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Ashlee Simpson chats to **tvhits!** about rock, frocks and life in the Simpson family...

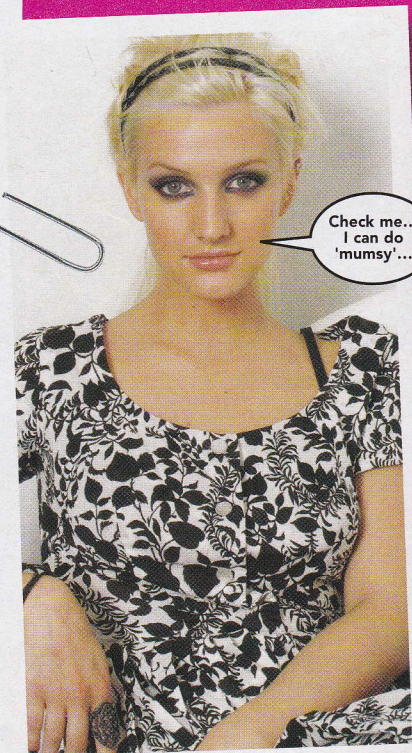
To listen to snippets from Ashlee's latest album, *I Am Me*, and to win prizes, log on to www.tvhits.co.uk

You've been touring with your sister Jessica since you were 14, what was that like?

It was definitely a different lifestyle, being on tour and being around people who were a lot older than me. You know, not getting to see my friends, but being with my sister and parents was cool, and I got to travel the world at a young age.

Your dad's your manager too. Does that make him more protective of you when it comes to guys?

No, my dad's cool about that, maybe because I'm the younger sister. My sister went through it so I don't get it too bad, but he's definitely protective. If there's someone he doesn't like, he'll voice that. I'm lucky, he likes my boyfriend at the moment.



Check me... I can do 'mumsy'...

Is there going to be a new series of the Ashlee Simpson Show?

No, I'm done with the show now. It was difficult at times, but it's cool to have that documentary for the rest of my life, signing my record deal and what not, but I'm so excited and glad not to have the cameras following me around

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any more. It was something that I was able to tolerate at that time.

Was there ever a time when you thought 'just turn it off now'?

Yeah, I was like 'you guys can't come into my room, I just need to breathe.' Now there are no cameras in the Simpson family, we can have dinners and it's normal again.

You've just been filming a movie, *Undiscovered*. How was that?

Acting is something that I love to do and that was actually my first role in a movie, but hopefully I'll continue to do it, I love acting.

Do you prefer singing or acting? They're both different. A lot of



...and I can do 'street urchin'!

actors say they could never be a singer and get on stage in front of thousands of people, so it's great to be able to do both. As far as being an actor is concerned, it's great to be

in such an intimate room with people, learning your lines.

What would you have done if showbiz hadn't beckoned?

There are so many other things I would have loved to have done. I love make-up and arts, so a fashion line or make-up line, which hopefully I can still do.

H Ashlee! You've just come off tour – what were the best bits?

The best thing is getting to hang out with my band, that's always a lot of fun. The greatest thing is that you get to sleep during the day, then play at night and then sleep in again the next day, it's wonderful.

And the worst bits?

The worst thing is probably if one person gets sick then everybody gets sick.

Is that Chris Raab from *Jachass*? We heard a rumour...

No, he's just a good friend. I'm seeing someone from my band.

Is it true you've got a bit of a fiery temper?

No I haven't! I'm definitely fiery, but I don't have a temper. I'm a very honest person. I've put my foot in my mouth before. I can't think of a specific incident, but if I did that when I was younger then my mom would wash my mouth out with soap! Literally!

Why have you decided to go blonde again?

I wanted to get the black out of my hair and I kept on getting lighter and lighter. I am an extremist. I have always had dark blonde hair, so it was nice to go back again.

So do blondes have more fun?

I had a lot of fun with my dark hair. It's pretty equal. It's about where you're at in life, not necessarily your hair colour.

Have you got any style tips for *tvhits!* readers?

I like to mix and match things and always like to be comfortable. So even if I wear a dress, I have to find a way to make it mine. I don't like it when you wear a dress that wears you.

Accessorising is always good, so I like to wear lots of different bands and I collect bracelets – I have different ones from different people. Sometimes before I leave the house I take a little picture of myself and see what my outfit's like – it's the best way!

Cool! And what are your best beauty tips?

Just take good care of your skin and wash your face before you go to bed. I always moisturise my face, use a good chap stick, curl my eyelashes and use mascara. I need eight hours sleep and I always wonder how people survive without it. I can't do the gym, so I go out on walks instead.

Ashlee Simpson's single, *L.O.V.E.*, is out 24 April

QUICK Q'S



ROCK OR POP?

"rock!"

HEELS OR FLATS?

"flats"

BLONDE OR BRUNETTE?

"blonde"

JEN OR ANGE?

"Hmm, both!"

PIZZA OR CHOCOLATE?

"Pizza"

LONDON OR NEW YORK?

"London"

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HEY GUYS!

How's it going? This month it's been all about My Space for us as we've just got ourselves a site – check us out on www.myspace.com/fridayhillofficialsite. We've recorded a new track this week, *Shiver*, and we're going to put it up there first so you can all hear it and let us know what you think.

I could do with a holiday – I quite fancy going away with the boys to Marbella or Ibiza, or maybe just a nice relaxing holiday in Barbados! I dunno when we'll get to go though, you never can tell how busy this job is! I actually really miss EuroDisney, we had the best time – we're harassing the guys at *tvhits!* to take us back for a reunion (because of course we have the power to make them listen to us! Maybe...)

Speaking of EuroDisney, I've been wowing the girls down at the gym with my Mickey Mouse shorts I bought when I was out there – they're going down a storm! I've been working out quite a bit, and hitting the sauna and steam room. It's all part of my new regime to clear out the damage... not going too well though!

You can catch us on the road this month, we're going to be everywhere. Until then, I need to chill out, I've partied too much this week.

Kenzie xxx



Kenzie and Mus got bored of James hogging the guitar

WE HAVE MAIL!



Did you know you can email us all now? Drop us a line on fridayhill@tvhitsmagazine.co.uk – we love hearing from you guys! Here's a letter I got this month:

Hi Kenzie

I'm called Rebecca and I'm your biggest fan ever! I just thought I would love to be your girlfriend or just a friend. I can't wait until your next CD comes out – I've got all of them!

Lots of love,

REBECCA xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks for your letter Rebecca, it's always nice to get responses, there's a lot of love out there! I'll definitely be your friend, your support is really appreciated. x