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Molly Ringwald - Interview

Molly Ringwald, thank you for taking time out of your schedule to chat with [Luxury Experience](#) about your debut CD, *Except...Sometimes*, which will be released on the [Concord Records](#) label on April 9, 2013.

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Although this is your debut CD, singing is not something new to you. I read with interest that you started singing with your dad, jazz pianist Bob Ringwald, at the precocious age of three.

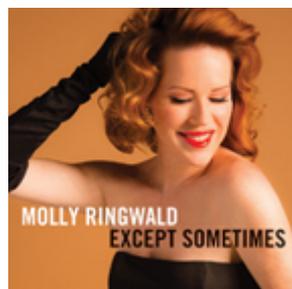
You are a highly acclaimed stage, screen, and television actor, as well as the author of the bestselling novel, *When It Happens to You*. What was your motivation to shift gears and to record a Jazz CD?

Molly

I really enjoy jazz and I always thought that I would be a singer. My father's band played traditional jazz, and I grew up listening to Bessie Smith and Ella Fitzgerald songs. My musical tastes run from Jazz to BeBop, Hard Pop, to Cool Jazz, which is something I try to give my children, my daughter age 9, and my twins, a boy and a girl, age 3 and half years, by getting them involved in Jazz classes.

These past few years have been very creative for me. My life took a turning point when I turned 40, and I took control of my life. When I was growing up and acting a lot, I had to choose between either being an actor and a singer, now I want to live my life by my own rules.

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There are 9 wonderful Jazz standards on the CD from the Great American Songbook, which include: *Sooner Or Later, I Get Along Without You Very Well, I Believe In You, I'll Take Romance, The Very Thought of You, Exactly Like You, Where is Love, Pick Yourself Up, and Ballad Of The Sad Young Men*, as well as your adaptation of the John Hughes' *The Breakfast Club* film classic, *Don't You (Forget About Me)*, where you had a starring role.

How did you come to select the songs?

Molly

My co-producer, Peter Smith, helped me to narrow down the standards, as I wanted a balance between well-known songs and some that were a bit more obscure. I also wanted songs that lyrically spoke to me.

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You are now starring in the ABC Family show, *The Secret Life of The American Teenager*, touring to promote your book, *When It Happens to You*, as well as playing gigs to promote your debut CD, [Except...Sometimes](#).

How do you stay grounded with so much happening (all positive) in your life?

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Molly

I only travel for short periods, as I want to spend time with my husband and my three small children. I write, and I sing.

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Actor, singer, novelist, is screenwriter perhaps a future pursuit? What's next?

Molly

I always wrote articles here and there, and kept at it until it met my standards. I am always improving. I do not think I will ever stop writing, as it is a part of me. I am working on a screenplay, so that is definitely something that I want to do, as well as direct. I also want to learn to sight read music, which would be incredibly helpful as a vocalist.

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Molly, thank you for taking time to chat with Luxury Experience, it was a pleasure getting to know the many facets of your talented life. Congratulations at coming full circle back to music, and much success to you on your debut CD, ***Except...Sometimes*** released on the [Concord Records](#) label.



Molly Ringwald and Band

Read the review of [Except...Sometimes](#) in the **Music Scene** section.

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