

# Solo Artist

MUSIC-VIDEO PRODUCER **DAVID NAYLOR** KNOWS WHAT'S NEXT IN THE WORLD OF POP, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO HIS OWN TASTES HE'S DECIDEDLY OLD SCHOOL. DEWAR'S? BY **MARIANNE HAGAN**

**A**s the founder and president of Los Angeles' DNA, a music video and commercial production house, David Naylor has been the quiet storm behind award-winning music videos by Gwen Stefani and Alicia Keyes, Green Day and Justin Timberlake. While breaking great directors, his company, David Naylor & Associates, has also provided the vision behind ad campaigns for Target and The Gap.

But you'd never hear it from him. For Naylor, "showy" is gauche—though he's recognized all over town. While over the years he's dated such brilliant forces as Joni Mitchell and Julie Christie, you'd have to pry tales of his bold-faced dalliances out of him. He's happy to let the circus go on around him, while he heads into the Hollywood Hills on one of his many vintage motorcycles, relaxes over a scotch at his Oahu hideaway, or simply entertains a gathering of old friends at his cozy Marmont Lane roost.

Listen up, kids. Here's a taste of how it's done.

**Age:** "Old."

**Marital Status:** "Single, single, single."

**Favorite Book:** "*The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, by Milan Kundera. Also, Gustave Flaubert's *Madame Bovary* and Edith Wharton's *House of Mirth*."

**Currently Reading:** "*The Castle in the Forest*, by Norman Mailer. It's a fictional take on Adolf Hitler's youth."

**Currently Listening To:** "Bob Dylan, Cat Power, Miles Davis."

**Favorite Breakfast Spot:** "The Beverly Hills Hotel Coffee Shop. Great pancakes, waffles, and eggs—plus a great staff."

**Favorite Lunch Spot:** "Madeo's."

**Favorite Dinner Spot:** "Dan Tana's. It's the best steak in town, and always friendly—like home to me."

**Cocktails?** "The Chateau Marmont—for its quiet ambiance, and it's a short walk from home and back."

**Drink of Choice:** "Dewar's rocks. Keep it simple, and stick with it."

**Favorite Clothing Boutique:** "Douglas Fir on 3rd Street. The proprietor is an old friend."

**Favorite Designer:** "Paul Smith."

**Personal Style:** "Rumpled classic."

**Best Thing About Hollywood:** "The immediate access to all sorts of entertainment."

**Worst Thing About Hollywood:** "The helicopters. And the immediate access to all sorts of entertainment."

**Favorite Car:** "My 1971 Mercedes 280se 3.5 convertible. Chocolate brown."

**Favorite Motorcycle:** "The 1974 Ducati GT. I like the late 1960s 750cc Norton Commando Fastback a lot, too."

**Cologne?** "I hate cologne. I prefer tobacco and wool smells."

**Cellular Telephone?** Treo. "It's good in blackouts."

**Sunglasses?** "Paul Smith"

**Favorite City:** "Besides Los Angeles, London."

**Vacation Spot:** "The North Shore of Oahu, or Harbor Island in the Bahamas."

**Favorite Indulgence:** "Drinking, smoking, and sleeping (not all at the same time)."

**Valued in a Guy Friend:** "Loyalty."

**Valued in a Gal Friend:** "Discretion. Breasts are nice too."



**'RUMPLED CLASSIC':**  
Naylor at home.