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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH **NIA MUKAJ**

How long have you been a part of the industry?

My interest started at around 15, when I was given an opportunity to take some night classes for acting and modeling. I picked up acting a little quicker, and I've followed that path for about 7 years. I made a couple of shorts and a small indie film that got around at a few festivals. I was so camera shy at first! But over time I was able to find myself in my work, and it made me more comfortable and confident on set. The camera eventually stopped feeling like a critic, and by then I started to pick up modeling again and took that seriously at 22.

What motivated you to be a model?

At the beginning I didn't think I had it in me to be a model! It wasn't until the premiere of my indie film where I had a lot of photographers reaching out asking to collaborate. After a few shoots, I was honestly shocked to see how well I was doing and how quickly I was able to learn and grow. After a while I started to gain a lot of confidence, and even found a sense of empowerment in the process. And as a workaholic at heart, I have to stay busy to function properly, which means welcoming new opportunities whenever I can. Growing up in an Albanian household definitely pushed me to have a strong work ethic.

What are the challenges you faced as a model?

Because I love what I do, I prioritize my career over almost everything, which forces me to be more selective with where I put my energy. There have been so many moments where I had to let other aspects of my life suffer to help my career thrive. My relationships with my friends and family being one of the hardest things I've had to compromise on. I moved away from home at 18 to pursue my career, which meant leaving behind everyone and everything I knew. Missing birthdays and holidays were so hard at the beginning. I would get so burnt out balancing my passions, social life, family, and myself. Finding that rhythm took me a while and I'm sure there will be more challenging moments like that to come, but I think I'm starting to get the hang of things now.

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If not a model what would you be?

Growing up I actually wanted to be a zoologist, and at one point I was really interested in the medical field. I've always had a love for psychology, sociology, and physiology - which ended up being the inspiration and driving force behind my acting career. I think I'll always be a low-key science nerd, but in another life, I probably would have wanted to be a doctor.

Is there any skill you want to learn in life and why?

I want to learn more languages! I'm always in awe of people that can switch between five or six languages like it's nothing. At the moment I can only speak two, English and Albanian. I used to know some Spanish and French but I haven't kept up with it so it's not as strong for me.

Any advice for the people who want to become a model?

Just be ready to work, and work hard. Having an artistic career is mentally and physically challenging, you need to love it more than anything else if you want a chance at success. That means a lot of long days and late nights, pushing your mind and your body to the breaking point just to stay busy and keep yourself afloat. There are going to be so many obstacles and you have to be ready to welcome them. More than anything, be ready to fall on your face, because it's guaranteed to happen. If you want to be the best, be prepared to know yourself at your worst so you can learn and grow in every aspect. Just be bold, be kind, and be the most dedicated person in the room.



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