

FASHION



CHOOSE YOUR SHOES

A PAIR of metallic strappy high heels is a wardrobe essential for summer weddings, parties and girlie nights out. Who wouldn't love these Jimmy Choo ones, left £525. If that's a bit out of your reach Chockers have these ones, right, £20 (www.chockersshoes.co.uk).



closet confidential

Andy Bell sold more than 20 million albums worldwide as the lead singer of 80s band Erasure. Marion McMullen finds out how Debbie Harry's style inspired him

What are you wearing at the moment?

I'm quite casual at the moment. I'm wearing a pair of Adidas charcoal grey trainers with a red trim and red laces, straight-legged grey jeans and a red shirt with 22in faded lettering.

Who's your style icon?

My style icon is a woman, Debbie Harry. When Erasure started I thought I would just copy her. I used to wear, well, those dark tights they used to wear in school. I had a pair of those and a little, pretty, sparkly jacket and I liked to think she wore something similar. I went on stage and didn't think anything of it. Debbie Harry can wear anything and usually looks amazing. I've met her about six times and the great thing about the music business is you get to meet your idols and go all gaga. She knows me and when she sees me goes 'Andy, come over here'.

What item of clothing do you spend the most on?

I've got lots of shoes and I love jewellery and like buying rings, but I've got lots of shoes. There is a place on Miami Beach where I buy these really great sparkly trousers and high heels. I've recently moved house though and had to downsize and throw out loads. Now all my shoes are in those storage drawers under the bed.

What is the most expensive piece of clothing you've bought?

A whole suit made of blue rhinestone crystals. It was made by Pearl, who does a lot with Kylie Minogue. The suit is now in the Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame in Cleveland and it is

insured for \$150,000.

What has been your biggest fashion faux pas?

Wearing something too tight and going on tour having piled on a few pounds and not having been to the gym for a while. (Laughs) I've had too many of those moments. I used to have a long, bright yellow, fake fur coat that flowed onto the stage. Again I was inspired by Debbie Harry and I loved it, but I probably looked like Big Bird.

Who is your favourite designer?

I like Vivienne Westwood and Stephen Sprouse. One of my favourite things are pants and I also like Calvin Klein and Penguin.

Which is your favourite high street store?

I do go to Topshop and Uniqlo. I used to go to Oxfam when I was younger and buy old stuff and cut the collars off jackets because I wanted a Lene Lovich look.

What is your top style tip?

Never say never to anything and mix up the macho with whatever you like. Be big.

Andy Bell releases his new concept album Torsten The Bareback Saint through Strike Force

Entertainment (Cherry Red Records) on July 28. Go to www.andybell.com for further details and live dates



Street Style



■ Lace bust lingerie dress, £60

She may have quit Corrie's famous cobbles but actress Michelle Keegan's future is looking very stylish as her debut fashion range for Lipsy launches

■ Michelle wears black lace top jump suit, £75



■ Embroidered black and white playsuit, £55



■ Mesh V neck body con dress, £65



■ Contrasting panel body con dress, £60



■ Embroidered sleeveless dress, £65



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dressed to impress

THE word goddess is over-used when talking about genetically blessed actresses/models. But in this outfit we can think of no word more fitting to describe Charlize Theron.

The South African-born star shone at the Christian Dior haute couture show in Paris wearing a thigh-skimming sequined Dior mini-dress which showcased her statuesque physique and endless legs.

Not even the sight of Charlize's always ever-so-slightly dishevelled-looking boyfriend Sean Penn in the background could take the sparkle off the 38-year-old's show-stopping look.

With a hemline that short, a lesser star might have sought refuge in the fake tan bottle but Charlize keeps it to a subtle glow.

And as good as the Oscar winner looks with a buzz cut, it is nice to see her golden curls back to their best. Faultless.



dressed in the dark

NO, this is not Andy Serkis ready for a motion capture session ahead of his next animated movie role. Nor is it a smurf off to take part in a bout of

Mexican wrestling. It is in fact Kanye West.

The singer/rapper/ "musical genius" donned this blue-grey tie-dye matchy matchy ensemble, complete with chain mail-style face mask, to perform at the Wireless festival where he was filling in for poorly rapper Drake.

During his performance the Gold Digger singer reportedly stopped singing to rant about discrimination against him by the media and people in the fashion industry.

Kanye famously cleared out his wife Kim's closet in an episode of her Keeping Up With the Kardashians show. If this get-up is anything to go by, maybe it's time she returned the favour.

