

On your Marc

A SWOT analysis of Marc Robinson — live and working out



Charm, a 100-watt smile, polished ease, admirable poise — all in place as always. And the super model-turned-actor-turned-choreographer-turned-VJ, Marc Robinson is ready to talk whilst pumping iron at the Taj Coromandel gym.

■ **Who is the real Marc Robinson?**

Hmmm... let's see. The real Marc likes to be on his own — likes his thoughts. A private kind of guy. At the same time an extrovert who loves the public face his profession demands.

■ **How did modelling happen to you?**

Prabhudda Das Gupta was looking for new faces. I was spotted at 'Ghungroo', a discotheque in New Delhi, and recommended to him. I went to his house early one morning. He had a look at me, took out his camera...and that was it. I was on! My first campaign was for Charms cigarettes.

■ **You were the first to model for Kamasutra.**

Yes. And my parents didn't know, as they were in New York. Later, when I went to pick up my mom from the airport, my mom looked at a Kamasutra hoarding and said, 'God! That boy looks just like you!' And I said, 'Thank God it's not me!' When I told her the truth, being orthodox Roman Catholics that we are, she was a little shocked. I asked her if she would rather girls got their foetuses aborted, or men wore condoms. She had nothing to say to that.

and loved working with Shabana Azmi.

■ **Are you doing any movies now?**

No. People keep offering me supporting roles and guest appearances, but that's not what I'm looking for.

■ **You were one of the judges for the Femina Miss India Contest.**

This is the third year I've been called in to judge! I saw a lot of girls whom I hope to use in my shows.

■ **What's a typical day in your life like?**

Like what it's been today. Working out, talking to people, calling up loved ones, partying hard and finally going to bed with a smile on my face and a prayer on my lips.

■ **Shopping is your greatest weakness, next to women.**

I love women! But yes shopping is my weakness. I can shop till I drop! For clothes, health food — non-fat, low-fat.

■ **You're a Vegetarian too?**

(tongue-in-cheek) Nah! I love women. How can I be Vegetarian?

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■ **How did you become a choreographer?**
I was doing a show for Prasad Bidappa and the choreographer didn't turn up. Prasad just turned to me: 'Marc, you can choreograph this show!' Baptism by fire!

■ **What campaigns have you been working on recently?**
As of now, the Sprite campaign. Then there's a new motorcycle. I just finished shooting for Richa Sharma's new music video with Viveka Babbaji (the latest Kamasutra model).

■ **So, what's the Channel [V] connection?**
Well, I'm an on-ground VJ. I do roadshows. I get to travel, move around with people. That sort of thing.

■ **About your debut in a Hindi commercial film 'Bada Din' that didn't fare too well.**
'Bada Din' did pretty well in Bangalore and other places. In Mumbai, it didn't do too well, because first of all, it was released late. And that too in a theatre that normally screens Marathi movies, as the other theatres happened to be full at that time. I vibed well

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■ **Okay. How do you approach a relationship?**
With an open mind. Not expecting anything, so I don't get disappointed. I think women are more evolving, they have more feeling and depth than the ordinary male.

■ **And a break-up?**
Time heals old wounds. You've got to be strong. No one is irreplaceable.

■ **So you are a cynic.**
No I'm not. But you've got to move on — be realistic and practical. I can love someone like crazy. If it doesn't work out, I might be down for a couple of months. I love being in a relationship. Maybe I am in one.

■ **So you are in a relationship!!**
(Laughs out loud) I'm not gonna answer that question!

■ **Your views on pre-marital sex?**
Everyone is doing it, though most refuse to admit it. Sex, to me, plays an intrinsic role in a relationship. I'm all for it.

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