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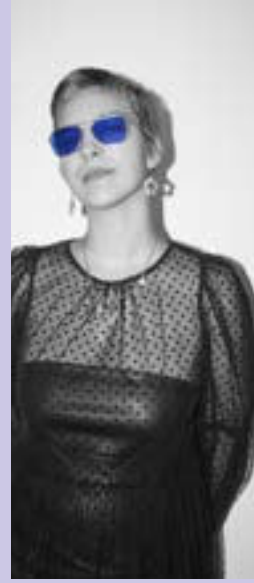
The same concept, a new team; welcome to edition 2 of INDIVIDUAL magazine. The magazine has returned to give another opportunity to more inspiring people from and around Leeuwarden to display their creativity.

In this fashion edition you will find a very interesting cover interview with an amazing cosplay artist and designer telling you how she got into cosplay, what it is like, what her favorite costume is and her future plans! Find out what everyone at NHL Stenden is wearing right now! Where do they get it from? figure it all out together with Floor in our fashion challenge.

To finish off this week's issue: an interview with one of NHL Stenden's fashion icons: Alice Ongaro, what trends does she despise, where does she get her amazing clothing from and what tips does she have for YOU?

We welcome you to a new edition of your favorite inspiring magazine, enjoy!

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ARTIST OF THE WEEK: MARTY CIPHER



FUN, EXPENSIVE, INTERESTING

How did you get into Cosplay and what do you like about it?

I started going to cosplay conventions when I was 12 years old. It's basically just like a big event about all kinds of anime and cartoons and stuff related to that. The highlight of those events were the cosplayers for me, cause there is something about making a costume and being another character from a show that you like that really seemed interesting. That is why I wanted to try it out for myself and I started cosplaying when I was 14 years old so two years after I started going to those events.

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How do you develop your cosplay characters?

I always choose characters that I really like from movies or comics. I also choose them by personality and looks and after I decide what character I want to cosplay, I start searching for all kinds of materials I can use for the costumes. I look at a lot A LOT of references. It takes a while, but it is very fun. It is also very expensive, unfortunately, but you can always use stuff you have at home or just choose a more simple cosplay to do.

This is Martina Cipher, Marty for short, a 21-year-old Creative Business student from Bulgaria.

She got into cosplay at a young age and has since gained a lot of followers on social media and won many contests, showing off her costumes.

I know you have participated in some cosplay contests. How did that go?

I actually always participate in the cosplay contests in Bulgaria. I go to every cosplay event and participate on stage, which is basically showcasing your costume, but also doing a mini theater, so what I normally do is either choosing a song or a certain scene from a movie, which I am then recreating on stage with the costume. I've participated in probably more than 30 and I've won a lot of stuff actually. I don't know how many.

What was the first cosplay you did?

The first one I did was Misty from "Pokemon", because my best friend and I really wanted to cosplay together and we wanted to choose something simple so we chose that. I don't know why it didn't turn out great but the experience itself was very nice and it's probably what kept me going for all of these years.

What is your favorite cosplay you have done so far?

