

Earrings, \$245, Pamela Love. **Jacket**, \$328, Marc by Marc Jacobs. **Dress**, \$215, Amour Vert.



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NEW YORKER
**ALEXANDRA
DADDARIO**
TAKES ON HER
BIGGEST ROLE
YET: THE LEAD
IN THE FIRST OF
THE SUMMER
BLOCKBUSTERS.
THE BUDDING
STAR OPENS UP
ABOUT WHAT
IT'S LIKE TO
BE THE NEXT
BIG THING.

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It's a spring day on the Lower East Side, and Alexandra Daddario is teetering on a ledge. Okay, that's a little dramatic. But the 29-year-old actress is in fact leaning back on a third-storey fire escape, all for the sake of getting the shot. "It's fine!" she insists, blue eyes widening. They sparkle whenever she has anything serious to say. Which is often, because there's nothing Daddario takes more seriously than her career.

With good reason, too. Daddario, who grew up on the Upper East Side, is on the verge of something like stardom. This month she stars in the earthquake-disaster flick *San Andreas*, and in the last year, she appeared on *New Girl* and filmed the new Nicholas Sparks adaptation *The Choice*, coming in 2016. It was HBO's *True Detective*, though, that catapulted Daddario into the ranks of talents to watch. (Yes, she was the one with *that* nude scene.) "I fought hard to do that project," she says. "Getting naked on television is a

slippery slope and I had a fear of it, but I was willing to do whatever it took."

The eldest daughter of two Manhattan lawyers, Daddario started acting as a preteen. "I took all kinds of lessons: ice-skating, horseback riding, tennis," she says. "Acting was one of them." When she was 16, she landed a recurring role on *All My Children* and transferred to the Professional Children's School in Manhattan. She spent the rest of high school shuttling between New York and L.A. for auditions.

Amid the extracurriculars, Daddario found time to be a typical city kid. "When I was young, I went to a hoo-kah bar," she recalls. "My friend ordered a beer, the guy asked for her ID, and we all looked terrified. Then he said, 'Just kidding!' and brought us a beer."

"When you're young, all you want to do is be older; when you're older, all you want to do is be younger."

But right now? Daddario is exactly where she wants to be. ■



Earrings, \$184, Alibi.
Sweater, \$135, Topshop.
Shorts, \$325, Harvey
Faircloth. **Ring**, \$188,
Larucci. **Ring**, \$175, Pamela
Love. **Shoes**, \$298,
Diane von Furstenberg.



*I basically
never left
Manhattan
for more than
three weeks
until I was 23."*

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Sunglasses, \$60,
Le Specs. **Earrings**, \$185,
and **ring**, \$125, Lab by
Laura Busony. **Bracelet**,
\$98, Biko Jewelry.
Dress, \$171, ASOS.



I'm extremely casual in life. **But I like doing red carpet;** it's nice to get to be a princess for a night."



Bracelets, from \$34, BaubleBar. **Shirt**, \$125, Harvey Faircloth. **Skirt**, \$325, Franziska Fox.



Earrings, \$375, Yuwei Designs. **Bracelet**, \$303, Pamela Love. **Jumpsuit**, \$548, Diane von Furstenberg. **Shoes**, \$275, Ash at Shopbop.com.

Earrings, \$184, Alibi. **Ring**, \$188, Laruicci. **Jacket**, \$129, ZARA. **Dress**, \$299, Karen Millen for Bloomingdale's.



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“There’s something so exciting about New York—
the energy around you is wonderful.”

Jacket, \$328, and **watch**, \$175, Marc by Marc Jacobs. **Ring**, \$58, Redwolf PDX. **Dress**, \$215, Amour Vert. **Shoes**, \$395, Sigerson Morrison.