

Interview: Ariel Aparicio Is Thinking "Pink"



Out pop-rocker Ariel Aparicio lives in Brooklyn, is a dad, a restaurant co-owner and spends his free-time hanging out around the top of Logo's Click List music video show, where his fans consistently chime in and score him high ratings on a weekly basis.

Aparicio's current hit is the 80s classic "Pretty in Pink," made famous by the Pyschedelic Furs and by that little Molly Ringwald film of the same name. And keeping in the pink theme, Aparicio is donating all proceeds from the iTunes sales of "Pretty In Pink" to the Greater New York City Affiliate of Susan G. Komen For The Cure, which combats breast cancer. Nice, right?

He's got a show in Brooklyn this Friday, but expect more to come! But we'll let him talk for a bit, now...



Pretty in Pink. And arty!!!

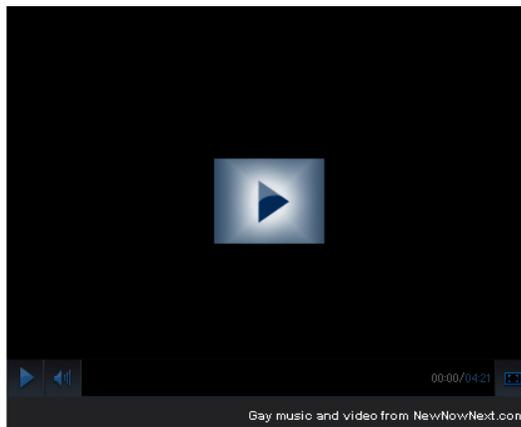
Why the tune "Pretty in Pink?" Are you a huge Molly Ringwald or Psychedelic Furs fan? Or do you just look good in rosey hues?

I'm a HUGE Furs fan. I love the band and especially LOVE Richard Butler. In college, I had a t-shirt printed that read "Richard Butler is GOD." But I do look especially stunning in pink.

Why did you decide to donate proceeds from the single's sale to the Susan G. Komen For the Cure organization? Is there a personal story behind it?

My dear friend of 20 years, Celeste Orangers, was diagnosed with stage III breast cancer in 2005. She is AMAZING. Today she is a SURVIVOR and I wanted to contribute to one of the organizations she feels strongly about. Actually, part of her treatment include an experimental drug called Herceptin, which she herself says that " without the fundraising of organizations like Susan G. Komen For The Cure, Herceptin would have been many years off, and I probably would not be here."

Watch Ariel's "Pretty in Pink" right here:



How does living in Brooklyn influence your work? Or does it?

Brooklyn brings me peace. Brooklyn also ROCKS!! It totally outshines Manhattan now for music & art. I love being a part of this community. Yes, Brooklyn inspires me everyday when I look out my window.

How do you juggle being a full-time musician and helping your partner run your restaurant -- and being a parent? It sounds insanely exhausting!

I just nodded off answering these questions... Actually, my husband is a saint. He lets me skip out to rehearsals and gigs and recordings whenever I need to and he runs the show by himself but it's me waking up in the middle of the night most of the times, so we are even!!!

What's the best compliment you've gotten about your music? From whom? Why was it important?

Well, this one is pretty easy ... Richard Butler, "God" himself, LOVED my cover of "Pretty in Pink". I mean, to have one of your biggest influences compliment you on YOUR cover of HIS song... well, that's better than ecstasy.

What are your summer plans, musically? Where can we see you?

PRIDE TOUR!!!! We've confirmed a handful of shows already. I'll post all the shows on my website (www.arielaparcio.com) really soon. Also, working my way back into the studio. Have a bunch of new songs. Can't wait to record them. I'm really going for the retro 80's sound this time. Hey, is Todd Rundgren available to produce? Can someone give him a call? Oh, my husband and I and our son will be in Cancun in July. Hold my calls...



You can check out this link to learn a bit more about Ariel's inspiration behind the big pink effort: www.arielaparcio.com/komen. And for more Ariel, go to www.arielaparcio.com and www.myspace.com/arielaparciomusic.