

Fabulous does... DJ'ING WITH CLARA AMFO

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Clara and Fabulous Gissele make sweet music

She's about to take over the Radio 1 Official Chart, so we sit down with Clara Amfo, 28, to discuss partying with Nick Grimshaw, phone calls with Trevor Nelson and her trainer addiction

Where Radio 1, New Broadcasting House, London

How did you find out that you were going to be presenting the Radio 1 Official Chart show?

It was all very unexpected. Ben Cooper, the controller of Radio 1 and 1Xtra, called me in for a chat and said: "Can you keep a secret? I'd like you to do the show." I just kind of yelped a little and then I got a bit teary. You've replaced fellow presenter Jameela Jamil, 28. Was that a bit awkward?

No! She tweeted me and told me she jumped for joy when she found out. Jameela just wants some time out to travel and have her "Eat, Pray, Love" moment.

Have you always wanted to be a DJ?

Kind of. I got a job as a marketing intern at Kiss FM after university, and they noticed I was a chatterbox so I started doing late-night shows. Then I got the weekend breakfast show on Radio 1Xtra and I've been doing that ever since.

Have you ever had any awkward moments while on air?

I'm very well behaved. I haven't sworn on air and I'm happy about that! I only lost my voice once, after Nick Grimshaw's birthday party. They got someone in to cover for me.

Are the radio presenters like a big family?

As much as you can be when half of them DJ around the world. We all have busy lives, but I call Trevor Nelson for advice, Jameela's given me tips and Sara Cox has always been

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Clara told us to be careful: one flick of a switch meant we'd be broadcasting live!

Little brother Chris is her stylist - he advised her on what to wear for our shoot.

Clara is so full of energy she does all her shows standing up.



With her idol Sara Cox

an idol of mine so I was chuffed to work with her on Radio 4's [music and comedy show] Loose Ends.

Have you ever had any difficult guests?

I've been quite lucky. I did once ask Jason Derulo to sing my name, but his PR people were like: "He don't do that no more." And I once waited eight hours to interview Nicki Minaj, but it was worth it.

Who would be your ultimate celeb guest?

Beyoncé. As pop icons go, she's up there. We'll still be playing her records in 30 years' time. I'd also love to chat to Adele, because even though she's ridiculously talented, I bet she's just a laugh.

Which musicians are you excited about in 2015?

Rihanna's due back because she hasn't had an album out for a while, and I love Charli XCX. Her live gig was one of the best I've been to.

What do you do when you're not working on the radio?

I do a lot of voiceovers, so every time you hear an "out now" on a CD advert, that's me.

Tell us a secret about yourself...

I have a bit of a trainer problem. I like buying a new pair every two or three weeks. I have about 50 pairs - and that's after a clear-out! **F**

● Clara will present The Official Chart on Radio 1 starting Sunday January 25, 4pm.

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