

HEADLINERS & LEGENDS

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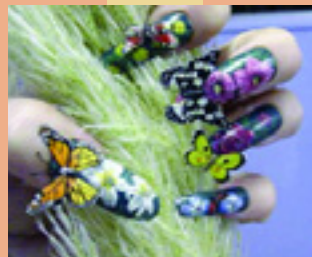


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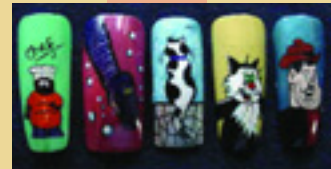
Located in the UK's East Anglia region, **Gina Wallace** unearths a talented intrepid nail artist with a passion for nail painting

This month's feature focuses on a gutsy, 'talented' nail tech who remains in the quietest shadows of the industry even though her talents far exceed the average nail artist. This honouree hails from Cambridgeshire and is infected with an internal desire to adorn nail art on every woman she can get her hands on. She's even painted her Jack Russell puppy's nails with OPI's Pawlish and topped them with gemstones! In short, Headliner, Daryl Hackett will gladly decorate just about any nail that will stay still long enough for the paint to dry.



FAVOURITE FADS

Little Britain, *The Simpsons* and *The Mighty Boosh* are Daryl's favourite TV programmes. With a collection of amusements like this, it's easy to see that Daryl enjoys spending her recreational time in a comedic light. She's a spirited woman with an infectious personality who believes in working and playing hard. She's found that comedy relaxes her soul and gives her the energy to thrust forward with her career goals.

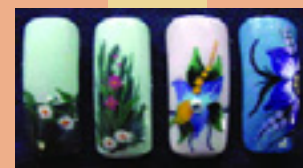
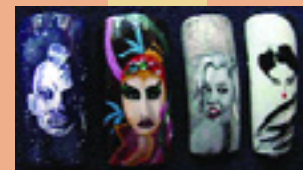


SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND

Rambling through various jobs after school, Daryl landed a job at a coffee bar, and then attended the Ely College of Beauty, but it wasn't until she took a bus trip to Olympia about five years ago that she found the career path of her dreams, which has changed her life forever. She confesses, "I had never seen nails like the creations I saw at the exhibition. At college, we would just varnish and top coat. I decided right then and there that I could do nail art just like the amazing creations I had seen and luckily enough, when I tried, I could!"

At 37, she and her husband Paul, have two children. Sam is 12 and Todd is 14 years old. This foursome has a very strong foundation and comes together to encourage one another. With this kind of family focus, it's no wonder Paul invested in a portable cabin with the intention of converting it into a nail salon for his precious wife. Daryl insists his gesture was for other reasons, whimsically saying, "He'll do anything to get me out of the house!"

Once the cabin was decorated, a nail station was set in place and the appropriate professional products obtained. Talented Bitch Salon was then christened with a bottle of Champagne. At just £35 per set, Daryl's nails are great value. But Daryl confesses that the nail art is her favourite part and is the most requested service she provides.

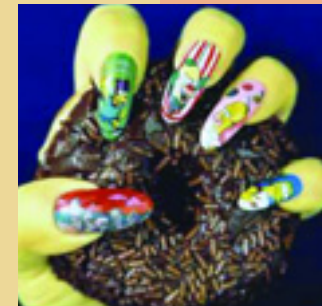


-DUCE HEADLINER DARYL HACKETT



READY, SET, GO!

After only one week of becoming a qualified nail tech, and with the encouragement of Paul and her mum, Daryl entered her first competition in September 1998 – The Professional Nails photographic competition. I was the MC of that particular awards ceremony and remember Daryl's entry very well. "My mum and I sat in the auditorium to see the winners and I thought the results had already been announced," recalls Daryl. "But when I heard Gina call out my name I still don't know how I managed the steps up to the stage because I was in total shock." She fondly remembers this moment as being her proudest achievement.



Daryl not only won that year's competition, but also won in the same category in 1999. In August 2000 she won the grand prize in the Nailart News Nail Art Competition. In August 2001 she then won 2nd place in the online 'Strut Your Stuff

competition held by www.beautytech.com. These achievements launched her name forward to trade magazine editors whereby she was invited to create some magazine covers. She is credited with the November, December and January 1999 issues of *Professional Nails*. In addition, she has demonstrated her talents at a myriad of beauty schools; always encouraging others to discover the fascinating world of nail art. While appearing on a local radio show, she contributed the following story. "My kids get *The Simpsons* monthly magazine and as a laugh I sent them a picture of my Simpson nails. It was featured on their Letters Page and I won the star prize of a Homer radio!" Today, she's already working on a theme and design for the next 'Strut Your Stuff' competition for 2004 which will be announced by the time this feature is printed.



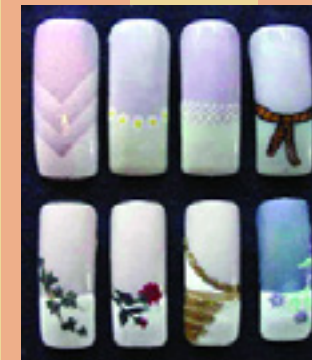
MENTORING 1,2,3

When asked who she credits with being her mentors, Daryl replies; "First and foremost it's Susan Tumblety. When I painted my black and white film star nails, I thought they hadn't been done before but while browsing the internet, I came across a picture of a nail done by Susan and not only had she got James Dean's face on one nail, she had also painted his motorbike as well! Secondly, Gina Wallace for her hand painted nails that inspired me to have a go myself. In fact, I think I've pinched some of her designs! I admire her because not only is she a wife and a mother, she has a successful nail company, a restaurant, she writes a monthly magazine column and somehow still manages to have time to talk to the likes of

me. And last, but not least, my husband. Although he's not in the nail industry, he makes me want to achieve bigger and better things."

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Regarding any regrets she may have, her answer was honest but simple, "I wish it hadn't taken me so long to decide that I wanted nails to be my career. My advice to newcomers is to try and keep up-to-date with new trends. You don't know what you can achieve unless you try. Oh... and practice, practice, practice!"



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Footnote:
Thank you, Daryl! Your natural talent for artwork is an inspiration and your easy-going nature is surely the most beautiful accessory to your salon. May you continue to have many, many years of unprecedented success – Gina.

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