

# Laura Prepon

On no longer being "that girl" from *That '70s Show*

by Lisa Arcella

In May, *That '70s Show* will come to an end after eight hysterical seasons. The finale is bittersweet for 26-year-old Laura Prepon, who began her acting career playing Donna on the show. But the former model tells *For Me* it's also an exciting time for growth and new challenges. She's working on a dramatic series being developed for ABC and recently costarred with Ashley Judd on the big screen in *Come Early Morning*. Here, she reveals what it's like to say goodbye to the '70s and hello to a fresh phase in her career.

**The show always cracked us up—was it just as funny when the cameras weren't rolling?**

Yes, but the jokes were too crude to talk about in an interview! When we first started, it was a bunch of single guys and me and Mila [Kunis]. Now, nothing shocks me!

**Is there someone in the cast who you think is the funniest?**

It's hard to pick just one person, but usually our director wouldn't put me next to Wilmer [Valderrama] in scenes because he would make me laugh so hard that it would ruin the take every time.

**How was filming the last episode?**

It was horrible. Oh, God! We were all crying a lot. I can't tell you much about the final episode, except that when you are invested in a show, you want to see the characters wrapped up honestly, and I don't think the audience will be disappointed.

**So, do you guys hang out together all the time?**

Yeah, totally. My boyfriend is Chris Masterson, Danny's brother, so I really see him all the time, but we all see each other constantly.

**You and Chris—who stars as Francis on *Malcolm in the***

***Middle*—have been dating a long time. Think you'll get married?**

We've been together for seven years. That is a long time, especially in this business. I definitely want kids one day, but right now we're just happy and rocking out and doing our thing. I don't need to be married.

**What did you do with your first big paycheck?**

I bought my horse, Jezebel. I just sold her today after eight years, because I've been so busy that I can't devote as much time to her as I'd like.

**What are three things you can't live without?**

My friends and family, an eyelash curler and my Canon XL2 camera. I've been taking film classes, and that's what I shoot all my little films on. I'd love to direct one day.

**What makes you smile?**

Pretty much everything except spiders!

**Who leaves you tongue-tied?**

Usually, rock stars, but I have always been in love with Johnny Depp. If I saw him, I'd probably fall over.

**Your definition of happiness?**

To keep being creatively stimulated and love the job I go to every day.

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