

Alexandra Dahlström on Fame, Fans & the Future

- I'm a good role model!

I get lots of letters from young girls who think "wow, you really have girl-power." That stuff feels good. I think I'm a good role model, says 15-year-old Alexandra Dahlström who became an idol to many young teenage girls by playing Elin in the youth film *Show Me Love*.

- Elin is not afraid of others; she is open and does what she pleases. She's kind at heart and honest, at the end of the film at least. I really like Elin. We have a lot in common although I think more before I do anything, Alexandra says of her character.

Show Me Love was directed by Lukas Moodysson and is notoriously successful. Over 750,000 people have seen the film in theaters, and it'll be the summer and probably the whole year's most successful movie on rental and video sales. The fame has obviously influenced Alexandra's life.

Teenage Celebrity

On the one hand, she's still a young girl who lives with her parents, who hangs out with friends and will start college in the fall. On the other hand, she has become a national celebrity and media favourite. She and her family had to get an unlisted phone number, she will perform at the Royal Dramatic Theater in Stockholm and she is told by the people in the film industry that it might be time to consider a career in the USA, to "strike while the iron is hot."

To Russia

As for the future, Alexandra has already decided one thing - that she'll stay in Russia for at least a year or two. Her mother Irina is from Russia and Alexandra herself speaks fluent Russian.

- The best thing that happened during *Show Me Love* is that I got to go to Russia to talk about the film. It was like coming home, I felt it on the plane ride there. I have a Russian soul.

Dramatic Theatre Next

In September, Cora Sandel's *Kranes Konditori* premiered at the Royal Dramatic Theatre. In the play Alexandra Dahlström played the part of Borghild, the daughter of the protagonist Katinka played by Solveig Ternström. Tomas Pontén and Monica Nielsen are also involved. The director is Agneta Ehrensvar.

- I've never performed in the theatre in my entire life. It's many actors' dream to act at the Royal Dramatic Theatre and I just slipped in there. Of course it feels scary, says Alexandra.

Pop and Jazz

Another important part of her life is music. Among Alexandra's favourite bands are the *Beastie Boys* and the *Smiths*, but she also likes jazz legend *Miles Davis*.

- On a CD released by Fanclub festival, I have discovered the brave new group *Clinic & Beta Band*. I like music that makes you feel cool. I often talk about forming my own band; the only problem is that I can't sing. I'll have to play synth and scream.

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