"You 1,000 Guys Get Honest do not need to be anorexic to be successful in Hollywood." -Zooey Deschanel About: You in Bed Secret Office Crushes **Their** Sexual Bucket Lists & More With Stuff You Already Own Zooe The New Girl Talks It's Not Just You! Boys Exclusive **Bonus Hair** Magazine Inside! Flip This Issue Over for 100 Easy Ideas Man oh mani! Steal her look, page 14 **FEBRUARY 2013**

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back at the ranch

"I've never had a problem saying my opinion about things," says Deschanel, shown lassoing model Justin Gaston. Bustier top, Rebecca Minkoff; pants, Olympia Le-Tan; thin bracelet, Juliet & Company; gold and diamond bracelet, Phillips House; boots, What Goes Around Comes Around; vintage belt. Go to glamour.com/magazine for more shopping information.

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is not the "adorkable" goof some of her fans might expect. In the booth of a downtown Manhattan breakfast joint, dressed down in a cozy gray cashmere sweater and knock-around jeans, she's girly, yes-but I can also see a savvy woman: confident, calm, and craving caffeine after waking up at four in the morning for a TV appearance. New Girl's Jess can't ever make up her mind, but Deschanel, 33, the show's star and producer, seems to know exactly what she wants. And she's getting it: Since 2011 she has raked in three Golden Globe and five Emmy nods for New Girl, not to mention a Grammy nomination for her She & Him collaboration with musician M. Ward, plus a headlining role as Loretta Lynn on Broadway in the works. As she spoons her butternut squash soup and steals a few shrimp from my plate, Deschanel has a lot to say about life as a boss, Hollywood's thin machine, and her online critics. Listen in.

GLAMOUR: One of the things I really like about *New Girl* is its sense of optimism, as opposed to snark.

ZOOEY DESCHANEL: I'm very optimistic. People assume I'm a Pollyanna, but I just don't think it's worth it to publicly cut people down. Believe me, in my private life there is plenty of stuff I don't like. I appreciate snark!

GLAMOUR: The show is a huge success. Are you glad you made the jump to television?

ZD: I'm just going where the material is. Some of the smartest people run the network I'm on. People sometimes say, "Oh, you were a movie star," and I'm like, "No, I was a supporting actress." I wasn't an A-list actress, and I'm fine with that. I'm proud of what I did in film. But getting to do the stuff that I

was passionate about was such an uphill battle. If New Girl had been a movie, I don't know whether I would have been given the opportunity to do it.

GLAMOUR: You're a producer on the show, and you've started a business with your website Hello Giggles. You're the boss. What's that like?

ZD: I've never had a problem saying my opinion about things. On my first job, when I was 17, they wanted me to wear

this headband, and I didn't want to. So I just went right up to the creator of the show and asked, "Do I have to wear this headband?" And she said, "No, you don't." My mom laughed, but I didn't even think it was weird, asking about headbands as a guest actor on my first professional show.

GLAMOUR: Your hair—the length, the bangs—has become somewhat of a trademark, actually.

ZD: When I first started I would really disappear as an actor. A lot of what was written about me was "She could be a CIA agent.... We don't recognize her." I sort of made a decision that I wanted to feel my own identity, so I stuck with a look. Now what people say about me is "She has bangs."

GLAMOUR: Do you consider your hair part of your "brand"? **ZD:** This business is all about branding! But I've never been like, "Let's calculate an image." I'm just, "I like that. Let's do that." I grew up loving French New Wave movies, and so a lot of what I like is that style. It's just about doing what you like so that when you look at yourself, you're not disgusted. And I'm all about unintentional. I'm not a calculated person.... Somebody asked me, "How did you start doing comedy?" and I was like, "By being unintentionally funny." I think making a movie or a record, the best things happen by accident—and those end up being the magic.

Every time I've followed my gut it's been better than when I've tried to do what I was supposed to do.

GLAMOUR: How do you deal with criticism? You've become this oddly controversial figure to some women. One post on Jezebel cited you as an example of "manic pixie Muppet Babies" women who buy vintage dresses on Etsy, love kittens, and, in the eyes of some critics, set all women back by doing so.

ZD: I'm just being myself. There is not an ounce of me that believes any of that crap that they say. We can't be feminine and be feminists and be successful? I want to be a f--king feminist and wear a f--king Peter Pan collar. So f--king what?

