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The *Victorious* star shines whether she's rockin' out in way-chill flannel or lighting up the red carpet in one of her signature blue frocks and peep-toe pumps. Could it get any more glam? Find out...

Inside a trailer on the set of the Halloween comedy *Fun Size*, Victoria Justice patiently waits in a chair as makeup artists put their final touches on her flawless face. Sporting skinny jeans, a black and hot pink Alanis Morissette concert tee, a black hoodie and boots, Victoria rises from the makeup chair before bursting through the door to an eruption of screams from fans. "This is unreal!" she exclaims.

What's really unreal is the fact that, in just a few years, Victoria has become a top teen talent in Hollywood while also making her mark as one of the most stylish and original celebs out there. Not only does she have a hit, Emmy nominated Nickelodeon show (*Victorious*), but she's filmed two flicks, *The First Time* and *Fun Size*, and is recording her first solo CD (dropping mid-2012). Besides all that, Victoria is as adorable—and down to earth—as they come. *GL* got a chance to catch up with Victoria and she spilled on her style, her songs and her sweetie *du jour*.

While her career is taking off like quicksilver, Victoria's sense of

style remains, like her, utterly relatable. When we chatted her up, she was gushing about hand-me-down boots from her mom and an undying love for band tees. Um, samesies!

And even though she might occasionally rock the same togs as, say, the girl you sit next to in homeroom, Victoria's got that undeniable Hollywood flawlessness about her.

The kicker? Unlike lotsa other red carpet regulars, her look is never overdone. She's mastered balance brilliantly, pairing a showstopper frock with shiny-but-tiny earrings or a jaunty red jacket with over-the-knee boots. When we're not following this chica's fashionable choices (swoon!), we can't help but tune in to see all the new ways Tori is lightin' up the silver screen.

A New Role

While landing the lead in *Victorious* was the chance of a lifetime, Victoria has welcomed the opportunity to step up to the big screen for her first two films, *The First Time* and *Fun Size*.

"I'm really excited because I think that a different demographic is going to get to see me in a whole new way," she says. "It's something I have been looking forward to doing for a while."

In the teen romance *The First Time* ("a really sweet story that a lot of people will relate to"), Victoria plays Jane, the object of *Teen Wolf* hottie Dylan O'Brien's



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Victoria's style secrets



We picked our fave Victoria red-carpet looks and asked her to share her style rules with you!



OFF THE RACK "I love this dress the best and it was an important lesson for me: Don't judge something on the hanger. Give it a chance!"



RISKY BUSINESS "Take fashion risks, but always choose colors that look good on you." Vic sticks to bold hues that flatter her olive skin tone.



VINTAGE VIXEN "I have a collection of vintage band tees that I totally love. I think they make really great conversation starters!"

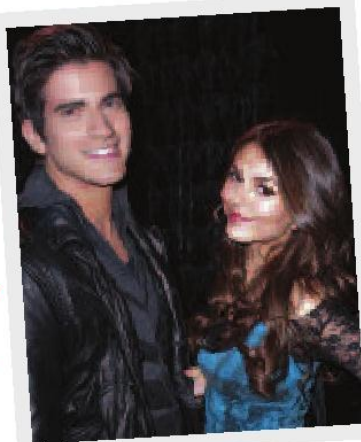


RELAXED GLAMOUR "I love to be comfortable," says Victoria. A ruffled jersey dress seems pretty cozy-glam to us!



ALL IN THE FAMILY Vic and her mom are super tight. "She gave me these really awesome boots from the '80s. I wear them all the time in L.A."

"Romance is what every girl and guy wants. It never works if one person is holding back."



affection. "Dylan's character starts out having fallen really hard for my character and he has this massive crush on me," she spills. "Basically, I don't see him that way. I just view him as one of my best friends."

Then there's the ROFL flick *Fun Size*, directed by *Gossip Girl*'s Josh Schwartz. Victoria stars as Wren, a sarcastic teenager who is forced to take her little brother trick-or-treating on Halloween, then loses him and has to find him before their mother finds out.

