

Laura Prepon

On no longer being "that girl" from *That '70s Show*

by Lisa Arcella

In May, *That '70s Show* will come to an end after eight hysterical seasons. The finale is bittersweet for 26-year-old Laura Prepon, who began her acting career playing Donna on the show. But the former model tells *For Me* it's also an exciting time for growth and new challenges. She's working on a dramatic series being developed for ABC and recently costarred with Ashley Judd on the big screen in *Come Early Morning*. Here, she reveals what it's like to say goodbye to the '70s and hello to a fresh phase in her career.

The show always cracked us up—was it just as funny when the cameras weren't rolling?

Yes, but the jokes were too crude to talk about in an interview! When we first started, it was a bunch of single guys and me and Mila [Kunis]. Now, nothing shocks me!

Is there someone in the cast who you think is the funniest?

It's hard to pick just one person, but usually our director wouldn't put me next to Wilmer [Valderrama] in scenes because he would make me laugh so hard that it would ruin the take every time.

How was filming the last episode?

It was horrible. Oh, God! We were all crying a lot. I can't tell you much about the final episode, except that when you are invested in a show, you want to see the characters wrapped up honestly, and I don't think the audience will be disappointed.

So, do you guys hang out together all the time?

Yeah, totally. My boyfriend is Chris Masterson, Danny's brother, so I really see him all the time, but we all see each other constantly.

You and Chris—who stars as Francis on *Malcolm in the*

***Middle*—have been dating a long time. Think you'll get married?**

We've been together for seven years. That is a long time, especially in this business. I definitely want kids one day, but right now we're just happy and rocking out and doing our thing. I don't need to be married.

What did you do with your first big paycheck?

I bought my horse, Jezebel. I just sold her today after eight years, because I've been so busy that I can't devote as much time to her as I'd like.

What are three things you can't live without?

My friends and family, an eyelash curler and my Canon XL2 camera. I've been taking film classes, and that's what I shoot all my little films on. I'd love to direct one day.

What makes you smile?

Pretty much everything except spiders!

Who leaves you tongue-tied?

Usually, rock stars, but I have always been in love with Johnny Depp. If I saw him, I'd probably fall over.

Your definition of happiness?

To keep being creatively stimulated and love the job I go to every day.

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