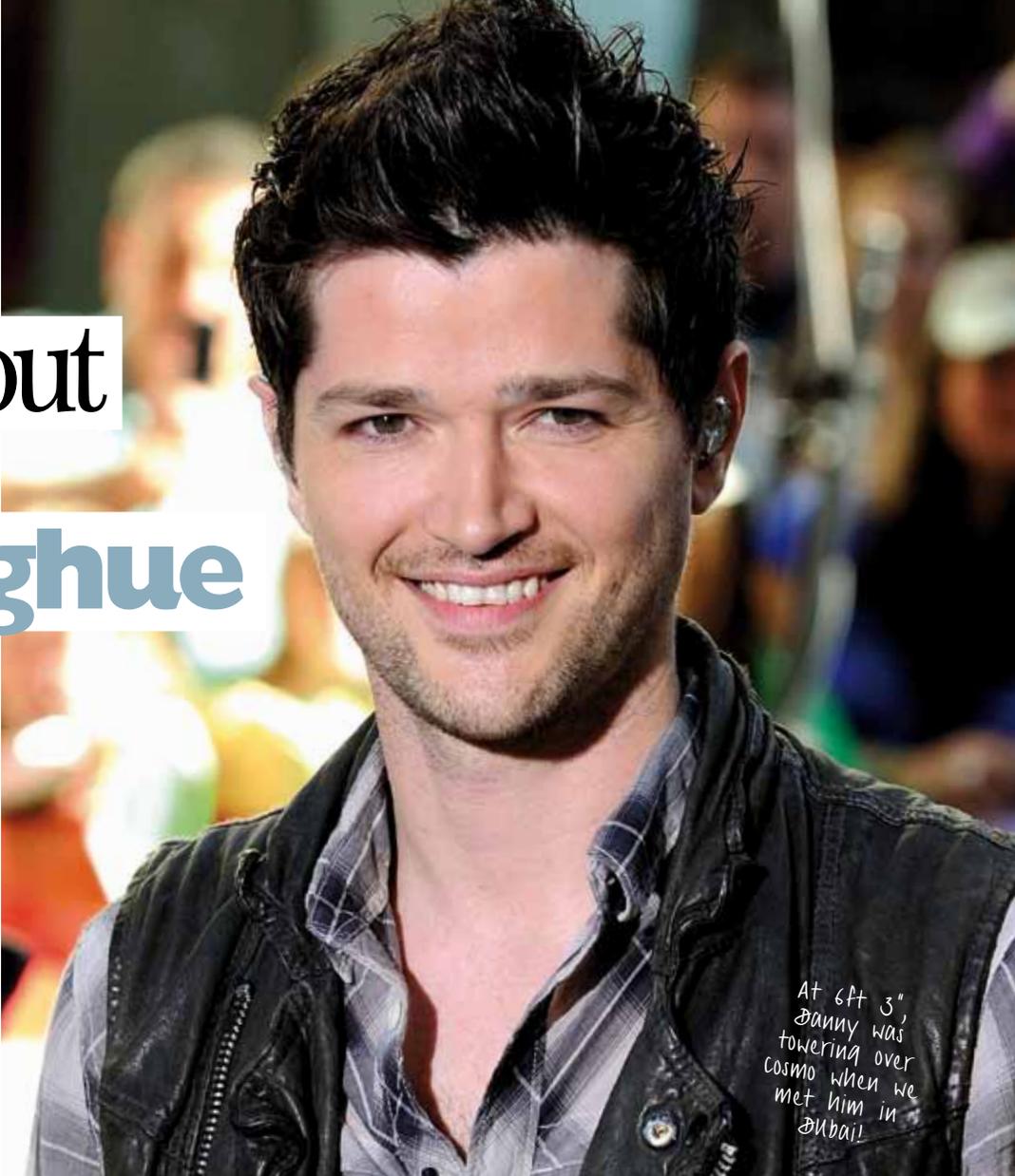


10 Things We Didn't Know About Danny O'Donoghue



*We caught up with 31-year-old *The Script* frontman during his recent UAE visit to find out what makes him tick*

1 Global stardom has taken him by surprise.

"It was never a goal of ours to break America, but now that we're on the cusp of it, I guess we didn't realise the gravity of the situation. An Irish band hasn't been able to crack the American market for 10 or 15 years. And for us to do it in such a short amount of time, it's brilliant."

2 Fans will do anything to get close to him.

"One girl forged her own backstage pass to one of our gigs. She managed to get into the elevator with us after one of our shows."

3 He only enjoys big gigs after the fact.

"Our best gig was probably the Aviva Stadium in Dublin in front of 52,000 people. I don't remember doing it. Then you watch it back, thinking, 'Wow, that's us up there, look how great it sounds'... I had so much more gratitude and pride watching it back than when we actually did it."

4 He's paid his dues.

"We started off making cups of tea, the same way every musician or producer starts off in the studio. We were very well-oiled as tea-makers before we were allowed to even touch the dials! We worked our way up through every aspect... we've had record labels ourselves, we've signed people before and we've been in

every type of band you can imagine... I think it took us ten years to become the biggest overnight success."

5 *The Script* isn't his first band.

"Myself and [bandmate] Mark were in a boy band called My Town 12 years ago."

6 He wants to work with Adele.

"We'd love to see Adele cover one of our tracks. I'd love to see what song she'd pick to cover."

7 He still gets recognised from a cameo in *The Hills*.

"It's quite bizarre to be walking down the street in LA and hear someone shout, 'Look, it's that guy from *The Script*!' because a lot of the time that doesn't even happen in the UK. But in America, we've been on shows like *90210* and *The Hills*... so people say, 'There's the guy from *The Hills*... oh no wait, I think he's in a band.' It's cool."

8 He's not into princesses.

"My ideal woman is someone who will roll their sleeves up and is prepared to get mucky and dirty. As in, if you go on holidays, they don't just want to go to nightclubs and lie on the beach. Someone who is a real go-getter and who wakes up in the morning and wants to do things."

9 He behaves himself on tour.

"We live vicariously through [bandmate] Glen. He's single. I have a girlfriend (model Irma Mali). But just because I'm tied to the post doesn't mean I can't bark at the cars!"

10 He has secret celeb crushes.

"I wouldn't say who though, in case I run into them! We've had that before where people have said that they've had a crush on us and then you meet them. You don't want be the guy who said, 'I've got a crush on you!'" ■

The Script *Science & Faith*, is out now

At 6ft 3", Danny was towering over Cosmo when we met him in Dubai!