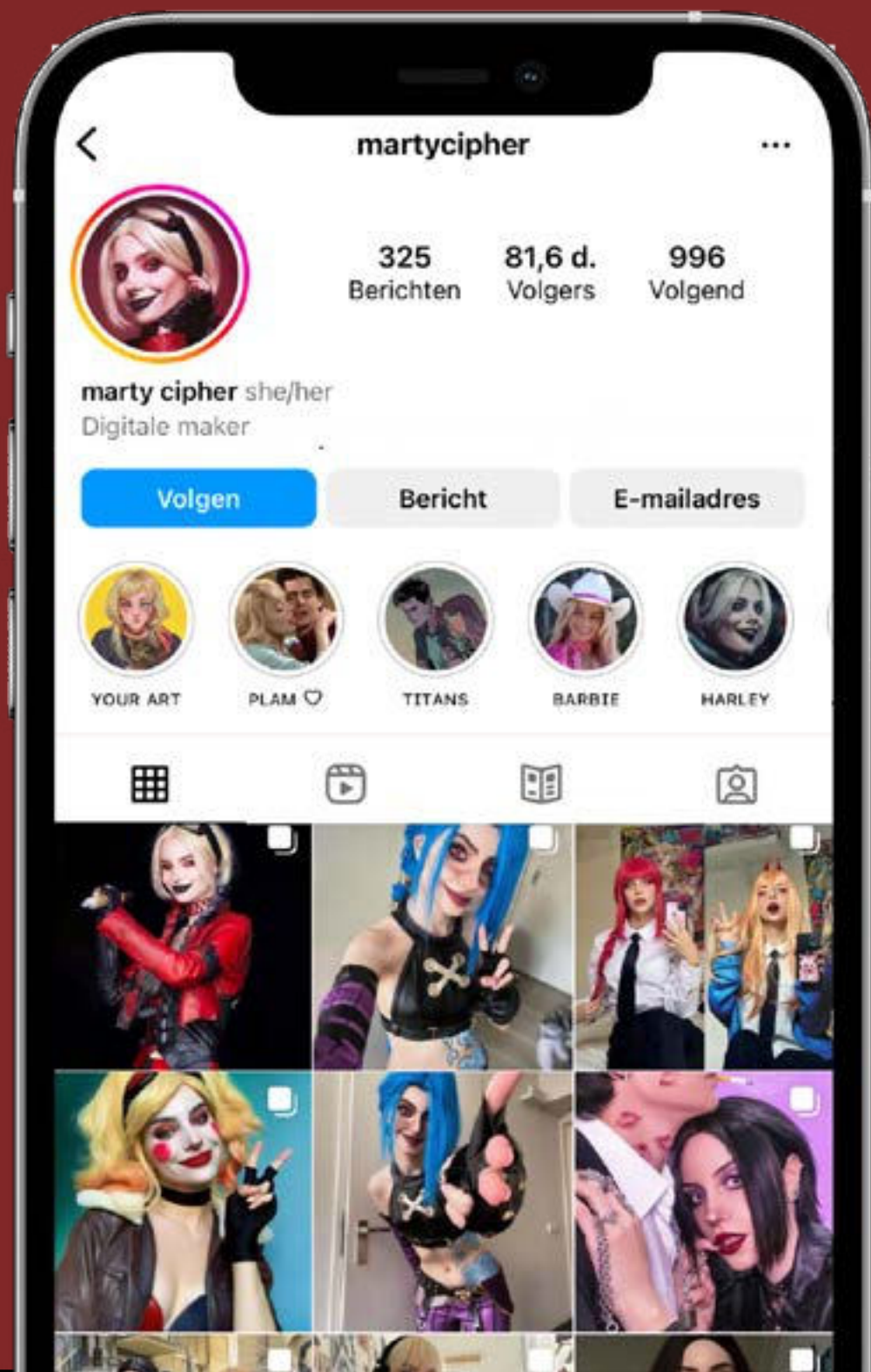
I really like cosplaying Harley Quinn. She is my favorite character to do and overall my favorite character, so definitely one of her costumes. It has to be either from the "Birds of prey" movie or the "Suicide Squad", but most probably "Birds of prey", because of that confetti jacket that I have for it. It was actually made by the designer who made it for the movie. It's my most prized possession.

What is a cosplay you are currently working on?

I'm working on a few. Improving my Jinx from 'Arcane' and another Harley Quinn costume. I'm always trying to do at least one or two per year. Yeah, I feel like I have too many. I always have at least five that I work on. I have plans for the future and I am probably going to cosplay as a grandma one day.

What kind of experiences did you gain throughout this journey?

That is a nice question! I feel like I've made most of my friendships through cosplaying and the whole community. You also really grow as a person doing something that you love and it definitely made me a more creative person. I improved skills like crafting stuff, make up, filming and editing, which I am very grateful for, but I would say that the friendships are the best part of it!



TRENDING: WHAT STUDENTS WEAR

Do you ever look at your fellow students and think “wow, I love that outfit, I wonder where they got it from..”
Well, today is your lucky day!

We asked the students of NHL Stenden all about their outfits. Where did they buy it from? How much did it cost?

Press play to find out more!



MEET: ALICE ONGARO



ALTERNATIVE, DARK, AND FUNNY

Where do you get your inspiration from?
I don't really get inspiration from anything specific, I just buy what I like, people think I get inspiration from punk but I don't because I hate punk music.

Where do you buy most of your clothes?
Nowadays mostly Vinted. I like to get second hand clothings #PlanetLove and sometimes the Bershka.

What word would you use to describe your style?
Alternative, dark and sometimes funny.

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How do people react to your style?
They look at me and you see them think "huh?" I get a lot of comments about my shoes if I can jump in them. I also had this one encounter at school with an old man and he said "I like your bag and also your shoes, let me see them! It's more of an easygoing and funny approach.

What do you think of the fashion trends right now?
A big no for the parachute pants, and I am really sorry but I HATE spencers!! Overall I don't really like trends.

This is Alice Ongaro, a 21-year-old second year Creative Business student from Venice Italy.

Alice has a very unique fashion style and we were wondering what she thinks of the latest trends and how she styles her own outfits.

When did you start changing your style?
There have been three main styles that I have had, the first one was the Pull&Bear/Stradivarius style, so skinny jeans, ripped jeans and crop tops. Around the age of 15 my styles changed to gothic and then after that it became junkie, with the thighs and skirts with big shoes.

What is your favorite thing about fashion?
Right now big brands like Balenciaga are going crazy with big things, very alternative things and going out of standards. I really like it.

How much money do you approximately spend on your outfits?
My shoes are very pricey but the rest is very cheap, for example the thighs are really cheap and other things I wear are mostly second hand so it's not that expensive.

What kind of advice would you give people that want to start taking fashion seriously?

The only thing I can say is that what I also said to myself when I was very scared to dress up because people were staring at me but I realized that you should just ignore them and don't care. F*ck their opinion cause you only live once. It's basic to say but it's true and really helped me.

Buying this one crazy statement item, my boots, helped my style development because how was I going to style it?

If you want to create an outfit it doesn't have to be expensive, it can be great with second hand stuff. Don't hide yourself behind people's judgement because it's not worth it.



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