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Angelica Bridges Brings A Little Of Both To *Fantasy*

by Megan Riggs



With her fiery red hair and sultry voice, model, singer and former "Baywatch" star Angelica Bridges is the perfect addition to the showgirl revue *Fantasy*, which features sexy musical vignettes of secret desires. Bridges, who joined the show when it recently celebrated its 10th anniversary, had seen the show once before joining the cast, after hearing about it from *Fantasy's* choreographer Cris Judd and music director Darren Sher—whom she had worked with in her all-girl band Strawberry Blonde. So, what makes the seductive songstress so sweet? For one thing, Bridges is a talented baker—known for her ability to bake scrumptious brownies, cupcakes, cobblers and pies. Her specialty, she says, is her homemade buttermilk biscuits. She also has a bubbly, infectious personality that makes her a hit with audiences.

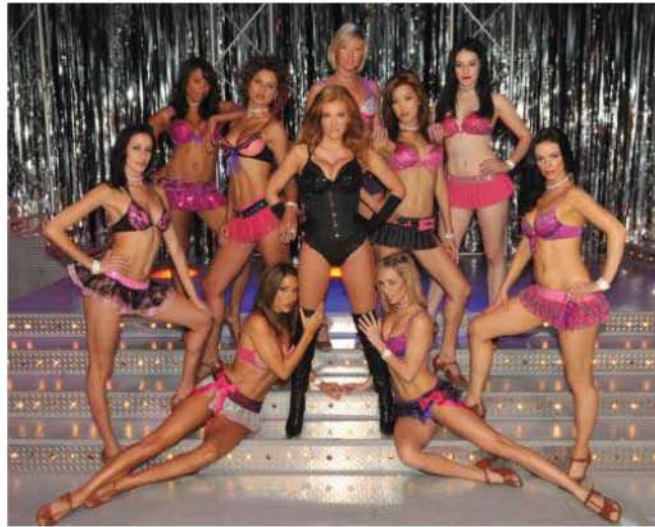
What's On: *What is your favorite part of doing Fantasy?*

Angelica Bridges: I think the rush I get is when the audience is having a great time, and I can feel that. You get certain nights where the audience will be really pumped up, excited and loud, just giving you so much love and clapping—those are the best nights. ...I think that my favorite part of the show—the performance part—is my audience interaction with them on a song called "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'," where I involve them and play with them a bit and get them to join along with the song. I pick somebody out of the audience and they become my guinea pig, so to speak. I get them to come up and chat with them and we have some fun.

WO: *Is there a lot of camaraderie between you and the dancers?*

B: I love them. Yeah, when I first came to the show they said, "Right now we don't have an extra dressing room," because right now we're

sharing the stage with Carrot Top and he has a dressing room, and Sean Cooper, [*Fantasy's*] comedian, has been there seven years and he has a dressing room and the only other room we have is the big room for all the girls with all their makeup tables to share. And they said, "Sorry, we'll try to figure out a dressing room situation for you." I remember looking at my producer and saying "No, I don't want my own dressing room because how can I bond with the girls if I'm separated from them?" ...And sure enough, by being in there, the camaraderie we have, it is a blast. It starts at 9:30, we get there, we get



together, there's music, there's jokes, people bring in food every night—there's five of us in the cast that are amazing cooks, so we have bakeoffs, and we bring in these decadent desserts and these yummy things—and hearing stories about everyone's day, it's brought me really close to the girls. I think they're fabulous.

WO: *How do you prepare before a show?*

B: It actually starts at home. About an hour before I leave I take a steam shower and I put eucalyptus in the steam. It's good for the throat—kind of gets it

moist—and then on the way to the show I am doing my vocal warm-ups and doing scales so I'll get a good range. ...I [drink] hot tea before the show with honey...so that's kind of my prep.

WO: *What do you like to do in Las Vegas?*

B: I'm overwhelmed right now because I have so many things I want to do, but the best thing I've done is this thing called Exotics Racing. It's at the Las Vegas [Motor] Speedway. And it's not that I'm into expensive cars or anything; I'm just kind of a tomboy, in a way, where I love sports cars and I've always had sports cars and I had raced NASCAR before—trained—and when I found out they had these Ferraris and Lamborghinis, and all these exotic [cars], I thought, "Oh, my gosh, this is my dream." So a couple of weeks ago, I went out and did it and it was just incredible, driving those kind of cars at that speed at the racetrack was amazing. So that's what I love to do—I have a big car fetish, for sports cars and racing. ...I love to golf so I plan to do that when the weather gets warmer...I love to go out dancing. Last weekend I was at Cathouse dancing on the tables until 4 o'clock in the morning [laughs].

WO: *And what do you find sexy?*

B: I love lingerie. That is the best part of my role in the show is getting to wear all these costumes and dressing for an audience. ...One of my dresses is a long, red, sequined, Jessica Rabbit evening gown with a slit up the side and it's beautiful and glamorous and I wear long red satin gloves, but then for some of my outfits, I mix a bit of lingerie with the outfit. I'm never in full lingerie, I'm just mixing lingerie with a costume. ...The best part I think is being able to dress for the audience and the sexiness of wearing costumes you feel so womanly and feminine. That's super sexy.

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