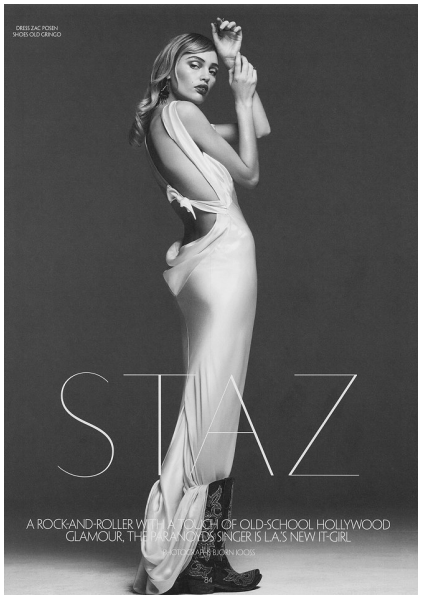

Backbeat chic

The face of Yves Saint Laurent makeup. Staz Lindes is also an accomplished musician, and a big fan of French culture.

SHE WAS A MUSICIAN before she became a model. Her love of music no doubt comes in large part from her father, Hal Lindes, who played guitar with Dire Straits before becoming a film composer in the 1980s. But Staz Lindes also thinks that her Californian upbringing had a lot to do with it."In Los Angeles, everybody's in a band. I was playing in garages where I was five. I started with guitar, then cello, but now I prefer the bass—it's easier to be creative." Between fashion shoots and touring with her group, The Paranoyds, she pursues her other passion, collecting vinyl LPs."On my last trip to Paris I got a really cool Truffaut record with all his film scores," she says."I watched *The 400 Blows* and *Jules and Jim* a lot when I was a kid."

It's no surprise that Yves Saint Laurent Beauté would be won over by the 24-year-old's rock-chic style. In fact, she loves makeup, especially for "the freedom of expression. And when I'm on stage, I like to exaggerate with glitter and bright colors." Echoes of David Bowie, perhaps...

Staz Lindes

With her blonde mane, pillowy lips and leather-filled wardrobe, London-born, California-raised Staz Lindes looks like Brigitte Bardot dressed in Patti Smith's clothes. Hardly surprising, given that she's the daughter of 1970s model Mary Lowell and former Dire Straits guitarist Hal Lindes – and spent her childhood listening to anecdotes about partying with Jimi Hendrix and bumping into Bob Dylan on tour. The 26-year-old Angeleno started playing bass when she was 12, spent her teenage years riding the bus to punk shows in Venice Beach, and moved to Silver Lake by herself as soon as she turned 18 to work on her music, filling her apartment with vinyl and VHS tapes. Up next? Touring the West Coast with her band, The Paranoyds.

This page: Staz wears sequined silk dress, to order, Emporio Armani. Leather boots, £860, Helmut Lang. Belt, £195. Cuff, £395, both Jessie Western. Ghete necklace, £1,420, Ilum, at Dover Street Market. Necklace with rings, £89, Cornelia Webb. Cuff, £1,040, Helmut Lang. £960, 1 to Grow. Bracelet with rings, from £612, Steve Perio. Opposite: At wears velvet coat, £2,645, Alexander McQueen. Diamond hoop necklace, £2,255, Dinos Kordos. For stockists, all pages, see Vogue Information

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STAZ LINDES

Height 170cm/5'7" Bust 81cm/32" Waist 65cm/25.5" Hips 86cm/34" Dress 4 AUS/0 US/30 EU Shoe 42.5 EU/11.5 US/8 UK Hair Blonde Eyes Blue

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