

Adrian Grenier: Actor, Musician and Creator

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Adrian Grenier and Austin Visschedyk



Adrian Grenier and Jason Baker (cameraman)



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Earlier this year, I caught up with *Entourage's* **Adrian Grenier** at West Hollywood's Bar Lubitsch, where PHASE 4 FILMS & ONITSUKA TIGER hosted the DVD launch of *Adventures of Power* (2008), starring Adrian as Dallas Houston. In conjunction, was the kick-off for the online charity auction on CharityBuzz.com (January 25 – February 22) to benefit the **VH1 Save the Music Foundation**, a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring instrumental music education programs in public schools.

Adrian, a multi-instrumental (he plays guitar, drums, French horn, and the piano) music enthusiast, was there to perform with his indie-folk band, **The Honey Brothers** (he is their drummer), and support fellow band mate Ari Gold—who wrote, directed and acted in the film. The Honey Brothers, comprised of Kid Honey (Ethan Gold), Carl Honey (DS Posner), Hoyt Honey (Ari Gold), and Honey DuContra (Grenier), performed a couple of their songs to a packed venue. (You may have caught the band's appearance/performance on TV's *Beverly Hills 90210* last year.) During my chat with Adrian, he informed me that this was their "last show for awhile."

Coming out tonight was important to Adrian for a number of reasons. "I'm in the movie. Ari's a friend—I'm proud of him and his accomplishments. And, I'm really excited. Beyond the film, Ari has taken it to become not just a fun experience, but also to give back in a positive way. The message of the film is about persevering against adversity and I think because of the charity a lot of kids can do the same thing through music," he says thoughtfully.

In addition to being an actor and musician, Adrian is also very passionate about directing and producing. His in-depth documentaries include: *Shot in the Dark*, a documentary on his expedition to find his estranged father, *7:14*, a short film on a painter, and his more publicized documentary, featured on HBO, *Teenage Paparazzo*, which takes a profound look at the life of a 14-year-old paparazzo. I ask Adrian if we can expect more documented films from him. With a sly smile, he simply replies, "I might have another one coming." Tightlipped on that subject, I find the right question to get him to open up.

Of all these creative outlets, are you drawn to one more than another? His eyes light up. "I love it all," he passionately states. "I could never give up one. It's part of my life. It's part of the spirit of creating," he muses. Spoken like a true artist, this is a man who thoroughly enjoys his craft.

This summer, catch Adrian in the role he's best known for: **Vincent Chase** on HBO's highly-acclaimed series, *Entourage*. Season 8 begins in July. Sadly, this is the show's last season—but there are 10 more enticing episodes to revel in. **ML**