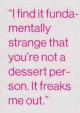
GLAMOUR: You can be a strong, independent businesswoman who sometimes wears tiaras.

ZD: It's just an accessory! That's the thing: If you are tearing down somebody who has forged her own path just for wearing a tiara, rethink your priorities. I never stop myself from doing something because I'm afraid of what people might think.

I remember I was with Loretta Lynn last summer, and she said, "They say I'm not a feminist." And she's the best role model you could think of. In the sixties and seventies, she was writing songs about the birth control pill and being a strong woman, and people still criticized Continued on page 140 ▶

The Very Best of Jess!

Some of her most-loved lines from New Girl



"I find it funda- "I'm kind of emotional right now because of the breakup, so I'll probably be watching Dirty Dancing six or seven times...a day."

"For someone with a soulmate, you sure did thing. They have sex with me."

"My boobs are loving this unemployed don't have to go to boob jail every day."

her. So I always think about that. The thing about the Internet is that people can sit in a dark room and criticize other people and no one can see them.

GLAMOUR: Does some of your not-putting-people-down policy come from your youth? You grew up in Los Angeles, an industry kid—your father is a well-known cinematographer, your mother is an actress, and, of course, your sister, Emily, is currently the star of her own hit show, *Bones*.

ZD: I had a really great childhood, but I had a tough time in between, like, 8 and 13. Thirteen was as low as it gets. I had no filter, and I overthought everything.... Then I lost weight

and everybody liked me. It wasn't that everybody *loved* me; it was just that they weren't following me around, spitting on me, you know. I literally had that. There was a girl I wanted to find on Facebook because she literally spit in my face in the seventh grade. I finally found her, in some photos at a mutual friend's wedding. I saw her and went, "Oh my God, it's her!"

GLAMOUR: Were you kind of hoping her whole life had collapsed?

ZD: No. But some part of you hopes that they know they were an asshole.

GLAMOUR: Were you picked on more by girls than by guys?

ZD: I did go through this period where girls would just be mean, so I had a lot of guy friends, but I've really found as

an adult the importance of having female *and* male friends. Don't be scared of female friendships!

GLAMOUR: Speaking of high school behavior—everyone seems to have an opinion on what weight actresses should be. Do you feel pressure to look a certain way?

ZD: I don't. But actresses have definitely gotten thinner over the course of my lifetime. Women I admired growing up—Debra Winger, Diane Keaton, Meryl Streep—were all beautiful and thin, but not too thin. There are a lot of actresses who are unhealthy-skinny—much, much too skinny. You can't Pilates to that. I'm a very small person, and if I lost 15 pounds, I'd look like them; it's scary. For young girls, what does that say? You need to look this way to be successful? That's not true. You do *not* need

to look or be anorexic to be successful in Hollywood. The range of what's acceptable is larger than what people believe.

GLAMOUR: When I googled your name, items two, three, and five are all about boyfriends.

ZD: I don't like to talk about that stuff. All of a sudden it belongs to other people, and people think they have a right to make judgments about your personal life. Which they don't.

GLAMOUR: So you won't talk about dating since your divorce? **ZD:** [Shakes head no.]

GLAMOUR: Do you want to have kids?

ZD: That is so personal, and it's my pet peeve when people

press you on it. And it's always women who get asked! Is anybody saying that to George Clooney?

GLAMOUR: I get it. Do you give any dating advice to your friends?

ZD: I could answer that. It depends on the people. Everyone has to make some compromises.... I think of my parents, who have been married for 40 years, and my grandparents, who were married for 69 years before my grandfather passed away. My dad is so sweet; he's always like, "Your mom is a better cook than any restaurant." And I remember my grandfather looking at my grandmother, saying, "She's the most beautiful woman in the world." You can't get any better than that. But we live in a different time. I don't get

it when people just have the goal of meeting someone—then it's only about the goal. I've never been a five-year planner.

GLAMOUR: You talk directly to your fans on Twitter a lot. Is that personal connection important to you? Some people have their tweets written for them.

ZD: I do all my tweets myself! People sometimes write back, "Who is writing this? This isn't Zooey," and I'm like, "Ah, yes, it is—it's me running around between trailers and shots!"

GLAMOUR: How long can we count on you playing Jess?

ZD: As long as they want to employ me, I guess!

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And I'm fine with that.

Zooey, Is That You? The story of how a chameleon nailed her look





