



Vanessa Williams: hair, Trace Amos; Jillian: braids, Tonya Howard; Vanessa, Jillian and Melanie: makeup, Kate Best

## Vanessa Williams & daughters Jillian, 11, Sasha, 9 months, & Melanie, 13

With three gorgeous daughters, a sprawling house in Chappaqua, N.Y. (a mile from the Clintons), a brand-new hubby (L.A. Laker Rick Fox) and that stunning cover-girl smile, Vanessa couldn't be happier. And her life couldn't be more hectic. So when it comes to dressing for the weekend, she stops thinking like a glamorous singer-actress and focuses entirely on comfort. With her weekend lineup, she has to.

"Mom is the chauffeur," says Vanessa, 38. "There's never any downtime." (Sound familiar?) Because they're constantly on the go, these gals grab moments together whenever they can, and they keep things casual. Vanessa lives in her Parasucco jeans, light sweaters, Fila flip-flops and a blue jacket she's had since eighth grade. Her girls love clothes from Juicy Couture, watches from Baby G and Saturdays with Mom. *On Vanessa:* cardigan, TSE. Tee, allen allen. *On Melanie, far right:* top, Fanc. Jeans, Tommy Jeans.

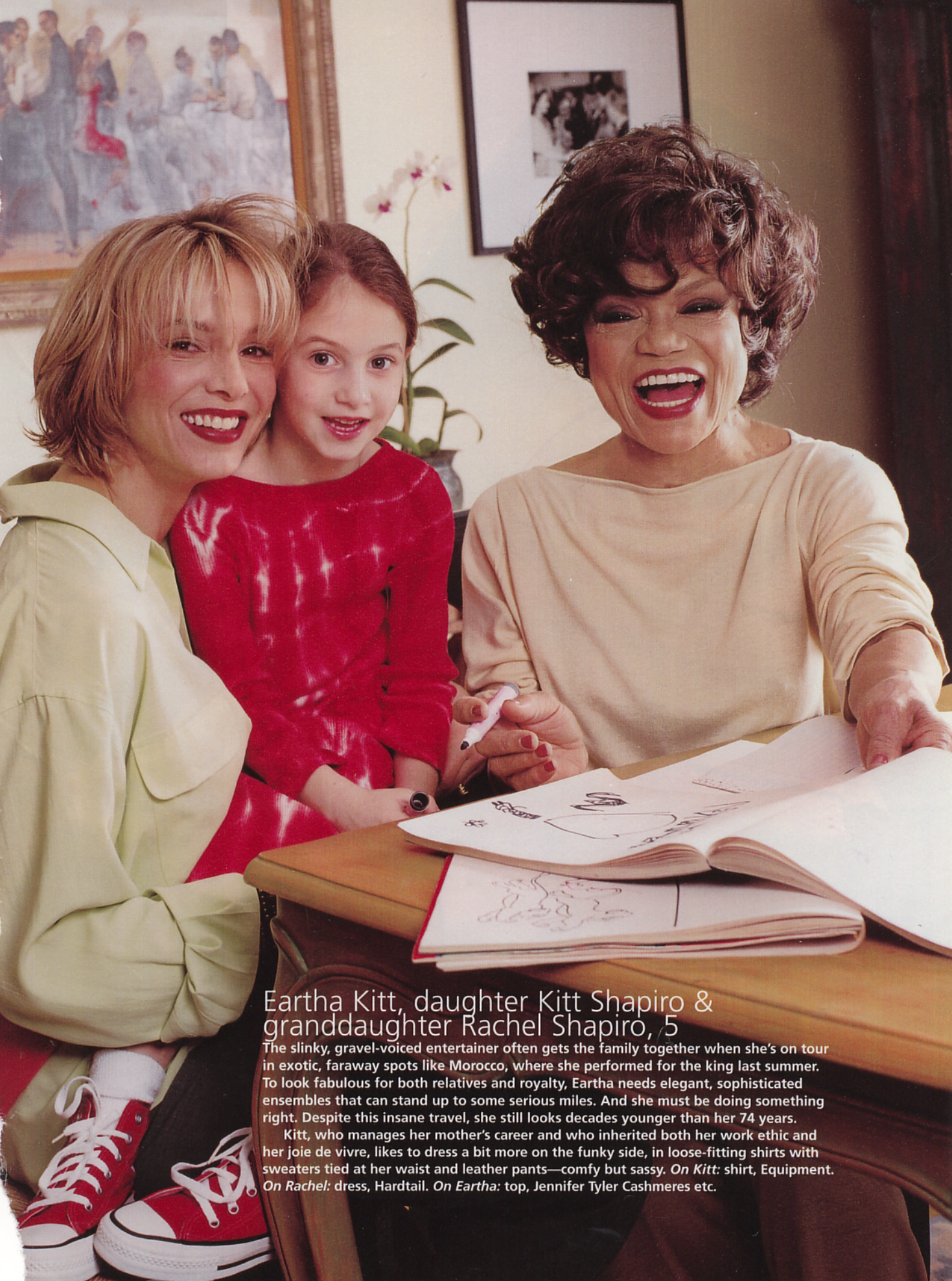


Julie Andrews & daughter Emma Walton Hamilton

Casual comfort is key for Julie and Emma's writing sessions (they've teamed up on a series of children's books about a character called Dumpy the Dump Truck). Still stunning at 65, Julie usually chooses slim-fitting pants and a sweater, while Emma favors comfy jeans and a cardigan.

"We were always close, but we are also opinionated, and we worried about collaborating on a project," Emma says. Turns out there was nothing to fear. "It's strengthened our relationship," reports Julie.

"When Emma and I are working, we escape to a fantasy world and don't talk about the other things going on in our lives," Julie adds. "It's a chance to be together with my daughter—real quality time. The books are a happy by-product!" *On Emma*: cardigan, Cashmere Cashmere. Jeans, Gap.



