

# From Hollyoaks to Hollywood!

Say hello to...

# Annie Cooper!

If you've ever watched TV, you'll probably recognise this sexy blonde. Although you might not have seen her looking as sexy as this

**P**ick any role in the massive world of British TV and you'll struggle to find something Annie Cooper hasn't done.

Some of you may recall the West London beauty playing feisty WAG Alex in Hollyoaks earlier this year. Others might recognise her from a long list of credits including *The Bill*, *Corrie*, *Casualty*, *Skins*, a Domino's Pizza ad and YouTube series *Living With The Infidels*. She's even starred in a music video with Basshunter. Now Annie, born in Sweden and once a potential Team GB gymnast, is about to hit the big screen in Brit gangster flick *Turnout*. We talk to her about future prospects and what her ultimate job would be. Note: it involves stripping...

**Hi, Annie! You play a hot party girl in new film *Turnout*. Can we assume your character is true to life?**  
Well, you certainly do have to draw on real-life experiences to enhance your performance. Yes, I've partied hard in the past. And yes, I still enjoy a good night out!

**So is Hollywood the likely next step?**  
I have spent a lot of time in LA, some of which was spent with Hef at the Playboy Mansion - that was a lot of fun! I like putting on an American accent; Californian Valley Girl is my speciality. I worked on *Kick-Ass* last year. I had some racy scenes where I got it on with Chris Mintz-Plasse (who plays Red Mist) and took a ride in his Mist Mobile - but sadly they didn't make the final edit. But don't worry, there are plenty of other exciting things in the pipeline, so watch this space!

**You've done loads of different TV stuff...**  
Yeah, anything goes in Soapland - I was in *The Bill* as

two different characters in the same year! I enjoy it when my character is completely different to the real-life me. In *Corrie* I got to play a total airhead with a really broad Northern accent. That was fun.  
**You're all about the accents, aren't you?**  
Yes, I really love putting on accents. Sometimes I use them in real life, like

"The Playboy Mansion was a lot of fun!"





pretending to be a local when I was in Sweden.

**Can you speak the language?**  
"Tack sa mycket" means "Thank you very much." And "fanan" is "For f\*\*k's sake." What more do I need to know?

**OK, back to acting. What's the oddest thing you've done?**  
I've been in lots of adverts. My most recent one was for Domino's. I was a WAG and had to seductively eat a pizza whilst trying to look cool and sexy. Ensuring the cheese didn't hang out of my mouth was pretty awkward as I'm not the most delicate of eaters at the best of times!

**Didn't you also play a WAG in Hollyoaks?**  
Yep. I was a WAG minx called Alex.

**And you've been in Dream Team and Footballer's Wives. We're sensing a theme here...**  
My dad was a footballer so maybe I got it from my mum. She was an original WAG - and she'll kill me for saying that! But let's not typecast me just as a WAG. I've played a whole range of other characters, too.

**Such as?**  
A prostitute. Three times, I think.

**Nice! What's it like doing those saucy scenes?**  
Not always glamorous! The first scenes I shot for Doctors were actually quite racy. It was 8am, I'd just arrived on set and had barely met the guy I was filming with. They were like, "Right, you two - clothes off, in the bed. Let's go." Thanks for the ice-breaker!

**You have other arty talents as well, don't you?**  
Yes, gymnastics and ballet. I found my point shoes recently and put them on thinking I could still do the moves - and quickly got cramp in my toes!

**So you've lost your touch?**  
Not completely. I can still do pirouettes, back-flips and the splits. That's always handy! The flexibility is a real bonus...

**Bet it is. Lastly, what would be your ultimate role?**  
I'd love to completely transform myself into a sexy brunette and do something with dancing. How about Striptease 2, starring Annie Cooper? There you go, that's my Hollywood breakthrough!

**Turnout is in cinemas now. The DVD is released on 26 September**

**"I used to be a gymnast and can still do the splits. That always comes in handy!"**



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