

Danielle Bisutti

In Orlando helping kids in modeling and musical theatre

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> Ambitious, stylish, and beautiful are just a few words to describe TV star, Danielle Bisutti. Appearing in over 15 television series, being an accomplished singer/songwriter, and recently releasing a movie, Danielle is no stranger to the entertainment industry. Taking a break from her hectic schedule, Danielle enjoyed a crisp glass of chardonnay while flipping through Orlando Style Magazine at Orlando's exquisite Il Mulino's Restaurant at The Walt Disney World Swan Resort.

Q: What event are you in town for?

A: I am here for The, (pronounced tay), which is week-long acting school. It doesn't just apply to actors; it also applies to children with interests in modeling and musical theatre. It's a great opportunity for children who live throughout the United States, who don't live in New York or Los Angeles, to get exposed to industry professionals. They do a showcase in front of case managers from LA and New York and the kids get to be seen.

Q: So what is your role in this event?

A: I am here as a celebrity special guest. I'm hosting the events and I also get to teach the kids about the importance of listening in a scene and how to break down a scene. I am also sharing my own personal journey as an actress.

Q: What TV shows are you in right now?

A: Right now I play Amanda Cantwell on the Nickelodeon show True Jackson VP we have about 5 more episodes and we are on Saturday nights at 8:30pm.

Q: What is your character like?

A: Amanda Cantwell is a high-power working mom. I do want to add that my stylist only dresses me in Karen Millen. She is a British designer and she is phenomenal! Her cuts support and enhance the female form like no other cut I have ever worn. Every stitching and every detail makes you feel so feminine, sexy, and powerful. Her dresses are made from high-end top of the line materials. If you are one of those women who work an 8-hour day and then go out to happy hour after and don't have time to change, you can wear that dress. Just freshen up your make up, change your accessories and your good to go.

Q: With all of the negative publicity towards Lindsay Lohan, Britney Spears, and other young artists in pop culture, how do you feel about being seen as a role model for the younger crowd?

A: It's a shame what happens to these child stars. The people around them use them. There is a lot of pressure in this industry and that can really mess with your self-esteem. I enjoy being in this position and I actually feel like I'm a role model. I am not perfect and my background is Christian. I hold my morals and values close to my heart. I think parents should expose their children to other forms of pop culture. Give them a book or let them watch classic movies.

Q: How about the pressures for young models?

A: They need to understand that print is a lot of airbrush these days and hours of hair and make up. I work out extensively at the

gym and I eat healthy. You don't need to be anorexic to be beautiful.

Q: What advice would you give to young models that are in the position to try to look perfect?

A: I always tell them that there is nobody else on the planet that is exactly like you. You are here for a very specific purpose, which is defining, and discovering who you are, what your strengths are, and what your beauty is. If there is something you don't physically like, if you feel like you're overweight, look at what you are eating. Go to the gym and be healthy. It's about having a healthy balanced lifestyle. I try to tell all my young fans to take care of themselves and their heart first. That is where the real beauty is.

Q: It is important to portray that image, what do you think is the most effective way to give that message out to them?

A: Being authentic, I have to practice what I preach. How I am, how I present myself, and encouraging them to keep discovering their strengths.

Q: A lot of our readers are working moms and women in high power professions, any last words for them?

A: I have so much respect for the working mom's. They are the ones who help make the world go round. My heart goes out to them. If I wasn't playing them on TV, I would be one in real life! <