

# This Year's Stars are Comets



Herman, Alexandra, Emilia and Petter talk about success, flops and everything else.

- Emilia, Petter, Alexandra and Herman have gone from being totally unknown to total breakthroughs in 1998.
- *Aftonbladet* got them together to go through the past year.
- Here they tell us what they think about their own successes and the big topics of conversation for 1998.

**What have been the positives and negatives with your breakthroughs this year?**

**Herman:** Well, first, my breakthrough is a little... like myself then right? I'm no artist or anything.

**Petter:** It's clear that you've made a breakthrough; you've had a hell of a lot of success.

**H:** I haven't made any CDs or anything.

**P:** I say he has, I have been successful myself too. I think leaving out the music too.

**Emilia:** I haven't noticed many bad things; we're talking about 3-4 months. The only thing that could be negative is, now that it's dark early and it makes you tired.

**P:** Well, I wasn't prepared for all the work and all that. That's probably negative, but I think it's fun considering.

**Alexandra:** Guys call and say "Hi, I'm in love with you." "Well, okay, sure."

**P:** Well, that's fun.

**A:** There is negative. I received an email from a guy who wrote: "Hi, I'm going to kill myself because I'm in love with you." I told him not

## Alexandra

"Guys call and say they are in love with me"



**Name:** Alexandra Dahlström

**Age:** 14

**Lives:** In Alvik outside Stockholm

**Family:** Mother, father and little brother.

**Currently:** Playing Elin in *Show Me Love*, this year's most celebrated Swedish film.

## Emilia

to do it because it's a bad idea. "At first I just thought it was the character, but then I saw you and then I realized it was you that I loved." I thought, "Yeah right, you know me so well."

**H:** People bounced on the street, and so, it's a little tough.

**What do you think of *Hjalle och Heavy*?**

**A:** Oh no.

**H:** I met them yesterday actually.

**P:** I don't even know who they are really.

**E:** I think they are quite nice on TV. It makes me happy when I see them.

**H:** They are head bangers I guess?

**E:** It's not hard rock in Swedish?

**H:** I don't know. I haven't heard them.

**P:** Well it's a bit dangerous to say that it's hard rock. I do not fucking think that it is. That's a joke right?

**A:** I think I have quite a lot of prejudices against them; I haven't really listened to them. They certainly are good people, but I dislike them.

**Jonas Åkerlund?**

**A:** I was at the same parties as him sometimes. I don't know if I thought he seemed nice, though I don't know him. But he was quite like this, "Oh, how good I am."

**H:** Yes, but he's there.

**P:** Yes, he makes good stuff.

**A:** Nah, he's pretty overrated. I didn't think the Madonna video was so awesome.

**P:** My problem with *Ray of Light* was that I thought the song was so good. However, I think his *Cardigans* video was really good.

**A:** You see the tattoo on Nina which is smudged.

**P:** That has nothing to do with it really.

**H:** It's just cool.

**The TV program *Silikon*?**

**A:** Oh, damn.

**E:** I've been on it; I think it's a great program.

**A:** They wanted me there too someday, but I said no.

**P:** I broke those broads. They would sit and ask a lot of embarrassing things in my ear. They had cards that they had a lot of

**"I did actually cry when I saw *Titanic*"**



**Name:** Emilia Rydberg

**Age:** 20

**Lives:** In the south of Stockholm

**Family:** Mother, father and two siblings.

**Currently:** Got her breakthrough with the song *Big, Big World* on the charts in Sweden and Europe.

**Petter**

**"I'm disappointed not to play at *Europride*"**



**Name:** Petter

**Age:** 24

**Lives:** In the south of Stockholm.

**Family:** Mother, father and two siblings.

**Currently:** Since his debut album this year, *My Sixth Sense*, he is Sweden's own hip-hop star.

**Herman**

**"People bounce on a town, it's tough"**



**Name:** Herman Nikolic

embarrassing questions on, I saw that it was really tough stuff. But they never went into that.

**H:** Why didn't they do it?

**P:** Maybe they didn't dare.

**A:** I hate that program. It's like that ZTV-feminist. "We'll let the guys lick our feet." But then it's "But this is the top ten best cellulite creams." Oh, that is so wrong.

