

Q&A with Lainey

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Lifestyle Magazine: Is TIFF the best or the worst time of year for you?

Lainey: The best moments happen at TIFF, how about that? *Etalk* has the most complete coverage, and it means that we basically handle everything and we're everywhere. So I can't say to you that the best time of my life is when I'm run down, but I can tell you that the best moments I

have working as a blogger and an *etalk* host happen at TIFF. Like the other night, I was at the after-party for George Clooney — [*The Men Who Stare at Goats*] movie and we were at this house on the Bridle Path and it was sick. Those are benefits you can't really exchange.

Lifestyle: You're incredibly busy and yet you remain very devoted to your blog.

Will you always blog?

Lainey: I always want to be the primary person on my blog. That's my number one priority. I love contributing to *etalk*, but I'm nothing to *etalk* without being *Lainey Gossip*. My brand is so associated with my person-

ality. I'm never going to extricate myself from that.

Lifestyle: What do your sources in L.A. and New York get out of giving you tips for stories?

Lainey: People seem to think that everything is money motivated but in the world of entertainment and gossip, information is currency. My sources will give me something and later on I'll repay the favour. We're human beings. Gossip is immortal. There's a reason why gossip exists and it's because we can't keep secrets. There's nothing like the thrill of you telling somebody a secret and knowing you were the person that made it get out there... It's a little bit of an ego trip for some sources, too.

Lifestyle: Vancouver is going to host the world during the 2010 Olympics. What are your favourite refuges in Vancouver to escape for a drink or a meal?

Lainey: For a drink I really like going to George, which is this lounge in

Yaletown. My husband and I love this restaurant called Chambar. It's one of our favourite restaurants and the f—king *Twilight*/Kings of Leon orgy happened there so now I'm mad because you know how crazy the *Twilight* pilgrimages all over Vancouver and now that they know that Chambar was booked out exclusively by [the band] Kings of Leon and the [*Twilight*] cast was there partying with them, they're basically going to spoil it. Like, they pissed on my favourite place.

Lifestyle: More and more movies are shooting in Vancouver. Do you like that?

Lainey: I do like that because it's good fodder for me and also because it's obviously showcasing a place we love. It's good for everyone in B.C. because of the economic value of having productions taking place there. Having said that, it's kind of embarrassing to me how Vancouver is acting over this *Twilight* business. You know how you move around in New York and L.A. and Toronto and the concierges will give you tips and the maître d's will give you tips at a restaurant? Vancouver's not like that. Vancouver prides itself on being above everybody else. That was the previous image. Vancouver fans are supposed to be cooler too — like they wouldn't chase people down the street. *Twilight* came along, and shame went out the window. *Twilight* has tapped into some sort of latent crazy gene that exists in certain people and now it's vibrant and thriving. **LM**

See our full interview with Lainey on lifestylemagazine.ca and follow Lainey's hilarious celebrity smut-mongering on laineygossip.com.

¹Twi-Hard: Lainey's not-so-affectionate nickname for fanatic fans of the *Twilight* book and movie trilogy, which is shooting its third installment in Vancouver