Eartha Kitt, daughter Kitt Shapiro & granddaughter Rachel Shapiro, 5

The slinky, gravel-voiced entertainer often gets the family together when she's on tour in exotic, faraway spots like Morocco, where she performed for the king last summer. To look fabulous for both relatives and royalty, Eartha needs elegant, sophisticated ensembles that can stand up to some serious miles. And she must be doing something right. Despite this insane travel, she still looks decades younger than her 74 years.

Kitt, who manages her mother's career and who inherited both her work ethic and her joie de vivre, likes to dress a bit more on the funky side, in loose-fitting shirts with sweaters tied at her waist and leather pants—comfy but sassy. *On Kitt:* shirt, Equipment. *On Rachel:* dress, Hardtail. *On Eartha:* top, Jennifer Tyler Cashmeres etc.



Some clothes are made just for the weekends. They're often oversize, they beg to be lived in—and they seem to reduce stress levels as soon as you put them on. Wouldn't it be great if you could wear this stuff all week? Shirts, Equipment.

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## Christine Ebersole & daughter Mae Mae, 4

Christine dresses in clothes that are uninhibiting. "The kind of clothes," she says, "that if you were lost in the forest you could sleep in and still be comfortable." That's a tall order for any wardrobe. But with two children besides Mae Mae (there's Aron, four, and Elijah, seven), three dogs, a backyard tree house and a starring role in the Broadway musical *42nd Street*, no-nonsense, flexible styles are essential for Christine. Mae Mae takes a more whimsical approach. "She's such a frilly girl," says Christine. "She loves to play dress-up." Christine, who got her first big break as an anchor on the Weekend Update desk on *Saturday Night Live's* '81-'82 season, reports that Mae Mae is particular about what she wears: It's got to be pink or red and extremely feminine. *On Christine:* shirt, David Dart. Drawstring pants, Lands' End. *On Mae Mae:* dress, Naartjie.

