



WHAT DO I KNOW...

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WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? Getting ready for my lovely sister Nadine's wedding and organising make-up for DFF.

WHO DO YOU LOVE? Family, friends, my fella and our pooch Napoleon.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE? I love eating out, dining in, clothes shopping, art and, of course, music.

WHAT DO YOU NEED? Love! I'm quite a tactile person. And new daytime heels. I'm finding it hard to get a pair that ticks all the boxes.

YOUR FIRST GIG? Probably the local in Roundwood when I was about five years too young to be in there. That's the great thing about growing up in a small town.

YOUR WORST GIG? *The Hot Press Yearbook* launch. Two songs out of three I sang out of key. It was painful. We were new enough and I was too scared to ask to change the mix in the monitors.

THE BEST GIG YOU'VE EVER ATTENDED? Eagles of Death Metal in The Ambassador was really fun and Queens of the Stone Age in the Olympia recently was awesome, but I had tinnitus for three days after...

THE BEST DECADE FOR MUSIC? '70s rock, folk, disco and punk.

WHAT WOULD YOUR DESERT ISLAND DISC BE? I love music that has a lot of intense emotion in it. I found the lounge-y Café del Mar stuff of the late '90s and early '00s a bit mind-

numbing, but I'd imagine that's what you should be listening to on a desert island. I'd go with a good David Bowie 'Best Of' to be on the safe side.

WHAT SONG WOULD YOU LIKE PLAYED AT YOUR FUNERAL? 'This Is A Low' by Blur followed by Van Morrison's 'Brown Eyed Girl'.

THE FIRST RECORD YOU EVER BOUGHT? *Bad* by Michael Jackson.



WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO? 'You'll sleep when you're dead'.

WHAT PHRASE DO YOU MOST OVERUSE?

Like most of the Irish population, it's, 'like'. We are all guilty of it and the more you try and stop saying it, the more it keeps coming out, like!

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

Being able to work as a make-up artist, sing in a band and create music that people enjoy.

WHAT NATURAL TALENT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE GIFTED WITH? I'd like to be one of those people who can pick up any instrument and play.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN TRUE LOVE? Not sure. It's a numbers game, really. There are probably thousands of people out there in the world that you could have a great time with. Am I sounding like a total fatalist?

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE UP? Negative feelings, I guess. They are a bit on the useless side, but they can be great for songwriting.

WHAT ISSUE DO YOU FEEL MOST STRONGLY ABOUT? I have a bit of a beef with organised religion. I like the idea of spirituality but in every religion in the world women have been treated like second-class citizens. Catholicism said for years and years that babies that hadn't been christened would exist in purgatory if they died. Then they retracted that a few years ago. The idea that they would use fear to control people is a disgrace. I could really go on and on.

WHERE DO YOU THINK WE GO WHEN WE DIE? I haven't decided yet.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS WEEKEND? Doing a shoot for DFF, going to EP and helping AnewSpace with a street art project for Dublin Contemporary.

The Dublin Fashion Festival, in association with the Evening Herald, runs from the 8th until the 11th of September: dff.ie



WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE WORD? 'Pleasure!' As in, 'pleasure to meet you', 'my pleasure', 'to pleasure someone!' It evokes a feeling of goodwill.

HOW HAPPY ARE YOU ON A SCALE FROM 1-10? I'm generally a very happy person but I am a bit of a worrier. I am extremely lucky that I've got my health, my family and friends and that all the problems we're having are generally first world, so that said, 8-ish!

YOUR GREATEST REGRET? Probably being a bit heartless with other people's hearts.

YOUR GREATEST FEAR? Having people I love die. I've been very fortunate to not have encountered death close to me. Grief looks so scary.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE EMOTION? Wonderment! Is that even a word? I love seeing something or learning about something new that makes your jaw drop.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY? Laughing hysterically with my sisters before bedtime. We'd find the weirdest stuff totally hilarious.

