

**ON MY RADAR**

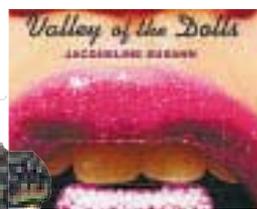
Kate Nash's cultural highlights

Singer-songwriter Kate Nash, 23, was born in London and attended the Brit school for performing arts. Her first album, *Made of Bricks*, reached number 1 in the UK album charts and she won best female at the Brit Awards in 2008. Her second album, *My Best Friend is You*, produced by ex-Suede guitarist Bernard Butler, came out last year. An avowed feminist, Nash is involved with this year's **Bird's Eye** women's film festival and will introduce the festival's Music Loves Video event on Thursday at London's ICA.

**Kirsty Styles**



**Fiction**



**Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann**

On tour, I became obsessed with this book and the three main characters. When I finished it, I was heartbroken and I can't read another book yet. I think it's my favourite book ever.

**TV**



**Him and Her, BBC3**

I love the actress in it, Sarah Solemani. She's a really intelligent young woman who's done a lot more than people realise. She's been in amazing theatre, written her own shows, and she's going to be really important in the industry and in the world. Look out for her.

**Music**



**Brigitte Aphrodite**

After my first album, I set up a label to help new artists. I've been supporting Brigitte, who is really rock'n'roll and wild. She's half-Greek and used to have a one-woman theatre show, so she's got this storytelling thing on stage. Her single, "I Dream Myself Awake", is out soon.

**Internet**



**thestylerookie.com,**

At 13, fashion blogger Tavi has become a style icon and I'm inspired by her freedom to be whoever she wants to be, it's empowering. Adults should try to keep that sensibility of not being worried about what people think - it stops us from being ourselves.

**Film**



**Black Swan**

I've heard that some people thought it was cliched and obvious but a classic story can be. It's done really beautifully and shot amazingly. It looked stunning and I like dark tales, I think they're really cool. I'm really pleased Natalie Portman won the Oscar.

**Non-fiction**



**Female Chauvinist Pigs by Ariel Levy**

The book is a feminist study on raunch culture, how we are sex-obsessed and how women will send in photos of themselves to men's magazines. Everything's kind of gone full circle and it really makes you question, what is liberation?

