

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.



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Rust
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Engaged to
Malin

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