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ARÓN PIPER

by CHARLIE GRAY wearing TIFFANY & CO.

- CB At what point in your life, and why, did you realize you wanted to act?
- AP I consider myself a creative person and have always liked art and its ways of expression. From a very young age, I knew I wanted to do something creative, and acting ended up becoming something that I have the luxury of calling my job, and I love it.
- CB What did it mean to you to have been part of a series as successful and globally known as Élite?

  AP Being part of a series like Élite is something unique in my career. It has marked a before and after on all levels, a unique project with worldwide success, and it is something that has given me visibility and the opportunity to start a great career.
  - CB Did you ever feel scared or hesitate to accept the role of Ander Muñoz in Élite?
- AP The truth is no, I was never afraid to accept a role like Ander's or to join a series like Élite, mainly because neither I nor anyone else expected the show's subsequent success. Besides, it was the first time I played a role representing someone from the LGBTQ+ community, and this wasn't a problem for me either.
- CB Since Élite, I suppose your life has changed a lot: you became an international star, you surround yourself with other celebrities... What parts of your life before stardom would you like to keep?
- AP Well, I can project an image on the outside, but the reality is that I am the same person I was before Élite, and that's how I feel. It's true that many things came all at once and brought changes to my life, but I still hold on to everything that used to give me a sense of attachment, and my intention is to keep maintaining it, as it is what allows me to be who I am.
  - CB In your daily life, what makes you feel sensitive or what is your weakness?
- AP The reality is that I am a very sensitive person. I don't know if everyone sees it that way, but the people close to me know it. I like to dedicate time to things and feel other people's problems as if they were my own, but I guess it's a matter of getting to know me to discover that.
  - CB When did music come into your life and how have you combined it with your acting career?
- AP The truth is I don't remember when it started, but it was at a very early age. My parents have been music fans, and it's something they instilled in me. Since I was little, I've been writing and always wanted to share my songs with the public. Singing is a way to express who I am, just like acting, even though I never wanted to show it until I could do it professionally.
- CB With success also come many opportunities. You have experienced success as an actor, now as a singer, and also as a model and brand ambassador or in magazine editorials. How different is the experience of being on an acting set, being in a music recording studio, and being in a photo shoot?
- AP It's not that different, no matter how it seems. They are different disciplines, and each has something to show to the public in a different format, but the way of expressing oneself is the same. Personally, I might enjoy the recording studio more because of the experience it involves and how it makes me feel, but I like them all.
- CB If we want to know Arón Piper on a deep and personal level, which of your songs should we listen to and why?
- AP I think that in every song there's a little piece of me, and I like that. Since I was a child, I've written, and paper has become a place to express what isn't such easy to say with words. An example is "Ojalá" or "Nieve", and some songs I'll be releasing soon, like "Pirata Espacial". That's where I have the most opportunity to show who I am.
- CB As an actor, your job is to connect with a character; as a singer, your lyrics must connect with an audience. But how do you manage to connect with your inner self and not feel lost in this business where you constantly have to project an image?
- AP That's a good question, actually. My friends and family are the ones who help keep me grounded. I still have the people I grew up with and my friends very close, and it's with them that I feel most like myself and most comfortable.
- CB How did you feel when becoming ambassador for Tiffany? Did you ever think you could become the image of such an iconic and historic brand?
- AP I'm very enthusiastic. I like the concept, I like the brand, and the team is great, which makes me very happy to be part of this moment in their history, as you mentioned.
- CB You were born in Germany, but you moved to Spain when you were very young. For you, what is the best thing about each country?
- AP Germany and Spain are two very different countries, both of which I love equally. Europe is a wonderful place to live, especially on days like today. Spain, in particular, seems like a spectacular country to me because of its light, food, people, climate, and so on. It's the same with Germany, to which I have a huge affection despite our differences.
- CB You have lived in many places throughout your life: in Berlin, Catalonia, Asturias, and now Madrid. What effect on your personality has had moving so many times from a young age?
- AP Moving and relocating has been part of my life since I was very young. I ended up moving from Berlin to Catalonia when I was 5 years old. I wouldn't be able to say exactly if it has influenced my personality, but it probably makes me feel more independent. Although I have felt sad about leaving places behind, it also makes me stronger.
  - CB What is your favorite Spanish tradition?
- AP There are many. Probably the 'sobremesa', if it can be called a tradition. For those who don't know, it's a meal or dinner that extends with the tablecloth still on, having drinks while the afternoon or evening goes on, new guests arrive, and someone plays music as the hours pass.
  - CB Which food do you like more, Spanish or German?
- AP I can't lie; it's the Spanish one. But I'm sure the Germans will understand.
  - CB In a football match between Germany and Spain, which country do you support?
- AP I'll leave this question unanswered and remain silent; I won't take the risk.
  - CB What are your plans for the future on a professional and personal level?
- AP Keep working and continue releasing music. That and being close to my loved ones are what make me happy.

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ARÓN PIPER REPRESENTS A NEW GENERATION OF ARTISTS WHO REFLISE TO CONFINE THEIR TALENTS TO A SINGLE PATH OR BE RESTRICTED BY INDUSTRY LABELS. INSTEAD, HE EXCELS IN THE ARTISTIC DISCIPLINES OF HIS CHOICE. TALENTED AS ACTOR AS WELL AS SINGER, HIS PORTRAYALS OF CHARACTERS ON SCREEN ARE AS COMPELLING AS THE LYRICS HE PERFORMS ON STAGE ON ÉLITE HE CAPTIVATED ALIDIENCES WITH HIS AUTHENTIC AND PROFOUND PORTRAYAL OF ANDER, A ROLE THAT CATAPULTED HIM TO STAR STATUS. TODAY HE IS AN ESTABLISHED ACTOR WITH A DEDICATED FANBASE THAT CLOSELY FOLLOWS HIS EVERY MOVE. WE SPOKE WITH ARÓN ABOUT HOW SUCCESS HAS SHAPED WHO HE IS TODAY AND HIS DEEP AFFECTION FOR BOTH SPAIN AND GERMANY COUNTRIES THAT HAVE INFLUENCED HIS PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE.

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