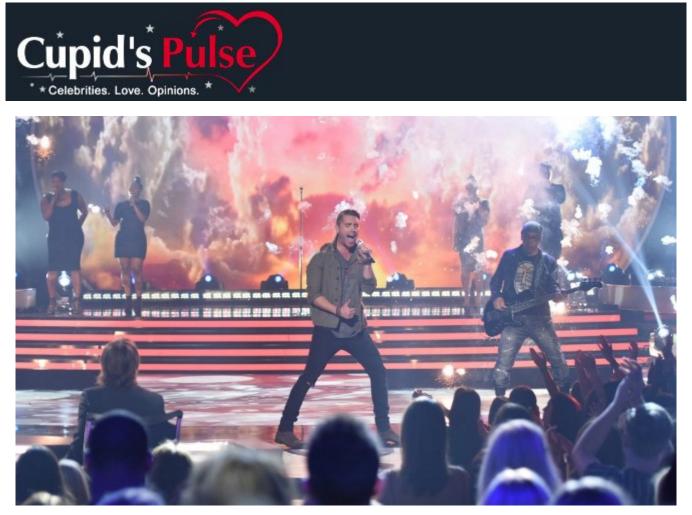
Celebrity Interview: 'American Idol' Winner Nick Fradiani Is Single!



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And the winner of American Idol season 14 is...Nick Fradiani! While the 29-year-old singer started out on the reality TV show as the underdog, in recent weeks, he quickly worked his way up as one of the front runners in the vocal competition. As he became more confident, he also became more comfortable on stage and finally began to break through his shell like the mentors and judges have been telling him to do all season. In our <u>celebrity interview</u>, the reality TV star talks about relationships and love and how he will remain relevant as an artist in the future.

American Idol Winner Talks About His Relationship and Love Life

We first got to know Nick Fradiani when he auditioned for this season of American Idol with his girlfriend Ariana Gavrilis. However, the now famous couple has not been seen together in recent months, and Gavrilis wasn't even at the finale. So all the ladies want to know: Is Nick Fradiani single? Sure enough, during our celebrity interview, the performer confirmed that he is currently single and that being a musician and maintaining a relationship and love is hard. "Being in music has always made it difficult to have relationships, especially if I've been traveling a lot," the singer shares.

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Winning will also put his love life on hold for a while. "I'm sure it will make things more difficult, but I try not to look for those things. Hopefully, the right thing just happens," he says. Still, Fradiani knows exactly what he wants in a future girlfriend. He has three must-haves in a partner: humor, trust, and comfort. "I like to laugh and have fun, so I need to be with somebody who is funny," he adds. "I also need someone that I can be myself around."

Nick Fradiani Talks About His Post-*Idol* Plans

Now that the winner has been crowned and signed to Big Machine Records, how will he avoid the fate of recent American Idol winners and actually stay relevant? "To me, the biggest thing is the songs," the singer says. "I think winners that come off the show and don't have a hit song have a tough time. The time of coming out with a new single can be damaging." Fradiani has no reason to worry though: His single "Beautiful Life" is already at number two on iTunes. "I think this single will do well," he explains. "I'm really confident as an artist in my songwriting ability and my ear for pop music, so I think I'll be able to succeed because of that."

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Next, the star will meet with Scott Borchetta, Big Machine Records founder, to discuss where they will go with the new album. "Beautiful Life" is the type of music that he wants to play and put out in the world. "I lucked out big time – I love the song," he shares. "I'm hoping to write with some cool cowriters as well."

He may even branch into country music. Borchetta and Fradiani have talked about him going country, but the singer says that won't happen for a while. "Maybe in a couple years that could be an option," he says.

You can keep up with Nick Fradiani on Twitter @nickfradiani!