

18 June 2008

By: Monica Gaza, Life & Style Editor



Nicole Kidman in a Vogue photo shoot by Annie Leibovitz Vogue

Nicole Kidman Goes Old School in Vogue

The beautiful actress channels pure 1930s old school glamor in a shoot by Annie Leibovitz

Nicole Kidman is definitely one of the most successful, complex and challenging modern actresses out there. The beautiful Australian, who has spent most of her life delighting audiences around the world with her compelling performances, is currently promoting her latest movie, the epic "Australia" in which she stars alongside Hugh Jackman. Kidman graces the cover of July's Vogue magazine in a shoot by Annie Leibovitz, and in her every pose, stare and outfit there is an authentic dose of pure old Hollywood glamor. Like her latest eagerly-anticipated movie, Nicole channels a different age and a different take on fashion and style in a truly remarkable manner. "Nicole is a thoroughbred. She is highly strung, highly volatile, highly everything", reveals Baz Luhrmann, director of "Australia". And this is precisely what Vogue star photographer Annie Leibovitz managed to capture in her photos: a side of Nicole Kidman that we have never seen before, a combination of steely determination, high fashion and the proud vulnerability of a pregnant woman who decided to defy her country's ruthless outdoors and complete the filming of an epic movie critics refer to as an Australian "Gone with the Wind". It's not only great 1930s-inspired fashion that Nicole displays, but also an air of timeless beauty and determination. "Most people are marvelously centered when it's calm but un-centered when it's stormy. With Nicole, it's the opposite. When the storm is raging on the set, or in life, her spirit settles down and finds its complete center", Luhrmann further reveals in the interview accompanying Kidman's Vogue photo shoot. "Nicole always does a high-wire act without a net, and even if she sometimes falls, this is what makes her compelling-as an artist and as a person", he continues. Like the movie that inspired it, Nicole's Vogue photo shoot radiates a superb level of imaginative intensity, evident in the careful manipulation of details and in everything from the cut of Kidman's costumes to her perfect makeup. Enjoy the shots - and stay tuned for more news.