



☛ **FARRYL PURKISS, 27,**
SOLO ARTIST

Life before hitting it big on the music charts?

Pretty much the same as it is now, except less travelling. **Describe yourself in one word?**

Blessed. **Biggest hero?** My mother. **Strangest habit?** Clicking my toes. **Most annoying thing a girl can do?** Name-dropping and constantly talking about how much weight she's lost

following the new paw-paw and re-filtered water diet she's been on for the past six months. **Ideal celebrity date?** Natalie Portman. **Biggest turn-off?** Too much make-up. **Perfect date?**

Jeans, slops, beer and pizza, followed by a swim in the ocean and some more beer. **No.**

I on your iPod playlist? *Freedom Hangs* by Iron & Wine. **Best date music?** José Gonzáles.

Career highlight? Playing at the Big Day Out in Australia. It was a huge music festival featuring The Killers, Muse, My Chemical Romance, Tool, Kasabian and it was incredible. And I even got to headline my own stage, which was crazy.

What's next? I'm off to Paris, Italy and Canada for shows before year's-end. Then I will be back for some time out in mid-November. **Check out** www.farrylpurkiss.com

☛ **GARTH BARNES, 27,**
LEAD SINGER, CRASH CAR BURN

You in one word? Chilled. **Musical influences?** I grew up listening to a lot of Queen, Mike Oldfield, the Hollies and whatever else my Dad was into. I'm not sure it really comes across in our music though. **Strangest habit?** I have smokers' cough but I don't smoke and never have. **Weirdest fan experience?** There's been the occasional request from a 53-year-old *tannie* for a chat with her nephew or niece on her cell phone, but that's about it. **Most annoying thing a girl can do?** When a girl is clearly pissed at you and you ask her what's wrong, and she answers with a big huff and says, "Nothing". **Ideal celebrity date?** I'm gonna have to go with Jessica Alba or Keira Knightley... but I'm not fussy.

Biggest turn-off? Excessive drunkenness. **Perfect date?** A private table on the Eiffel Tower might do the trick. And throw in a string quartet, some champers and plenty of roses for good measure. **Best date music?** Jimmy Eat World's *Bleed American* has it all! Excitement, feeling and a bit of romance at the end. **Check out** www.myspace.com/crashcarburn

