

Sophie & Alabama

They're the product of super-famous celebrities and grew up in the public eve - but these two are definitely stars in their own right! Young, driven, and full of undeniable star power, the future looks bright with SOPHIE SIMMONS and ALABAMA LUELLA BARKER filling the world with their radiant, beautiful light.

Shine on, Sophie and Alabama!

CELEB OFFSPRINGS TAKE CENTER STAGE



AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE, YOU'VE BEEN A SOCIAL MEDIA STAR FOR

It started as something fun - and just continued to grow! I like being able to meet people and interact with them.

WE'VE HEARD YOU'VE GOT A LITTLE SIBLING RIVALRY ON SOCIAL MEDIA WITH YOUR BROTHER LANDON

It's always fun to have a little friendly competition with my family!

LANDON'S ALSO SAID THAT YOUR FAVORITE POST IS: "SELFIES, SELFIES, THAT'S ALL YOU!

I think Landon might like selfies more than I do now!

BOTH OF YOUR PARENTS ARE VERY HANDS-ON. YOUR IG ACCOUNT EVEN HAS "ACCOUNT MONITORED BY PARENT" ON I

My mom and dad both follow my brother and I, and look out for us.

YOU WERE BORN DURING SEASON TWO OF YOUR FAMILY'S REALITY SHOW, MEET THE BARKERS, AND YOU MADE YOUR PUBLIC DEBUT IN THE LAST EPISODE! HOW DOES THAT

It feels so weird! And I missed out - I only got to be on the last episode. Come on!

HOW HAS IT BEEN, GROWING UP IN THE PUBLIC EYE?

It has been interesting but sometimes it's hard when everyone is trying to take pictures with my dad.

OF COURSE, YOU AND YOUR BROTHER BOTH LOVE MUSIC - WE HEAR YOU BOTH PLAY THE DRUMS, JUST LIKE DAD!

We used to have different-sized drum sets growing up - a little one, a medium one, and a big one - and we used to all have competitions with each other. But it was too much, it got too loud. Too much noise!

YOU PLAY THE PIANO TOO - IN FACT, YOU EVEN CONTRIBUTED ON A SONG ON BLINK-182'S RECENT ALBUM.

It wasn't really supposed to happen. I just went in there and started playing, and they were recording me... Then my dad told me that they were going to put it on the album. It was so cool.

YOUR DAD ALSO TAKES YOU WITH HIM ON EVENTS, SHOWS, AND TOURS

Tour[ing] is so much fun, and we get to see so much. We just got back from

ANY PLANS TO PURSUE A MUSIC CAREER FURTHER?

Yes! I want to keep working on music, and I want to do a slower song next.

YOU'RE ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN A LOT OF THINGS - MUSIC, ACTING. MODELING, SOCIAL MEDIA. WHICH IS YOUR ABSOLUTE FAVORITE?

I love fashion and beauty and music the most. It's so hard to pick! I love being creative with everything.

WHAT ABOUT HAVING YOUR OWN REALITY SHOW, LIKE YOUR PARENTS HAD BEFORE?

I think it could be fun - as long as my friends and family are part of it. Everything is better with friends!

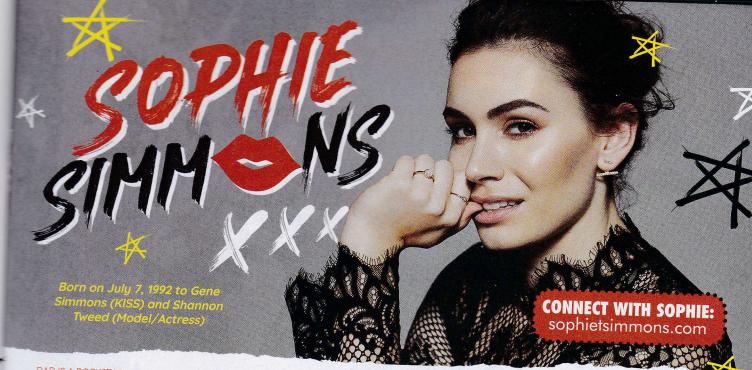
WITH ALL YOUR INTERESTS AND TALENTS AND PASSIONS, HOW DO YOU MANAGE TO BALANCE IT ALL WITH SCHOOL?

I go to a really great school that lets us choose our own creative projects. Some people choose surfing, some choose music - I'm lucky!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR ALABAMA BARKER?

I want to keep working on music and fashion! I can't wait to get started on my next single.

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DAD IS A ROCKSTAR, MOM'S A MODEL/ACTRESS. WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO GROW UP IN A HIGH-PROFILE FAMILY?

It's pretty normal for me because I don't really have anything to compare it to. It's just always been my family, normal mom and dad and the jobs that they

WAS BEING IN THE LIMELIGHT SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS EMBRACED?

I've definitely always embraced music and I have been writing songs my whole life, but I didn't really think about it in terms of 'being in the limelight'. I just knew I wanted to sing.

