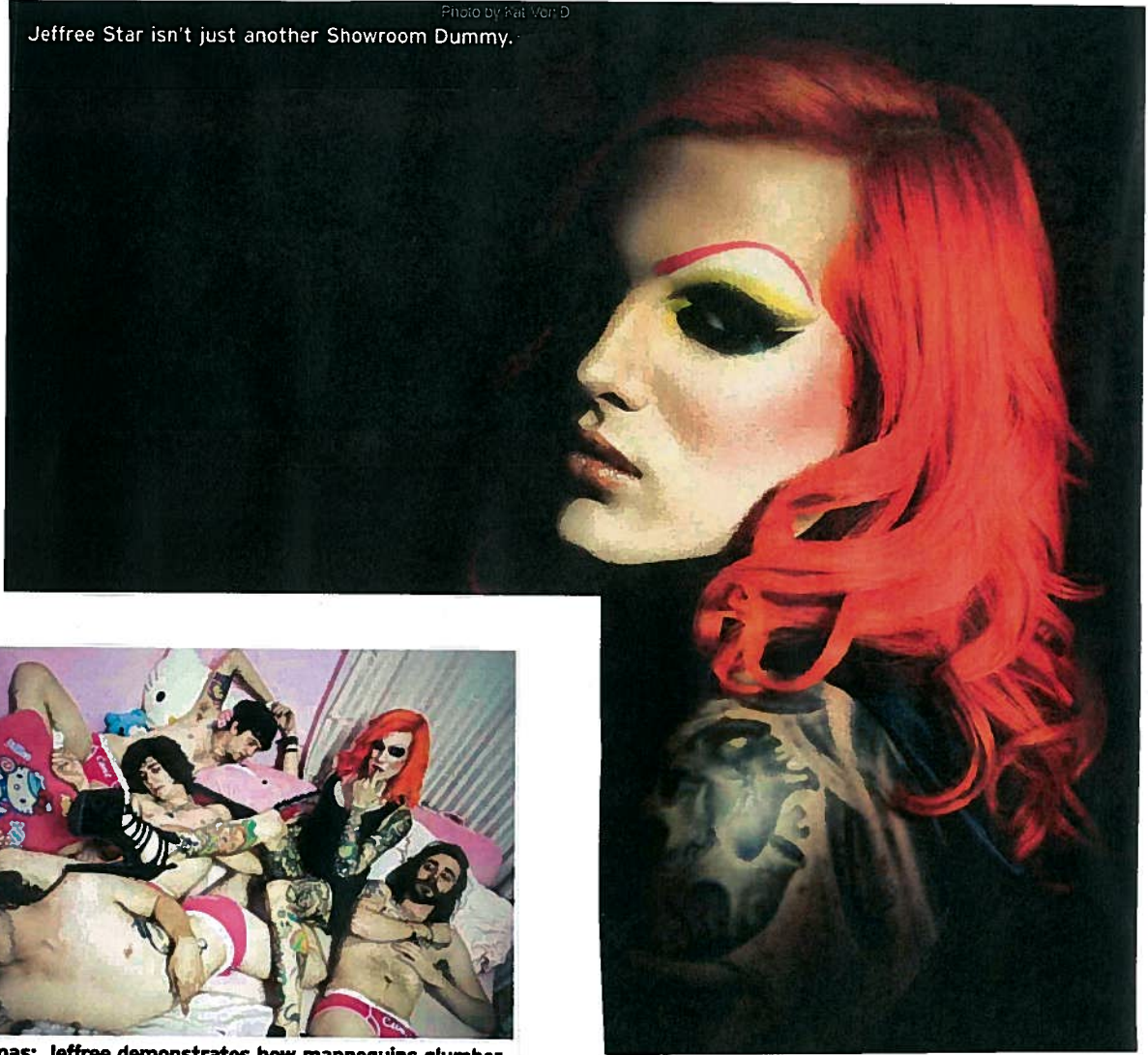


Jeffrey Star isn't just another Showroom Dummy.

