

ANGEL'S ADVOCATE

FRANCES CHARLOTTE
by Summer Preston



Frances Charlotte has always known her mission in life. As a young girl growing up in Orem, Utah, Charlotte studied the strings of the guitar, memorizing each fret so she could offer the world her message through music. At the early age of 12, Charlotte was writing her own lyrics which would lead her into a local record deal and a spotlight on stage at some of San Diego's exclusive music venues.

Through her ever-changing hair colors, individual style, memorable lyrics and gentle words, Charlotte voices the message that you should always remain true to yourself. 944 got up close and personal to find out what this starlet is like when she's not singing her heart out...

How would you describe your style of music?

Some people refer to it as "dark acoustic." But one of my friends says I'm a communicator. I'm communicating a message that doesn't really come from me...it comes from somewhere else. I just feel like I was meant to do this.

Who do you look up to musically?

I'm really into Jesus Lizard right now. My brother used to listen to them and I stumbled upon their CD at the library. But, I really like Radiohead, P.J. Harvey and Bjork. I'm into everything from Jazz to Punk to Classical. I am very open to the musical world and I appreciate a lot of different music.

Where did your album song titles "Emerald" and "Silver" originate from?

Emerald originated from a thought, and from that thought came a dream. I wrote the words waking up in the mid-

dle of the night, and had to write the words down. Silver came to me through a relationship I had been in at the time which made me realize how important it is to stay true to yourself, because when it comes down to it you really do only have yourself in the long run. It's supposed to be a feel good song, not a desperate song.

If you could date any rockstar or celebrity, who would it be?

Ewan McGregor is pretty cute. I really like the Irish.

So how is your love life treating you these days? Anyone special in your life that influences your writing?

It sucks. (Laughs) It sucks. I write all these songs that are so painful. I just broke up with my boyfriend which is really upsetting. I have really high expectations because I just realized that you have to have honesty in your relationship. When I hear things I don't like, I would rather cut it off then pretend like everything is going to be alright.

What are your favorite clubs/bars to go to locally?

I really like Livewire, The Casbah and Nunu's. Those are the main ones I go to. But, I have performed locally at L'estats, Gelato Vera, Twiggs and The Casbah.

Before we go, we have to ask...Avril or Christina?

Oh, Avril. I love her. She's got some good material and she's totally punk.

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