up against domestic violence, after her experience in an abusive relationship that resulted in a Xanax dependence. "I finally realized I couldn't go a day without a taking one or two. I don't really talk about it, because that part of my life is over."



My 2016 New Year's resolution was to change my life and play as many shows as possible; starting with performing an NHL Anthem and that was just the beginning of my recovery." Jess is now working on her debut album with Warrior Records/L.A. Entertainment, recording at famed Capitol Records in Hollywood. "Every song is truth and embodies the strength to overcome all odds...that's what my journey is about."

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# INFINITI QX30 SPORT

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It's a Mercedes, it's a hatchback; no, it's the Infiniti QX30 Sport crossover vehicle! There's no coincidence that the new Infiniti QX30 Sport could be mistaken for its Mercedes-like design; we are merely witnessing the fruits of a flourishing partnership between Infiniti's parent companies, Renault-Nissan and Mercedes Benz's parent company, Daimler AG.

Closely resembling Mercedes-Benz GLA Class crossover, the QX30 shares the same DNA - engine, transmission, chassis and some interior pieces but with an Infiniti twist - performance. Powered by a 2.0L turbocharged 4-cylinder engine manufacturing 208 horsepower and 258 pound-ft torque to the front wheels with a 7-speed automatic dual clutch transmission; yep, you're in an Infiniti. The sport model coming 15mm lower to the earth featuring 19" aluminium alloy wheels and cross drilled front brake rotors which provide the car with stop-and-go agility from approaching a corner at high speeds to quickly braking in traffic.





The cabin complements the sporty soul of this crossover vehicle with Mercedes influenced in-dash system and transmission/shift control staying true to the Infiniti marquee. The seat controls, AC controls, key fob and the TFT information screen between the gages on the cluster are all Mercedes Benz. However, Infiniti went a step further with race-inspired zero gravity seats, reducing fatigue by up to 30% by evenly distributing the driver's body weight, centering all passengers while accelerating through corners. At \$43,735.00, the Infiniti QX30 Sport marks its territory as one of the most nimble and well-appointed vehicles within its market segment. The perfect luxury entry-level SUV for a millennial dwelling in a metropolis with friends and perhaps a toddler in tow.

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