Photo by Fat Von D



Cat's Pajamas: Jeffrey demonstrates how mannequins slumber.

## Starstruck

Jeffrey Star prepares to bring stir things up in Salt Lake City.

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 For In Utah This Week

It's five days before Jeffrey Star is scheduled to cause a riot in Salt Lake City, and *IN* is playing phone tag with the self-proclaimed "mannequin." Once Star is finally connected, he immediately begins teasing by saying, "God, I have been trying to call your vagina for hours!"

Welcome to the world of Jeffrey Star, the 23-year-old MySpace phenomenon who has a number of different claims to fame, and each one of them includes purposefully messing with the heads of those who can't help but watch to see what the pink-haired, makeup extraordinaire will do next.

Anyone who visits MySpace, shops at Hot Topic, attends Warped Tour or pays attention to Perez Hilton knows who Jeffrey Star is. He initially made a name for himself within the world of Hollywood by obsessively perfecting the art of applying makeup, a talent that Star realized at the age of 15.

"When everyone else was at high school dances or whatever, I was at home playing in my mom's makeup" says Star, who became so good at the makeup application process that he would be hired by celebrities to do their makeup upon meeting him at clubs.

The networking opportunities that working as a celebrity makeup artist gave Star led to him doing everything from appearing in music videos to working as an androgynous model, posing in stilettos and skirts that would make any woman jealous, to most recently, recording his own full

See Jeffrey Star, 12

length album.

"I was really inspired by pop groups, like the Spice Girls and I love Hannah Montana," says Star. Though hearing that the Spice Girls and Hannah Montana served as musical

### Jeffrey Star

with Artist Vs. Poet, Wathcout! There's Ghosts and Let's Get it

When: Sat., Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.

Where: Avalon theater, 3605 S. State St.

Tickets: \$10; www.smith-stix.com.

inspirations sounds like pure sarcasm, it soon becomes apparent that Star is nothing short of serious; he just isn't afraid to admit that the music that serves as most people's guilty pleasures, is on the top of his iTunes playlist. He is also fully aware that though many people may not admit it, they are listening to his music.

"People say that they don't like my music, but it's secretly on their iPods," says Star.

Though Star has been involved in the entertainment business for quite some time, he has only been involved within the world of music for two years.

"In 2007, I put an EP on iTunes as a joke, and it ended up getting a lot of downloads. It was never my goal to do music, but it's become my passion," reveals Star.

Once he realized that he could make and sell music, Star began recording and playing shows in clubs. His nonstop work ethic led to various gigs and an invitation to play for the first part of this summer's Warped Tour and the completion of his September '09 album, "Beauty Killer." When asked what to expect from his much anticipated release, Star simply says, "Everyone knows Jeffrey the person, now I want them to know my music. I like to break hearts and hymens."

Though he loves to break hearts left and right, he is also pretty proud of the fact that he is an example to both males and females all over the world.

"I'm pro-expression. People don't get sarcasm. Obviously, I know I'm a guy, but I like fucking with people's heads and I contradict myself on purpose. Underneath all the funny stuff though, I say to be yourself. I do that by never selling out or compromising myself," explains Star.

So, with pink hair, wild makeup and stilettos in tow, Jeffrey Star has embarked upon his first summer tour to celebrate himself by being himself, whether dressed as a guy or girl, it doesn't matter because gender, as one soon learns, does not define who Jeffrey Star is.

"I refer to my fans and I as mannequins, because I'm not trying to be a guy, I'm not trying to be a girl, I'm Jeffrey," says Star.

With such a simple explanation to the eccentric, tattooed, Louis Vuitton mannequin, it makes it hard for one to resist going out to celebrate the expression of self with the one man who isn't afraid to say or do anything.

Salt Lake music fans will get a chance to preview tracks from "Beauty Killer" and rock out along with Star at Avalon Theatre. Fans should take the opportunity to get up close and personal to Star at Avalon because at the rate that this shooting Star is going, he will

be selling out arenas full of Star-crazed mannequins in no time.