



## **Kamaliya Gaydar interview re Mr Gay World and more:**

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Russian pop superstar Kamaliya is set to unleash her dance floor filler 'Rising Up'. We caught up with her to find out more about the insanely hot guy in her music video, her girl crush, touring with Steps, and being front and centre at this year's Mr. Gay World!

### **Tell us a bit about your new track 'Rising Up' – what can we expect?**

*'Rising Up' is a very upbeat, sexy and fun song - definitely one of my favourites - so I'm very excited about it being released here in the UK. I love going to clubs and dancing, and I think that 'Rising Up' is the perfect club song to dance the night away to!*

### **What are you most proud of about the track?**

*I think the arrangement that the mixers have built around a song I love is absolutely fantastic. Cahill and Soulseekerz have done an amazing job. The live performance for 'Rising Up' that we have put together will hopefully blow you guys away!*

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### **We love the video – who's the hot guy in it?!**

*Thank you very much! The hot guy is James McDonald. Apart from the obvious fact that he is simply gorgeous, he was a real pleasure to work with and a real gentleman. He has a great sense of humour and we had so much fun making the video. He's also very laid back so it was easy working together.*

### **So, when did you first realise you could really sing?**

*I've been singing since the age of three! I was in children's ensembles, taking opera lessons and, when I got older, I turned to popular music. Singing has always been an important part of my life and has helped me get through some difficult times.*

**What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?**

*This might sound a bit cheesy, but it's, 'Don't be afraid of hard work'. I actually listened to this piece of advice, so I never give up and always work very, very hard. Nobody else is going to make your dreams come true but you!*

**You're also about to star in What About Love with Andy Garcia and Sharon Stone – tell us more!**

*I am so excited about working on this movie. It was supposed to be my Hollywood debut, but because of delays we will start shooting in May 2012, so instead my Hollywood debut was in Officer Down, starring James Woods and Stephen Dorff. It was an amazing experience and I enjoyed it immensely. I am so looking forward to shooting What About Love, I'm sure it will be very nerve wrecking and challenging, but I'm ready for it!*

**'Rising Up' is set to be big in the gay clubs – do you go out to gay clubs much yourself?**

*Of course, I absolutely love them and always have the best time!*

**"Live life large!"**

**You're headlining Mr. Gay World in South Africa soon – what qualities would a man have to have if you were judging the competition?**

*A nice smile is a deal breaker for me. I'm also very outgoing, so I love people who are sociable and ready to have a good time. I like people who are active and live life to the fullest. I'm also involved in many charities, so I can relate to people who are concerned with issues like the environment and animal rights.*

**Who's your girl crush?**

*Kylie Minogue! She's amazing - the way she sings, acts, gigs and dresses. Her shows are absolutely phenomenal.*

**What's your favourite piece of clothing?**

*I would have to say shoes. I am obsessed! I don't even know how many pairs I have but I love them all and I think that they can bring any outfit to life. A good stiletto makes you feel like a million dollars!*

**You're about to tour with Steps – can you give us any hints about what to expect from your performance?!**

*I am so excited about this upcoming tour! I can't wait to get up on that stage. As far as the performance goes, well, you'll just have to come and see it for yourselves! We've been working very hard on the whole thing - choreography, dancers, props – so hopefully it will be special.*

**Anything to add?**

**Live life large!**

'Rising Up', the new single from Kamaliya, is released on 26 February 2012. Find out more at [www.facebook.com/KamaliyaMusic](http://www.facebook.com/KamaliyaMusic).

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