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INCLUDES 7-DAY GUIDE



Personally Speaking

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Name: Nicole Faraday Occupation: Actress and singer

What's the best thing about

I love the diversity, I never get bored. I get to portray lots of different people each with their own unique agenda and life. Also, as an actress I never know what my next job will be or who you will meet along the way. At the moment I am loving playing Eva Cassidy as I am working with a fabulous cast of lovely people and we are getting to see the length and breadth of the UK as the tour encompasses Scotland, Wales, Ireland and England playing some beautiful old theatres.

ful old theatres.

And the worst?

The profession is too up and down.
There is no certainty or job security. It can be really tiring and the travelling in a cramped vehicle with only service station sandwiches to eat for miles on end can wear a bit thin. Life on the road can be exhausting and I miss home comforts, friends and family.

What is your favourite book?
The Timewaster Letters and Diary by Robin Cooper (Robert Popper) are the funniest thing I have read all my life.

Do you have an unfulfilled ambition?

Lots...to make a movie in Hollywood,

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Lots...to make a movie in Hollywood, to have a record deal, even to be a proper grown-up with a house of my own and family. But I think there is still time for all those things.

You are only as old as you allow yourself to be and I am not ready to put those plans to bed by a long shot.

Choose five words to describe yourself.

Vivacious, sonestress, mermaid.

Vivacious, songstress, mermaid, freespirit, loving.

What would you do if you won

the lottery?
Go on holiday somewhere exotic and

spend lots of time on the beach.
When you were a child, what
did you want to be when you

grew up?
An actress, singer, model, popstar
and horserider all rolled into one!
Who was your childhood hero?
Marilyn Monroe. She was and still is

my icon and inspiration and I am lucky enough to have played her several

times professionally.

What is your most treasured possession, excluding family?
I would have said my pussycat Jemina but, sadly, she died, aged 18,

Jemima but, sadiy, she died, aged 18, only a few weeks ago.

I was devastated.

So, instead I will say my quirky home furnishings as I like to have things noone else has, like my full sized Bolivian tin knight in shining armour I call Sir Gawain, and my Betty Boop glass cof-

gance?
Feathery sparkly fripperies and frivo-lous knick-knacks. I cannot stop myself from buying costume jewellery and completely impractical pretty things and my bedroom is an Aladdin's Cave. What has been your biggest gig so far?

so far? Singing solo at the Royal Albert Hall with a 22-piece orchestra to a packed audience of thousands for the TV Times Christmas Carol concert in aid of Leukaemia Research...an incredible ex

What's been your worst gig?

I was meant to play Suzy the sexy stronging nettle in a musical called Bulbworld at the Palladium.

But it was so badly organised and

Angelina Jolie. To feel her power and she is beautiful and wakes up with Brad

she is beautiful and wakes up with Brad Pitt every morning.

Who has been the biggest name you have appeared with in your career so far?

I have been lucky enough to work and appear in shows with people from Judy Dench as a student to Stephanie Beacham, Patrick Mower, Fraser Hines, Christopher Biggins, Amanda Barrie, Linda Henry and Claire King to name but a few.

What is your favourite food? Rare steak with a port and blue

cheese sauce

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Snowball as she was outrageous and I adored playing her. I would also like to have played Janine Butcher in East-Enders. The baddies are always the

Dest.
What's your favourite film?
The Princess Bride.
Who would you least like to be stuck in a lift with?

Tom Vaughan. He panics. What was the first record you

fee table — oh, and my gold lion's head from Venice.

What is your greatest extrava-

But it was so body organised and terrible costumes etc, so I was glad when I got a telly job instead.

If you were invisible, where would you go first, and why?

Lots of free holidays and travel first class. I'd also sneak into West End shows such as Miss Saigon and Book of Mormon without paying the extortionate ticket prices.

ate ticket prices.

Choose four ideal dinner

guests, dead or alive.

Tom Vaughan my current fellow cast member, for the laughs; Marilyn Monroe as my idol; Meryl Streep as I could learn from her as an actress; Janis Ian as she is a great singer and songwriter who inspires me If you could be another famous

person for a day, who would it be and why?

name but a few.

What is your favourite drink?
I vary...but I do enjoy a Martini with

my parents.

Who is your favourite TV char-

take to a desert island?
High speed internet on a portable device, chocolate, and a lovely port.
Happiness is..?
Doing the job I love, spending time with the people I love, and being home in Dorset by the sea.
What is your most amusing or embarrassing moment?
There have been far too many to mention.

quite an open person without guile. Look out for my memoirs.

Date: Thursday, October

23. Location: Civic Theatre. Time: 7.30pm . Tickets Full price £19 (concessions £18).

NICOLE, from Em-merdale and Bad Girls, stars in Over The Rainbow, which tells the life story of legendary artist Eva Cas-sidy.

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It follows Eva's life
through dramatic scenes
and stunning live renditions of her music, including a haunting ing a naunting interpretation of Some-where Over The Rainbow. Before she died at 33, she was unknown outside

Washington, USA, but within two years, she was discovered by Terry Wogan who promoted her music to the top of the album charts in the UK, Europe, and Aus-tralia and throughout the world.

world.
This show pays a genuine and heartfelt tribute to a true artiste who was not interested in fame and fortune, but wanted nothing more than to create beauti-

more than to create beautiful music.
From its first performance in 2004, Over The Rainbow has moved people immensely with sell-out performances and standing ovations throughout the UK and Europe.



ever bought?

Neighbours' wedding theme for Kylie and Jason, Suddenly by Angry Ander-

What are your pet hates?
Jobsworths. People with no empathy
who are unbendable to situations, liars,

who are unbendable to situations, liars, people who do not listen to me.

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

Lose weight and enjoy exercise more.

What do you hate spending money on?

Tampax. I firmly believe they should be free as a necessity.

Which three items would you take to a desert island?

mention. Every day is an adventure and some-thing funny happens, plus I am always embarrassing myself because I am

Puzzles solutions

Hubword: The Hubmaster's list included: Alcade, Acetal, Allocate, Allot, Alloted, Call, Called, Cell, Cello, Celt, Cald, Glade, Clod, Colo, Coale, Cola; Cole, Collate, Collated, Collet, Colt, Dale, Deal, Death, Decal, Dolte, Dole, Doll, Doll, Lace, Laced, Lacteal, Ladle, Lead, Load, Locate, Located, Lode, Talc, Talced, Tale, Tall, Tell, Toll. Hubword — ALLOCATED.

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The pot luck quiz: 1 Arnold Schwarzenegger; 2 S Moritz; 3 2006; 4 James Blunt with You're Beautiful; 5 1912; 6 Stockholm, Sweder; 7 Jim Thorpe, 8 Edgar Rice Burroughs; 9 George Gershwir; 10 Narcy Aston. TV quiz: 1 David Hasselhoff; 2 Cooper; 3 West Wing; 4 West Wing; 5 Serial killer Richard Hillme 6 Three years; 7 Johnny Vaughan and Denise Var Outen; 8 The A-Team; 9 Twin Peaks; 10 Till Deatt Do Part.

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