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## Rapper Cazwell talks romance, sex and his new show BoomBox

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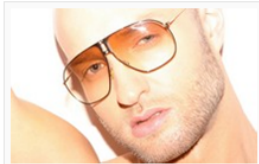
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Cazwell Makes More Than Ice Cream Melt  
Credits: Marco Ovando

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A big thanks to **Cazwell**, for taking the time to talk with us! I'm a long-time admirer of his music and applaud his ability to bring a fresh and playful perspective to sex. Congrats on the new single! Love the monkeys.

Let's talk Boston; I'm a Bostonboy myself. Where'd you used to hang out when you lived there?

I went to the clubs on Lansdowne Street. During my last years in Boston, I lived on The Fenway near NorthEasternCollege. At the time, I was in a rap duo and all the gigs we did were actually straight. None of the gay clubs wanted to take a chance on any live entertainment that wasn't drag, so I knew I had to move. I didn't find Boston to be the best place to grow as an artist. It has some of the toughest crowds. So if you can start in Boston performing live, the rest seems easy.

Writing a book often feels like what I imagine being pregnant and then giving birth would be like. Do you feel the same way about recording and releasing a record?

No. Not really. I know what you mean though. It's a lot easier for me to put together a record if I don't take it too seriously. I'm not trying to create world peace. I just wanna put together a collection of songs that I myself would want to play. I actually find it a lot easier if I find a way to separate myself from the song, which took me a long time to learn how to do.

I love that you are bringing male sexuality to the forefront of music; there is definitely a lack of it. Have you found the industry to be welcoming to your form of sexual expression?

The industry is welcoming to anything that will make money. And that's the truth. My sales on iTunes spiked 10times more than they had in the past, when I dropped Ice Cream Truck. That's when I really was noticed. I think that people outside the industry appreciated that men were being objectified the way women usually are in a hip-hop video and I guess they're right. I didn't really think about it when I was making the video with Marco Ovando. We just did what we thought was sexy.

I read somewhere that a "deep sexy voice" turns you on; you yourself use voice and visuals to arouse and stimulate; why do you think the sense of sound is so powerful?

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Yeah. I mean don't you agree? No matter how hot a guy is, if his voice sounds like a rake running across a chalk board your not gonna find him attractive. I once dated this really hot guy. He was half-Italian half Puerto Rican with a super hot body, but when he talked, he reminded me of a mom. I had made it a wrap.

What does being masculine mean to you?

Ultimately being gay and masculine means that you blend more with society. Some people think that you're more powerful if you're masculine but I don't necessarily agree. I personally am attracted to some fem guys too. I know that some gay guys are looking for the straight guy fantasy. I can understand that.

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Are you a perfectionist? I ask because after seeing Black Swan this year I realized that one of the themes of the movie was how artists/performers often struggle to achieve perfection. When you finish and release a record do you ever wish you could do it over/better?

Sometimes I hear something that I would tweak a little differently. But I won't drop a track unless I can defend it. Yeah I'm a perfectionist about what's important to me. I'll make sure that my song is as close to perfect as what I hear in my head. But when it comes to things like cleaning the bathroom, I don't get all Mommy Dearest about it.

Touring, recording, writing lyrics; which is most challenging and why? Which do you like best?

I love performing the best. Hands down. Writing lyrics is the most challenging. There are so many ways to write a song and it's always a different sound. Trying to marry that sound with lyrics can either go smoothly or give me a headache.

What themes came up while you were recording the new record? Anything that surprised you?

For the new record I'm working on now, the theme has a lot to do with sex, outer space, and robots. It's all over the place but it definitely comes together.

Sex: Are you ever surprised by what is still considered taboo or shocking when it comes to sex?

Kind of. I was watching Jersey Shore and they were raggin' on the new girl cuz they heard a rumor that she likes to lick guys' assholes. Im like, what's the big deal?? Can't a girl eat a guy's asshole? I'd rather lick a clean asshole than some dirty pussy any day.

What does romance mean to you?

Not being selfish.  
Putting the other person first and being considerate.  
Letting the other person know how much they mean to me.

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