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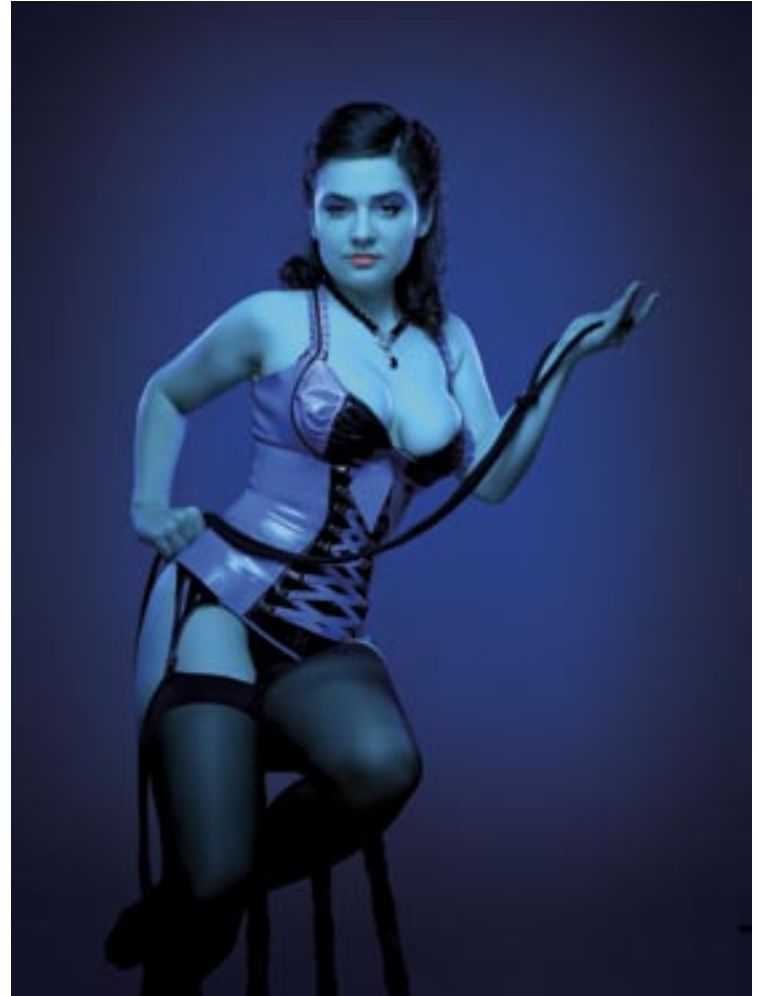
BONDAGE HAS ENTERED THE MAINSTREAM IN MUSIC AND FASHION. WE MEET MISTRESS DARCY, A FULL-TIME PRACTITIONER OF THE LIFESTYLE. AND WE HAVE THE PIX TO PROVE IT..

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“T rained in New York and vetted in London, Mistress Darcy is a professional dominatrix and lifestyle fetishist. She is capable of great kindness and generosity as well as horrendous acts of sadism and degradation, depending on her mood. She routinely visits slaves around the world but always keeps a home base in New York City. If you are lucky enough to serve her, you should aim to impress. Darcy’s standards are very, very high.”

So reads the bio on lifestyle domme Mistress Darcy’s highly polished website – which features everything from personal bondage sessions and picture galleries to an online store selling her used underwear and bottles of her “champagne” (which for obvious reasons must be collected in person). A pretty brunette in her mid-twenties, the Californian used to work in the corporate world but has been in the BDSM lifestyle for three-and-a-half years now. She spoke to *Hot Press* during a recent visit to Dublin...





“I think that it’s still a pretty wide open market and most dommes haven’t capitalised at all on their branding potential,” she says of her website (www.mistressdarcy.com). “BDSM is getting picked up more and more by the mainstream market. You’ve got pop stars like Lady GaGa, Scissor Sisters and Christina Aguilera, obviously. Even Rihanna is going to be playing a dominatrix in an upcoming movie. So it’s becoming incredibly prevalent in the media. So it’s silly to not be media-savvy now. There’s no excuse for it. I think it’s important to have a polished, well executed presence online.

“This is only my second trip to Ireland so I don’t have many Irish slaves. But I’d say my slaves here and elsewhere in Europe follow the general demographic breakdown – which is the stereotypical middle-aged businessman, but also a slice of youngish newcomers. In general, most people are interested in spanking, corporal punishment, bondage, roleplay, foot worship, body worship, golden showers, etc. Teasing and denial – also called ‘tie and tease’

– is a big one. It’s something even vanilla couples do.

“Some dommes also offer sex, but I don’t. In my mind, sex and domination are totally separate. Even the thought of integrating sex destroys the whole power-dynamic. For me, the power comes from being an object of desire that is unattainable. Not unattainable and then attainable at the end. Unattainable *throughout*.

“There’s a certain power-lust that you can get out of your system in a good session. They can be good for stretching your ego muscles. With those kind of sessions, I usually end up way hornier after they’re done – which I’ll take care of in my own personal time.

“Am I acting or does it come naturally? Both. I’ve been dominant with men since I was very young, so that definitely comes organically to me. If someone is asking me to act out being a Victorian slave-owner and slave, or their very strict and unhappy boss, then there’s definitely going to be acting involved. But that’s my speciality – role-play.

“To me, BDSM is all about sexuality, creativity and compassion. Sexuality is obvious – and you can have sexuality without sex. But the sex drive is one of the most base energy wavelengths in human nature. It’s right there above survival. So when you start to play with those energies and heighten them, it’s just a very fulfilling intense experience. And when you throw in the power dynamics, you actually tap into survival as well. So it’s one of the most powerful experiences a human being can have outside of life or death situations.

“I’ve had a few scary experiences. I usually have at least one stalker at any given time. Nothing in person because I’m very careful about who knows where I live and so on. But phone stalkers constantly – I think I have about two or three right now. They’ll call between one and fifteen times a day. So that’s not so much scary as just really annoying. But there have been a few times where I’ve wanted a session to end, and I made that very clear, and through whatever stupidity or selfishness they wouldn’t leave. Again, that’s mostly annoying but has


been scary.

“I’ve gotten very good at reading people on the phone. So if I pick up a certain energy and have a bad feeling about somebody then instead of saying, ‘no, I don’t want to see you’ – which usually just makes them want to see you more – I’ll turn into a total bitch and put them off, or just kind of stonewall them until they lose interest.

“It can be very therapeutic for some people, especially if it’s their first time with a domme. Usually there’s a lifetime of unresolved issues – issues of self-acceptance, giving oneself permission to be whatever. So just having a beautiful, sexy, in-control woman saying not only is it okay to be what you are, but actually encouraging it, can be transformative. Just last night here in Dublin, I had someone and it was his first time with a domme and he said it was ‘life-altering’. Which I felt great about.”

“I don’t want to be doing this in 20 years professionally, but I’ll probably be in the lifestyle indefinitely – just because vanilla sex is pretty boring to me at this point.”



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