

Cameron Diaz



FORMER MODEL and American actress Cameron Diaz turns heads wherever she goes. The Hollywood star auditioned for her first movie, *The Mask*, with little acting experience at the young age of 21. She now has a host of films under her belt, such as *Charlie's Angels*, *My Best Friend's Wedding*, and *The Sweetest Thing*, and

Diaz comes across as born to act.

The tall, blue-eyed blonde was born in California to a Cuban father and an English mother, with German and Cherokee roots. Speaking proudly of her origins she once said, "My Latin roots are very strong. All my life, because I'm blonde and blue-eyed, people who aren't

Hispanic can't believe I am. And people who are Hispanic always think I'm not, because I don't look like them. Being Latin is part of who I am and I bring that part to every role".

If it weren't for her roles though, Diaz would have still made waves, or been in them, because whenever she's not acting she escapes to the nearest beach to polish up her surfing skills. Surfing has been occupying her time for years now and on every holiday the star gets spotted surfing somewhere, as if in preparation for the next championship. She takes it so seriously that she could have definitely been a winner.

In 2003, her obsession with surfing went so far that she broke her nose in a surfing wipe-out during a family vacation in Hawaii. With a bandage on her nose she assured the media that she was fine, adding, "I'm only bummed out because I can't go surfing anymore".

The damage done to her nose was soon repaired by plastic surgery and she remained undeterred. "As a kid, I never surfed because I had no one to teach me and no surf board", she said. It was only after shooting for *Charlie's Angels* that Diaz discovered her talent for surfing. In 2007, she revisited Hawaii, this time with champion surfer and old friend Kelly Slater, who cleared his schedule to meet up with her there. Slater is an eight-time world champion surfer who acted on the first season of *Baywatch*. Which makes us wonder, if Diaz had had someone to teach her and give her a surf board when she was young, would she still be in movies today? ■