"[My character] is dealing with a lot of issues. Her dad passed away from cancer. Her mom [Chelsea Handler] is completely irresponsible—she's dating this Abercrombie model and wants to party all the time. [Wren] constantly has to watch her little brother, who hasn't said a word since her dad passed away. And she's also a teenage girl going through high school, which is never the easiest thing."

Another challenge? The crazy schedule the cast kept while filming *Fun Size*, which was all shot between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. Working all night, Victoria had to flip her routine and sleep all day, but she still managed to have fun with her castmates.

"We did yoga together and watched movies," says Victoria. "We watched this documentary, *Forks Over Knives*, about how eating animal-based and processed food might be linked to illnesses. It made me and Osric [Chau] want to become vegans. I only lasted two days, but he is still going strong!"

Changing Her Tune

In the spare seconds Victoria had between hanging out with her castmates and filming *Fun Size*, she started writing songs for her new CD. Once filming wrapped, she bolted straight to the studio to record. The result? An amazing mix of catchy tunes that range from upbeat and danceable to slow and super personal.

Inspired by the oldies and Motown she listens to with her mom (Frank Sinatra, Stevie Wonder and The Jackson 5), Vic is taking a singer-songwriter approach to her album. Victoria put some serious soul into this music, not only writ-

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ing a ton of songs for the album, but playing the guitar and piano on the tracks, too.

"I want to write things that really move people, where they go on a journey with me through a song. I'm writing things that are coming from the heart and about different experiences that I've had," says Victoria. "I want to really pour my heart and soul into it and give people a sense of who I am."

Boys on the Side

With such an impressive resume, tons of talent and stunning good looks, it's no wonder Victoria has amassed plenty of admirers, including none other than Ryan Rottman, her ridiculously gorgeous *Victorious* co-star. To make their relationship stronger, Vic says communication is key.

"It never works if one person is holding back. You have to communicate. If a person does something that bothers you, you have to let them know," she explains. "And if they're not willing to change, you need to know when to move on." Keeping the romance alive also is important. "It's the little things, like sending a text message saying 'I miss you' and thoughtful stuff like that. I think that's what every girl and secretly every guy wants in a relationship anyway."

A red-hot romance, two movies on tap and new beats to boot could all be a bit too much for one girl to handle. But Victoria isn't slowing down anytime soon. "Without any risk, there is no reward," she explains. Somehow, knowing Victoria, we're pretty confident she'll end up victorious. ❁



In August, Victoria visited Guatemala to get firsthand knowledge of what girls in Third World countries are facing.

The sweet reason Victoria hearts being a celeb...

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The best part about being a celebrity is getting the word out about causes that are important to you. Right now, I am really passionate about this organization called Girl Up.

Girl Up is part of the United Nations Foundation and they help girls in developing nations deal with the tough issues they're facing like not having clean drinking water, living in unsafe places and dealing with extreme poverty.

A lot of times, these girls don't have an escape route. And, unfortunately, when money is given to these poor families, they invest what they have into the boys because they want the boys to have an education and to provide for the family.

It's a sad reality, it's important to let teens here know what these girls are going through. They might be on the other side of the world, but we can't forget about them—they're just like us!

At girlup.org, you can give a high-five, which is donating \$5. That money goes toward building schools and buying school supplies. Girls need a place where they can be safe and communicate with one another. It's about giving them an outlet.

Go to girlup.org to find out about the charity and donate if you can. And if you become equally passionate about it, you can organize a fundraiser at your school or get your friends and family involved or simply just keep spreading the word. That's how we can really make a difference.

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Halloween, Justice Style

Who knew? This glam girl likes to ghoul it up on Oct. 31.

Get in the Spirit "I love to dress up. I don't think you're ever too old."

Sweet Surrender "We buy everything organic, and my mom is very health conscious. She used to freak out a little bit when my sister and I would come home with bags of candy. I think we gave her a panic attack."

Monster Makeover "One year, I did my little sister's zombie bride makeup. She looked really good."

Killer Costume "I was in costume almost the entire time we filmed *Fun Size*. After that, I felt pressure to come up with a really good get-up. I'm not sure what it is yet...but it's going to be good. I gotta bring my A game!"