YOU'RE A MUSICIAN AND AN ACTRESS. WHICH DO YOU LIKE MORE?

I think they're very similar because when I'm writing songs, I kind of decide the narrator's point of view and then I have to put myself in her shoes - and it's very much like when you get a script and you have to become a character.

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ALSO DID REALITY TV. WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER MOST ABOUT GENE SIMMONS: FAMILY JEWELS?

I remember all of it because we filmed when I was 11 'til I was in college. The thing I like most was getting to hang out with my family. I'm also grateful because it kept me out of trouble, hanging out with my family instead of going into clubs and stuff.

YOU AND YOUR MOM THEN DID SHANNON AND SOPHIE. HOW DID THAT COME ABOUT?

We did it because we had so many requests for us to update people on what we were doing... Just to show everybody that yes, we still hang out, we didn't stop being a fw amily and loving each other because the show was over. We honestly hang out every day.

YOU'RE ALSO A PRODUCER FOR SHANNON AND SOPHIE. IS THIS SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO PURSUE?

Yeah. I encourage young people: When you have an idea, always give yourself credit, and not let someone else take the reins for your project. It's definitely good to have experienced people - we have more producers on the show than just myself. But it's always good, if it's your idea, to have the power to oversee it.

MUSIC IS DEFINITELY IN YOUR BLOOD, YOU EVEN AUDITIONED FOR X-FACTOR A FEW YEARS AGO.

I had been singing and writing songs my whole life, but never did it publicly. I thought, if I want to get into this for real, I want experts who have no vested interest [to] tell me if I should or not. That was kind of the test for me.

YOUR FIRST SOLO SINGLE WAS A REMAKE OF "KISS ME," WITH THE LABEL THAT FIRST SIGNED YOUR DAD'S BAND!

I did a one-song deal with them. They wanted to revamp 90s songs and were looking for 90s kids to sings these songs that they were a little too young to enjoy. I went in to record the demo for "Kiss Me" and we recorded it in 30 minutes.

OKAY, FAVORITE GENRE? FAVE

I love people like Etta James and Aretha Franklin purely because they're just magic for your ears, it's just great. People like Adele have [a] similar style and it just goes to show that it's timeless. Songs from Aretha or Adele are going to last years and years.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR

Definitely ever-changing; but I would describe it as alternative pop, purely because it has a lot of pop instrumental elements. Really, I just write about how I feel that day. Some days I'm sad and some days I'm happy, and I think the music reflects that.

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR WEBSITE. WE LOVE IT, BY THE WAY!

People are free to contribute whenever [and] whatever they want. It's an outlet for young people to read about their interests from a real kid's point of view, not from an influencer's point of view because I feel like we have so many influencers now.

YOUR BIO ON YOUR SITE IS PRETTY

My brother made this list: Ten things you should know about Sophie. And it's all embarrassing things that only brothers would know. My favorite is probably about how when I get afraid, I fall to the ground - not something I would love to advertise, but I love how he wrote it. It

was so personal.

NICK CLEARLY ADORES YOU.

When we were younger, he would pick on me, as older brothers do; but I always thought he was really cool. As we got older we became genuine friends, and now we live together. I don't know when exactly, but at some point, we were like, "oh you're pretty cool." "Oh you're pretty cool too." "Alright, we can hang out."

YOU'RE A GREAT EXAMPLE OF USING CELEBRITY PLATFORM FOR GOOD.

Growing up, we were involved with the SPCA, Pink Lotus, Wounded Warriors, and just stuff that my parents were really involved in. My parents were the ones that instilled in my brother and I the concept of giving back.

WHO DO YOU TAKE AFTER MORE, YOUR DAD OR YOUR MOM?

Definitely different parts of different parents. Work ethic - my dad, empathy - my mom; and physically, I'm exactly half of both of them! I get the music thing from [both] parents. I think I'm just such a mix of both. They did a really good job of co-parenting us.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT NEXT FROM SOPHIE SIMMONS?

Definitely more new music. I think that's the main focus right now: We have my single ready to go, and we shot the video, it's going to come out in February. And we're just setting up what the live show looks like, merch and everything, all the details, so that we're ready to go when it comes out.

SOPHIE'S ADVOCACIES

SOPHIE'S PLACE
As I got older, I found where I want to give back: Children. I started my own charity called Sophie's Place when I was 18. It's a center for abused children 18 [and] under [who've been] mentally, sexually, or physically abused, and we deal with the repercussions of that -therapy, legal proceedings. We're open every hour of every day, and you don't have to have an adult with you to come to see us. You can just come as a kid - it's a safe place to tell what's happened, and seek help.

It's such a personal struggle. I have not spoken about it, but my idea is that everyone should do what makes them happy. I think we have this one-sided stigma about positive body image -an all-natural, curvy woman - when really, everybody who is happy with themselves has positive body image. We shouldn't discriminate against people who want to change their bodies or don't want to change their bodies, if that's what makes them happy. It is your body and it is your choice, and whatever makes you feel the best and the healthiest, that's what you should be doing. That's what I try to instill.