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ZIZI STRALLEN, 22,
the stage sister

'I come from a family of performers,' says Zizi of the Strallen acting dynasty. Her parents, Sandy Strallen and Cherida Langford, were musical theatre actors in the original cast of *Cats*, while her aunt is Bonnie Langford. Her sister Scarlett, 31, starred as Mary Poppins, while 28-year-old Summer took the leads in both *The Sound of Music* and *Top Hat* – and now their younger sister is snapping at their heels. Zizi became the youngest cast member of *Dirty Dancing* in 2008 and has gone on to play key roles in *Rock of Ages* and, most recently, *Merrily We Roll Along*. 'My parents never pushed us into acting; if anything they wanted us to do something else as they had first-hand experience of how hard it was. But we all went to my nan's dancing school and got the bug.'

MOST RECOGNISED FOR *Rock of Ages*. It is probably something to do with my lack of clothing in the show. I've been called 'red pants' by a few builders while walking round London.

DREAM ROLE Louise in *Gypsy*. I know every single word – it's safe to say it's my favourite show.

RECENTLY SAW my sister Scarlett as Cassie in *A Chorus Line*. It made me long to be a part of it.

The film version of Merrily We Roll Along is in cinemas now ►