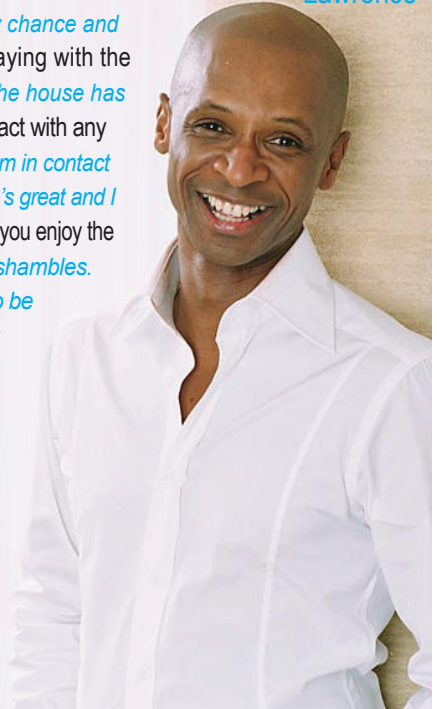


Celebrity Interview with **Andy Abraham** by Jennifer Lawrence

XFactor - If you could do it again would you? *No I've had my chance and I came second, now it's someone else's turn.* Did you enjoy staying with the Osbournes? *I did, I got to record in Ozzy's studio, and though the house has only 4 bedrooms, the gardens are spectacular.* Are you still in contact with any one from the show? *I am yes, Sharon and I send messages and I'm in contact with Chico and Maria.* What do you think of Alexandra Burke? *She's great and I think and hope she'll do well. She's a winner!* **Eurovision** - Did you enjoy the Euro experience? *The experience was brilliant, the voting was a shambles.* What do you think of the new British Selection process? *I don't know to be*

honest. I think it is a little XFactorish. Doing 6 covers first seems to defeat the object to me. I don't think we should change, I think we have it right. It's not our songs that are the problem. **Your Music** - Who is your favourite recording artist? *Donny Hathaway for me he is my favourite soul vocalist, I have so many though; Misha Paris she is incredible, Sade, Corrine Bailey Rae, Robbie Williams, Coldplay, Oasis, I think if you are a performer it is important to be into every different type of music there is.* Where on tour are you most looking forward to playing? *As far as I am concerned the UK is my venue wherever it is, as long as the people are ready and want to party.* Where does your inspiration come from? *Family, friends and just life in general, like most people I suppose.* **Your Fame** - How does it feel to

be a heart throb? And how does your wife deal with all the female attention you get? *Pardon?!? I don't know about heart throb, heart attack maybe. I don't know how to answer that... its strange, my wife though she's cool, she doesn't mind.* Did you tip the bin men at Christmas? *I was away working at Christmas and I haven't seen them but yes I do always tip them.* **Your View** - How do you feel about Barak Obama's Presidency? *I think it's amazing, I really do. He has an aura about him that makes you want to believe in everyone, all colours, all creeds, that really warms my heart. That's how I see life. We are all human beings, we want the people in charge to look after us, and I mean we put them in power you know? So I'm really pleased about Barak Obama. It would be incredible if someone of colour was in power over here too. I hope one day it happens in the UK.*



Ticket Competition

Andy's current tour 'an Evening with Andy Abraham' - includes a night at the Harlequin Theatre in Redhill, on the 24th April 2009. We have 3 pairs of tickets to give away as prizes and the winners will also have the chance to 'meet and greet' Andy after the show!! The question we're asking is:

What was the title of Andy Abraham's Eurovision Song Contest entry for 2008? Answers please to: competition@rh123.com or telephone 01737 226677.