

CARSON KRESSLEY

Designer/Author/Actor

Accomplished stylist, breakout television star, equestrian, author and now fashion designer Carson Kressley is out to make-over the world. Kressley is currently in production on the second season of his breakout show for Lifetime, "How to Look Good Naked." The show drew record numbers in its debut in January 2008 and the second season will begin airing in July 2008. Audiences also saw Carson launch "Crowned: The Mother of All Pageants" in mid-December 2007 on the CW where mothers and daughters compete together in beauty pageants.

In addition to his work in television, Kressley is currently the host of the 2008 True Colors tour, working closely with several of the musical artists including Cyndi Lauper and the B52s. The tour, with dates in both the US and Canada, was created to raise awareness and promote equality for the Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgender community.

Kressley was one of the stars of the hit original Emmy nominated series "Queer Eye For The Straight Guy" for the Bravo Network. He is also a best selling author on the New York Times List for the "Queer Eye For The Straight Guy" companion book. His sharp wit and undeniable sense of style have made him one of the standouts of the show. Having won the 2004 Emmy Award for "Outstanding Reality Program," the cultural impact of the show has proven to be tremendous, helping to bring gay culture to mainstream American audiences. Kressley also co-starred in the film "The Perfect Man" for Universal in June 2005. Kressley made a cameo appearance as an elf in the 2006 holiday re-make of "The Year Without a Santa Clause."

In 2006, Kressley launched, to great success, his new collection of women's and menswear, *Perfect* by Carson Kressley, exclusively on QVC. *Perfect* by Carson Kressley for women includes career staples such as the quintessential navy suit and a tailored print blouse, along with casual wardrobe essentials like a tailored dark denim skirt and polo sweater. For men, *Perfect* by Carson Kressley focuses on rich outerwear pieces, including bomber jackets, touring coats and vests that pair effortlessly with pullover sweaters. He continues his collaboration with QVC through 2008.

In 2005, Kressley celebrated the release of his children's book "You're Different and That's Super" for Simon and Schuster and illustrated by Jared Lee. "You're Different and That's Super," touted by OPRAH, tells the story of a young pony who doesn't quite fit in with his peers. 2004 saw the release of Kressley's New York Times' best-seller style-help guide "Off the Cuff" by Dutton Publishers. Written in Kressley's witty and energetic style, "Off the Cuff" is an essential style guide for men and for the women who love them.

A longtime fashion guru, Carson Kressley began his career as an independent stylist, which led to a long tenure with Polo Ralph Lauren in New York. At Ralph Lauren, Kressley worked on the design team of the men's sportswear division, then moved to the corporate advertising group. His responsibilities included fashion styling for the company's national retail advertising campaigns, as well as domestic and European men's fashion shows. He has also worked extensively styling catalogs for such retailers as Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus, and Bloomingdale's, as well as editorial and film shoots. Kressley graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Gettysburg College with degrees in Finance and Fine Art.

Kressley is also an avid nationally ranked equestrian and a former member of the U.S. World Cup Equestrian Team and has been an owner, exhibitor and breeder of American Saddle bred Show Horses since 1987.

In addition to doing his part in helping to bridge the gap between peoples of different genders and sexual orientations, Kressley is an avid philanthropist, championing a wide array of charities and organizations. A strong supporter of many gay rights causes, Kressley uses his celebrity to advance many different concerns such as the Human Rights Campaign Federal Club, for which he has hosted numerous charity events. He is the founder of Manhattan's Ali Forney center's 'Styled for Success' program which provides career wardrobes for formerly homeless youth. Additionally, he was also a major donor in establishing the first college scholarship program for gay youth in his hometown of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Carson has also contributed his time to GLAAD (The Gay and Lesbian Association Against Defamation), Heritage of Pride, Inc., The Trevor Project and GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network.) Also an advocate of medical interests and mental health causes, Kressley is a member of the Lay Advisory Board for the New York University Medical Center's Mental Illness Prevention Center and recently participated in Katie Couric's annual fundraiser for The Jay Monahan Center for Gastrointestinal Health in conjunction with The National Colorectal Cancer Research Alliance. Kressley is also a proud member of the Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Kressley currently resides in New York.