

## Life After Success



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**Superstars!** Three years ago they broke through as Jessica, Agnes, Elin and Johan in the 1998 film *Show Me Love*. They played leading roles in Lukas Moodysson's hit movie. Today - three years later - we speak to them and several dream to continue on as an actor.

The stars of *Show Me Love* three years later.

Public success and the Guldbagge Awards.

*Show Me Love* created four new stars - but what happened next?

Aftonbladet has mapped the afterlife of movie success.

Yesterday, Swedish Television aired Lukas Moodysson's acclaimed feature film *Show Me Love*.

Now three years have passed since the film was released for Sweden to cheer. What happened to Elin, Agnes, Johan and Jessica?

### "I'm moving from Trollhättan."

- Life after *Show Me Love* is, as usual, both up and down. But I have seen a lot after the movie and it has been only positive.

**Directly after the success it became the television screen for Erica Carlsson.**

- I worked at ZTV for a year and then I decided to go finish the theater arts program at the high school. I will be done in the summer.

**Erica is now in the same class as**



**Name:** Erica Carlsson  
**Character:** Jessica  
**Residence:** Trollhättan  
**Family:** Boyfriend

**Mathias Rust. What the future holds she does not really know.**

- I know I'm going to move from here and go where there are jobs. Film is what I want to focus on. And maybe I'll move to another country. It's so cold here.

**If Lukas Moodysson offered a new role?**

- I'd gladly accept.

**She has finished as an actor.**

After *Show Me Love*, Rebecca Liljeberg has starred in the movies *Sherdil* by Gita Mallik and *Where the Rainbow Ends* by Richard Hobert, and the TV series *Eva & Adam* on SVT.

But now is the end of her acting career. Rebecca focuses on her studies in college and is now studying adult education.

**Show business does not appeal to Rebecca like it did three years ago.**

- It is important to get something out of life. For me it is to learn new things. I do not think I want to be an actor for the rest of my life. It feels strange to work with something since you are 10-years-old and then do it the rest of your life, she says in an interview with Aftonbladet.

**Alexandra continues with theater.**

Since *Show Me Love*, Alexandra Dahlström has appeared in Kjell Sundvall's *In Bed With Santa*, the TV series *St. Mikael* and in *Kranes Konditori* at the Royal Dramatic Theater.

- Of course it was different. *Show Me Love* was more like an outing, like a play. It did not mean that much more, but it was fun to get a starring role. *In Bed With Santa* felt like it was more serious.



**Name:**  
Rebecca  
Liljeberg  
**Character:**  
Agnes  
**Age:** 19  
**Residence:**  
Stockholm



**Name:**  
Alexandra  
Dahlström  
**Character:**  
Elin  
**Age:** 18  
**Residence:**  
Stockholm

- The experience of the Royal Dramatic Theater was great.
- I was struck by how much they can handle! They were sick looking. I really respect them.

Soon, Alexandra will be playing one of the roles in Darling Desperados theater play *Blood*.

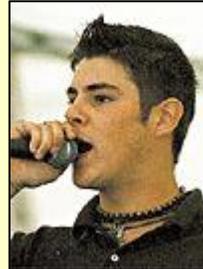
**"I'll look into stage school."**

In 1999, Mathias Rust released his single "A Few Years" with the band Mathias Rust & 0520. He has also guest starred on Channel 5's *OP:7*. Mathias is in the theater arts program at the high school in Trollhättan.

After that it was time for military service as an ambulance driver. But then he thought about a career as some kind of performer.

- I'll look into drama school in Gothenburg.

When *Show Me Love* fever subsided it returned Mathias to his normal life. No autographs to sign, no comments about the character Johan.



**Name:**  
Mathias  
Rust  
**Character:**  
Johan  
**Age:** 19  
**Residence:**  
Trollhättan  
**Family:**  
Engaged to  
Malin

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