

Watch Out Fools, Alexandra Speaks Out

*The **Show Me Love** star Alexandra Dahlström, 15, goes after nasty old ladies and grisly old men. "High heels and short skirts are degrading."*

She doesn't like the obsession with appearance and men who degrade her. Guldbagge award winner Alexandra Dahlström, 15, has become a role model for a lot of young girls. She is angry, she is brave - and she is obviously a feminist. Alexandra won a Guldbagge for Best Actress in the film *Show Me Love* but was not happy. In her acceptance speech, she wanted to protest against sexism and fixation with appearance but was interrupted by the emcee Loa Falkman who called her "sweetheart".

But Alexandra defended herself quickly. Don't degrade me! She said, and stuck out her tongue.

- It's great that I said that. He simply did that because I am a young girl. Had it been a guy there, I'm sure that he would have at least called him by name.

Alexandra is no longer angry. Now she knows that a lot of people thought what she did was good, especially other young people.

- I doubt he understands. But I'm sorrier that he's that type of man.

Direct from a meeting with her prospective agent, she sits down in the armchair in the lobby at Sergel Plaza hotel in Stockholm. It's been a few weeks since the event and now she can say whatever she likes. To do something, it makes Alexandra want to do almost everything. She has always been committed and always means what she says. Among other things, on how girls are treated in society.

- It seems that feminism has become some weird cult. If you say you're a feminist, people think you are a man hater. But I think anyone who is not stupid should be feminist.

But Alexandra would definitely not call herself a feminist. She thinks she is woman of substance.

- It's sad. We shouldn't judge on sexes and not by age either, we are humans.

Alexandra responds to those who did stupid things. For example, a journalist at *Se & Hör* when referring to Alexandra said a little

bitchy, that the awards ended with "Alexandra said as she stood in a daring low-cut dress."

- Did she think that I was lying or didn't know what I was wearing? She should be damn glad that I brought it up. It involves her, she's probably also a victim of sexism, sexual racism, she's a woman.

Alexandra thinks that there are many women who are just as narrow-minded as some men.

- I don't like old women who are judgemental, conservative and wear too much perfume. But there are many beautiful ladies as well.
- It's too bad for women, after 40-50 they are discarded while men just get better.

Alexandra is tired of the fixation on appearance.

- You should be fine with how you look and not have to shine yourself up, it makes me really sad.

She becomes sad when she thinks of what "girl stuff" really is. High heels, short skirts and hairdos that are degrading.

In a couple weeks, Kjell Sundvall's new movie will begin filming and Alexandra has one of the roles. But no matter how well it goes with filming, she has no plans to give up school.

- I have good grades and I'm smart and will clearly continue to study, she says.

Five Responses From Alexandra Dahlström

Television or Cinema:

- Cinema, so you have to choose what you want to see. When I want to watch TV, there's never any program I like.

At Home or Away:

- Away, it's fun to go out and meet people. I live so far out of town no one bothers to come visit me at home.

Laugh or Cry:

- Laughter. It's more fun to be happy. I don't cry as much anymore.

Guys or Friends:

- Friends, because friendship lasts longer than love. And guys can be friends too but a lot of guys my age have such shitty attitudes towards women.

Mona Sahlin or Madonna:

- Madonna, she is beautiful because she is cool.

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Age: 15

Currently: Going into ninth grade and acting.

Lives: Alvik, just outside Stockholm.

Family: Mom, dad, cat and half-sister.

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