

Interview with Alexandra Dahlström in *I'm Young!*

The premiere of Show Me Love was held in Moscow in June, and *I'm Young!* hasn't missed the opportunity to talk with Alexandra, who has arrived at the premiere. By the way, Alexandra's mum is Russian, and some time ago she married a Swede - Sascha*'s daddy, - so the actress speaks Russian perfectly.

Sascha, isn't this film advertising same sex love? You see, many girls might think that everyone should be this way. And they'll probably try.

- But is there something wrong with that? I don't think so. Lesbian love is love too; it needs to be respected. I was frequently asked strange questions such as: "Don't you think that everyone who watches this film will become a lesbian?" Certainly not! That's not the point... It's... Love is love.

What was the most difficult moment during filming- to lie in bed with a guy or kiss a girl?

- Both were simple. Actually, Lukas worked very well with us and we had discussed everything with him in advance. It wasn't painful at all. It was just work.

When did you begin to talk about sex with your girl friends?

- Maybe when I was 12 or 14. I don't remember exactly.

Does your mum talk with you about these things?

- Sometimes, yes. Sometimes I share my feelings with her.

Sascha, do you feel unusual, weird like your heroine, not quite like the others?

- Yes.

Do you want to feel that way?

- Yes, I want to be different. Or maybe it happens by itself?

Is everything in the film similar to the truth? Is life in Sweden

really so sad?

- Many people in our country found themselves in this film - that's why it became so popular. Both the situations and people are similar. Certainly we don't discuss whose cellular telephone is the thinnest all the time, like those two guys in the film, but all the rest is the truth. We have parties, we meet each other, go to cafes, listen to music.

What kind of music by the way?

- My girl friends listen to a Swedish singer, who sings in hip-hop style. His name is Petter and they love him very much.

And do you know any Russian singers?

- I've listened to a bit of Visotsky and Alla Pugatcheva.

How does your day usually go?

- I brush my teeth, put in my contact lenses... how does that pass here? Today, I slept late because yesterday I was at the disco, then I had breakfast, then I wrote cards to my friends, then you arrived, then... I think there'll be more interviews this evening.

Do you have some complexes, like even though you're living in Sweden you're actually an "artificial" Swede - due to your Russian mum?

- No, I haven't had complexes like that. I'm proud of my origin. In our class we have people from Turkey, Iraq. There isn't such a thing as: I'm a Swede and you're not.

What would you advise to girls or boys who are afraid to confess something that might be condemned by others?

- Admit the feelings - express them. Agnes' dad says that in his youth he had those problems too but after 25 years they were all settled. But Agnes wants to be happy now, instead of in 25 years! And you too, be happy now!

What would you like to become?

- I don't know yet. I'm not sure that I'll become an actress. When I was five years old, I wanted to become a president. But God's glory, I forgot about it!

What have you done with your earnings?

- I was happy to start earning money by myself. And I have decided

that I'll put the money in the bank until it will be really necessary for me. For now, my mum gives me pocket money.

Now in Russia many people can't afford to buy what they want. What do you think? Is it important?

- I don't think that is has great importance. I like a person not because he (or she) has a beautiful sweater. I like a kind smile or when someone doesn't look down on others, when there is a sense of humour.

Have you ever thought about living in Russia?

- I know that I'll be living here when I'm older. Even in a year or two. I really love Russia. I like the culture, people, everything. It's not just exotic. And in Sweden it's boring.

How will you explain to your friends what Russia is like?

- (Asks her mother) Mum, how do you translate... (says something in Swedish)? The coolest country in the world!

*Sascha is what Alexandra is called in Russian

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