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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: stefani at the fall 2010 l.a.m.b. presentation; harajuku lovers fragrance sunshine cuties, \$30 each, sephora.com; her nylon june/july 2000 cover, photographed by jonty davies.



go and do makeup." I'd be, like, burning everyone's neck with a curling iron. I was always giving somebody a makeover.

**WHAT WAS THE FIRST CONCERT YOU ATTENDED?**

Emmylou Harris at the Palomino. My parents took me. She had to take a break because she was going to nurse her baby in the back during the concert. I will always remember that. I actually got to do the cover of *Vanity Fair* with her and told her the story. She's like, "Oh! Now my daughter's, like, 30 years old."

**ARE THERE ANY MUSICIANS WHOM YOU WOULD LOVE TO WORK WITH NOW?**

I feel like music is in a really weird place right now. I judge it all by [if] I would be jealous, like, "I wish I wrote that song." I like that Ting Tings song. I love the Killers. There's not much great stuff right now that I'm super inspired by, to be honest. Is that rude? I think everyone feels the same way. Is there

anything that's great? There's no Beatles. I think there's a lot of interesting people out there, but there's not, like, the Cure—where you have an interesting, amazing, sexy guy who wrote a thousand good songs that the whole world wants to listen to over and over again.

**IS THERE ANYONE WHO COULD MAKE YOU STARSTRUCK?**

I love Joni Mitchell. I actually got to meet her and have dinner with her. The only person I haven't met who is one of my idols—and I don't want to meet—is Julie Andrews. At a certain point it's like, come on, let me have one fantasy.

**WHAT WAS THE FIRST PERFUME YOU WORE?**

I didn't really—my parents were pretty strict about that stuff. But I think probably Love's Baby Soft or something. I can't remember. There's this one [deodorant] brand that used to be called Tickle. I used to always want to get it.

**WHY?**

Because it was always on TV, and it looked really cool. When you're a preteen, you just want everything they put on TV, and you just go to Sav-On, and you're like, "Pleease!"

**WHEN YOU WERE ON OUR COVER IN JUNE/JULY 2000, YOU DESCRIBED YOUR COURTSHIP WITH GAVIN AS FAIRY TALE-LIKE. IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE MUCH HAS CHANGED.**

We've been married seven years. It's crazy, there's no itch. The [seven-year] itch, right? Maybe because we've been together for 13 years.

**THE LAST TIME WE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT HARAJUKU LOVERS, YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULD DO A MAKEUP LINE.**

I've always wanted to. I feel like my plate's a little bit full right now, [but] I love makeup. I used to run home from school, and my girlfriend's mom had so much Mary Kay it was insane. I didn't understand how this woman had so much makeup. We'd be like, "Let's go ask your mom if we can

# the sweet life

when beauty icon and perennial *nylon* favorite **gwen stefani** came to new york recently—husband gavin rossdale and sons kingston and zuma in tow—we figured it was a good opportunity for a chat about her makeup memories, her harajuku lovers fragrance franchise, and her preteen deodorant preference. by holly siegel

