

# The Insider

## Rebecca's got eye for fashion

**N**OT content with being a massive music star in the making, it seems **Rebecca Ferguson** is proving herself a fashion one-to-watch too.

While fellow X Factor contestants have been more hit than miss – don't even get us started on Katie – our girl has had the style edge two weeks running.

She debuted the show's first couture creation, that red Jessica Rabbit dress which came from the **Hardy Amies** Archive collection, and then at the weekend she vamped it up in velvet and lace from **Alexander Wang**.

But our sources confirm that Rebecca isn't just style conscious on camera – she's enjoying the opportunity to expand her wardrobe off it too. Insider's spy caught up with



the singer when she escaped the hopefuls' house to do a spot of spending in Liverpool.

She headed to Resurrection on Bold Street, leaving armed with a Sugarhill Paris Nights playsuit and Traffic People Jumping Jack jumpsuit.

"I've always liked it in there, I love the chance to

mix vintage with high street, and they were so kind to me," Rebecca tells Insider. "I felt like a kid with a dressing up box. I kept saying to them 'I can't believe you're going to give me these' but I am grateful because it's been really expensive dressing for the show."

Just as well Rebecca's stocked up – she's already been papped wearing the Sugarhill playsuit on her way to rehearsals.



**SHOPAHOLIC:** Boudoir Boutique's Vicky Hammond and Rachel Byrne with Jenny Frost

**STRICTLY** speaking the lovely **Jenny Frost** was busy working in Liverpool this week, filming an episode of her BBC Three make-under series Snog Marry Avoid.

But it seems the ex-**Atomic Kitten** is a girl who just can't say no when it comes to a retail therapy opportunity.

So, as soon as the cameras

stopped rolling, Jenny made the most of a break to do a little spending of her own.

Our spy in Boudoir Boutique in Cavern Walks reports: "Jenny popped into Boudoir Boutique for a browse and bought a bronze silk blouse. She admitted that although she was supposed to be doing some Christmas shopping she couldn't resist buying for herself!"

## Candi's got the love for Primark

IT'S no secret that **David Gest** is fond of Liverpool and it seems to have rubbed off on some of his Motown legend pals.

Especially soul superstar **Candi Staton**, pictured, ... who loves our Primark!

David brought a host of stars from the 60s and 70s including Candi, **Martha Reeves**, **Percy Sledge** and **Billy Paul** to join him here and they couldn't get enough of the city.

First on the list was a trip to both cathedrals, followed by a look around The Beatles Museum where they picked up souvenirs in Mathew Street.

But Insider hears that while the others tackled the tourist trail, the Young Hearts Run Free singer decided to head off on a huge budget fashion trip to Primark.

In the evenings, all shopped out, they dined out at San Carlo, The Mayflower and Ego before

rounding things off with free champagne in Aigburth Cricket Club and the Adelphi.



**COULD** there be a juicy big screen deal in the offing for Liverpool actor Philip Barantini?

Insider only asks because Phil – whose credits include Band of Brothers, Ned Kelly and The Boys from County Clare – was overheard discussing a new movie directing project with a colleague in Viva Brazil on Castle Street.

### Spotted

- ◆ **BLUES** goalie **Tim Howard** signing autographs for fans outside Hope Street Hotel
- ◆ **DARA O'Brian** wandering around Tate Liverpool
- ◆ **TV style guru Gok Wan** in Metquarter, popping into Molton Brown and Costa Coffee
- ◆ **CORONATION** Street's Tina, actress **Michelle Keegan**, enjoying a Sunday roast at the Sir Thomas Hotel
- ◆ **REDS** star **Fabio Aurelio**



**GOALIE:** Tim Howard (Pic, Dave the Pap)

- and This Is England actor **Stephen Graham** dining in Viva Brazil on Castle Street
- ◆ **JOHNNY Heitinga** in Catalan restaurant and deli, Lunya in Liverpool One
- ◆ **JAMIE Carragher** in Gusto, Albert Dock
- ◆ **ZUTONS** star **Abi Harding** walking along Hope Street, loaded down with shopping bags
- ◆ **MILES Kane** deciding what to buy at The Quarter Deli on Falkner Street

● **IT** was surely not what **John Lennon** imagined when he penned his most famous song, but an unlikely version of **Imagine** has become a worldwide Youtube hit.

The clip features world boxing champ **Manny Pacquiao** duetting with **Will Ferrell** this week on US chatshow **Jimmy Kimmel Live**.

**Ferrell**, ever the comic stylist, wears a **Lennon-esque white suit**.

## Raul's inspired

**LOOKS** like Liverpool's Portuguese new boy **Raul Meireles** is already in tune with Anfield tradition.

The midfielder tells Liverpoolfc.tv that he's rallied by the great Reds anthem.

"The Kop is special to play in front of and I am really enjoying playing for Liverpool," he says. "When I come onto the pitch at Anfield the first



person I always look for is my wife.

"In our match against Blackburn I saw her with a mobile phone recording the crowd and **Gerry Marsden** singing You'll Never Walk Alone. That was

amazing. "When you are on the field before the game it does inspire you and it is fantastic to hear the crowd singing that."



## YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS TO SEE NEW FILM UNSTOPPABLE

**myEcho** has teamed up with 20th Century Fox and Odeon Cinema's to offer you the chance to see Denzel Washington in his new film Unstoppable.

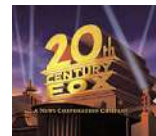
We have 60 pairs of tickets to give away to this exclusive screening which takes place on Tuesday 9th November at 6:30 at Odeon Liverpool One.

Inspired by actual events, **UNSTOPPABLE** is an adrenaline rush fuelled by director Tony Scott's

signature mark of propulsive action rooted in the reality of ordinary people placed in extraordinary circumstances.

A veteran train engineer (Denzel Washington) and a young conductor (Chris Pine) race the clock to stop an unmanned runaway train - effectively a missile the size of a skyscraper - and prevent a disaster in a heavily populated area.

To be in with a chance to see this fantastic film before everybody else go to [www.liverpooecho.co.uk/myecho](http://www.liverpooecho.co.uk/myecho) and enter the competition for free.



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