### **Stig Larsson, "All men get turned on by 13-year-olds"?**

**A:** He's so funny because he is so disgusting.

**P:** There he is "Fittstim", right? Nah, **Stig Malm** it.

**H:** Who is he? Is he that guy who was on **Silikon** recently? I saw it because they were really angry at him.

**A:** I think he is aware that he is provoking; I hope in any case that he is not really like that.

**P:** It's clear that he is aware of it, that's what he wants.

### **Marilyn Manson?**

**A:** He's commercial now, but he's pretty good.

**E:** I think he is quite unpleasant and scary, actually. He cuts himself and he spits on his audience apparently.

**H:** You don't?

**E:** No, I try not to.

**P:** **Iggy Pop**, he pees on the audience. That's pretty impressive as well.

**E:** Well it's more than all appearance.

**A:** Who was it who sucked their bassist? Wasn't it **Marilyn Manson**?

**E:** Just his name is enough to sell records. So he's an incredible businessman.

### **The Clinton affair?**

**A:** God, how ridiculous.

**P:** I think so too. I think he can do as he pleases with women, it's his business. It's that they react to the fact that he's lying.

**A:** But that's not even what they react to. They think he is immoral and unfaithful.

**H:** Honestly, I don't care what happens in the US, it's a piss country.

**P:** It's that American double standard at play.

**E:** It's very American, to hang somebody like that.

**P:** Right? It is so wrong-American.

**Age:** 22

**Lives:** In my backpack right now, I have nowhere to live.

**Family:** Mother, father and five siblings

**Currently:** Was on

**Expedition:** **Robinson**

### **The Graaf Sisters?**

**A:** (Long sigh) I've got thousands of questions about them and so you should find that it's so terrible, or...

**H:** I am very disappointed that she reduced her breasts.

**A:** I do not know much about them, I don't care very much. I don't think people take them seriously, I hope not anyway.

**P:** Let them be, respect them and let them try to do their thing. Stop bitching about everything else.

**E:** They are cute girls. They do happy pop music.

**P:** People talk so damn much about what they have done before, but whatever.

### **The movie *Titanic*?**

**P:** I haven't seen it; you know that it sinks at the end so it's no fun to see it.

**E:** I have it on video. I think it was a good movie.

**A:** **Leonardo Dicaprio** is overrated.

**E:** I actually cried when I saw it. But it was the worst hysteria when it came out, it really is 1998.

**P:** It's a typical of those American films that come back in four years' time, ***Titanic III - Now Floating Again***

**E:** (To Alexandra) ***Show Me Love II***

**A:** No, God that wouldn't work.

**H:** I'll make a movie called ***Fucking Huskvarna***, I just have to write the script first.

### **The election?**

**E:** I voted for the first time.

**P:** I thought it was shameful that people didn't go and vote because they thought it was so bad. Then they go and vote blank, it makes the course to anyone. There are people dying in other countries for it.

**A:** Yes, democracy is important.

**H:** Yes, I haven't voted.

**A:** Not even blank? Why not?

**H:** No, why would I do that?

**A:** In order to maintain democracy.

**H:** What is democracy? I'm not interested in it, I've been very familiar, but...

**A:** Was it long ago?

**H:** Mmm. Most people get a certain way when they get power so I don't think that democracy

matters.

**P:** Anyone who gets money becomes capitalist to the end.

#### **Europride-98 in Stockholm?**

**P:** Gay thing?

**A:** I had a bit of anxiety for me and my friends when we were in my neighborhood and wanted to town.

**E:** I live right where it all happened. It was a cool feeling to the whole Hornsgatan became changed.

**P:** I am disappointed to not play there. I didn't even get asked but I would have liked to be asked. It would have been so powerful. It's clear that they're having a gay festival.

**H:** I am decentralized, so I know nothing about that.

#### **Lars Molin, who received an Emmy?**

**H:** Who is that?

**A:** He has made television shows. What is it called, *The Black Widow*? I haven't seen it, just heard about it.

**P:** I feel extremely stupid and uneducated now just because I do not know who he is.

**E:** That makes two of us then.

**H:** I was thinking of **Lars Norén**, he's someone completely different.

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