

VOGUE ASKS

Do you have a signature scent? "Rihanna gifted me PENHALIGON'S Halfeti (£215) years ago and I've been wearing it exclusively ever since."



If you could live in one hotel for the rest of your life, which would you choose? "THE SAVOY. It feels like you're staying within the walls of history."



Who's the best model working today? "ALEX CONSANI. We spent an infamous night at the Chiltern mere days before it burnt down..."



If you could have lunch with any fashion figure, past or present, who would it be? "HALSTON. I'd just want the unfiltered gossip. Like, what would he be whispering in Lisa Minnelli's ear?"

How do you unwind? "A mini martini - with a gilda - at RITA'S in Soho. But truly? I love to do nothing."



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Which social cause do you wish people would talk about more? "Trans rights." T-shirt, £75, CONNER IVES



What would Conner Ives do?

Advice on LIFE and STYLE from the American FASHION designer

If you could raid anyone's archive, whose would you choose?

Hamish Bowles's for his Cristóbal-era Balenciaga; Alexander Fury's for his John Galiano Carnation dress. They're as much of a fashion geek as I am. The most worn item in your wardrobe is...

A Polo Ralph Lauren rugby I found in Retro Man nine years ago. I've worn it so much that it's almost threadbare, which is my favourite thing about clothing: the human charge we bring to them.

Your holy grail grooming product?

The entire Augustinus Bader skincare line, including The Rich Cream, obviously, and The Essence.

Do you have a go-to comfort dish?

My mum would always make pasta with a red sauce that would take literally two days to make. The whole house would smell of it. I do a simple *Sopranos* cookbook version when I'm feeling homesick.

Where is the best view in the world?

The oak tree at the intersection of Wood Road and Croton Lake Road in Bedford Hills, New York. It's 15 minutes from my parents' house and we call it "the sunset spot".

Has there been a standout interiors piece from the past few years?

The most money I ever spent on a single object was this fabulous Living Divani mohair velvet couch from Lancashire. If you want gorgeous furniture, find eBay sellers in the north of England.

What's your party trick?

Starting rumours.

And the best place to party in London?

Someone's house.

What did your school reports say about you?

That I was a "con man". I was the kind of student who would get up in the middle of a test to ask my teacher if I could use the bathroom and then 20 minutes later we'd be chatting about her kids. I'd do anything possible to get out of schoolwork.

Was there a design moment that inspired you to get into fashion?

Raf Simons's debut Dior haute couture show in 2012 altered my brain chemistry.

A great gift you've given someone?

I bought my boyfriend a constellation.

How do I make a good first impression?

The thing I hate the most is a defeatist attitude. If someone is ever like, "I would love to wear this dress but I could never pull it off," that's when I go awol. Like, not with that attitude you're not!

The secret to enjoying life?

Not overanalysing, whether you're enjoying life or not. Let it happen.

Tell us what's on your bedside table.

My boyfriend's stash of Slip eye masks, because I refuse to install curtains.

What's the best advice you've received?

Grow up. People are dying. It's just never that deep.

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