



This page dress in Tibetan braid devoré, £2,080, Altuzarra, from net-a-porter.com
Opposite black silk top, £845, and trousers, £940, both Maison Margiela (maisonmargiela.com); stilettos, £495, Jimmy Choo (jimmychoo.com)

Queen of the night

Command the room at festive parties in luxe eveningwear. Fashion by Aurelia Donaldson. Photographs by Derek Kettela



This page tulle dress with flower embroidery, £1,230, Gucci (gucci.com); high-waist pants, £259, Philipp Plein (plein.com). **Opposite** velvet and chiffon dress, £3,039, Givenchy (givenchy.com)





Black suede dress, £1,727,
Anthony Vaccarello
(anthonyvaccarello.com)



Knit jumper, £310, Zadig & Voltaire
(zadig-et-voltaire.com)

Model Stella Maxwell at The Lions

Hair Harry Josh at Jed Root

Make-up Valery Gherman at Art Department

Fashion assistants Beth Kircher and
Ria Laskaris

Home

I was born in Belgium and grew up in New Zealand but Los Angeles is where I call home. It's really the city that I love and the place that is closest to my heart. I love the sun and the ocean and the desert, and California has all of that.

Fame

I didn't start out saying I wanted to make a name for myself; it was more of an organic process. I work hard; everyone in our business does and it's not easy. It feels good to be appreciated now, and I would like to encourage every young person doing whatever they do to have passion and to not give up.

Modelling

The tough thing about modelling is being on the road all the time as I love being with my friends and my family. But I love a lot of things about it and the opportunities it has given me. At the moment

I'm working on putting together a charity for cancer research and I'm looking forward to being able to give back.

Social media

I think the internet has changed everything about how we live, and so has access to everything social. The world has changed. If there was a magnetic pulse and everything shut down it would be interesting to see what would happen. It would be so strange to see a generation that grew up on phones and computers without them.

Leisure

I love art and go to museums all the time – every time I'm in Paris I go to the Musée d'Orsay. But my favourite thing to do is dance. I love dancing with my friends. I think it is a good release.

Beauty

I wash my face with lukewarm water and a light organic

soap, and I drink a lot of water. I think the balance of diet and hygiene is important.

Style

Sneakers on the feet; heels in the bag. I dress how I feel on any given day, but I guess if I had to classify my look it would be 'city girl'.

Books

I'm currently reading *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* by Milan Kundera. His work is so enjoyable to read and I love that era of authors – it's such a fascinating time in history.

It's a nice combination of romance and political and cultural references.

Music

Music really reflects one's mood – there are so many emotions, so thank goodness there are a lot of different artists! My own collection is all over the place: Jamie xx, Willie Nelson, Aretha Franklin, the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Stella Maxwell, 24, was discovered as a teenager at high school in New Zealand and has gone on to appear on the pages of *Vogue* Paris and to work for brands including Alexander McQueen and H&M. Earlier this year she became a Victoria's Secret 'Angel', a high-profile official spokesmodel for the US lingerie brand, rocketing her to public consciousness.