

Beneath The Surface

MANDY MOORE KNOWS ABOUT ALL THOSE WATCHING EYES.

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WHEN MANDY MOORE'S new album *Amanda Leigh* (Storefront) was released in May, listeners heard the one-time teen singer moving into sophisticated, sultry vocals. With her marriage to Ryan Adams only months old and her musical career nearing the decade mark, the album marks a new chapter for the singer/actress.

But don't think Moore's move into the next phase of adulthood is without turmoil. Courtney Love recently slammed the newlyweds on her MySpace page in a vicious attack, and paparazzi regularly record her moves. Here's what Moore has to say about her music, her marriage, and all those watching eyes.

Who is Mandy Moore? Are you a singer? An actress? A fashion designer?

I don't know. I think I'm still trying, forever trying to figure that out.

Do yes men who tell you what you want to hear always surround you?

I love honest feedback. I am a total perfectionist. I don't want people to say, "Wow that was amazing" when I know it wasn't. That's what worked with Mike [Viola, producer]; he was the ultimate teacher and a great person to learn from and kept pushing me to do my best.

What about your husband? Was he involved as you recorded this?

He was an incredible support system who truly understands what I do. At the same time we are individuals with very different careers and very different fan bases. I know fans think [the relationship is an odd match] but it's not odd for us.

It's interesting that you maintain your balance despite all of the celebrity tabloid pressure on you since your marriage. Tell me about that.

I don't know if there's a way to balance it. It freaks me out. That's one

reason you don't Google yourself!

How do you respond to the online criticism Courtney Love heaped on you and your husband?

I think that falls under the category of considering the sources. It doesn't bother me too much. It doesn't affect my day-to-day life. It would be different if someone close to me said it.

Set the record straight.

People for the most part have a pretty accurate idea of who I am. Still, though, there's a lot more to people than meets the eye. I'd say, "Look beneath the surface."

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MANDY MOORE ON HUBBIE RYAN ADAMS:
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