



teenSTYLE chats with Princess Mia Thermopolis on what it means to be royal, her upcoming high school graduation and prom, and her fashion must-haves!

teenSTYLE caught up to Princess Mia this spring as she was engaged in one of her many volunteer activities—tidying up Central Park along with the rest of her fellow Albert Einstein High School seniors, since they'll all be taking part in commencement ceremonies there in a few weeks!

What could be less princessy than painting park benches? And yet Princess Mia managed to look entirely regal in a pair of Seven For All Mankind dark rinse low rise skinny jeans, a simple white crew neck tee, and Emilio Pucci ballerina flats.

This is one royal who truly knows what it means to have teenSTYLE!

teenSTYLE: Let's cut right to the chase, Princess. A lot of people are confused about what's happening with the government in Genovia right now. Our readers really want to know: Are you still a princess?

Princess Mia: Yes, of course. Genovia was an absolute monarchy until I found a document last year revealing that my ancestress, Princess Amelie, had declared it a constitutional monarchy—exactly like England—four hundred years ago. That document was proven valid by the Genovian parliament last spring, and now we're two weeks away from elections for prime minister.

teenSTYLE: But will you still rule?

Princess Mia: Much to my chagrin. I mean, yes. I will inherit the throne upon the demise of my father. The people of Genovia will elect a prime minister, the same as the people of England, while still having a reigning monarch...in Genovia's case, since we're a principality, a prince or princess.

teenSTYLE: That's great! So you'll always have the tiara, the limos, the palace, the beautiful ballgowns....

Princess Mia: ...and the bodyguards, the paparazzi, no private life, people like you hounding me, and my grandmother forcing me to agree to meet with you to get my name in your magazine so we can attract more tourists to Genovia? Yes. Not, of course, that we aren't in enough magazines right now, seeing as how my dad is running for prime minister, and his own cousin, Prince René, is running against him.

teenSTYLE: And leading in the polls, according to latest new reports. But let's move on to your plans for after high school. You're scheduled to graduate from Manhattan's prestigious Albert Einstein High School on May 7th. What kind of accessories do you plan on wearing to set off your mortar board hat and gown—

Princess Mia: Although frankly, I find Prince René's campaign platform ridiculous. He's been quoted as saying, "You'd be surprised how many people in the world have never even heard of Genovia. Many of them believe it's a made up place, something out of a movie. I'm out to change all that." But his ideas of changing Genovia for the better include generating more income from tourism. He keeps insisting Genovia could be a

vacation destination spot like Miami or Las Vegas! Vegas! He wants to install restaurant chains like Applebee's, Outback Steakhouse, and McDonalds in order to appeal to cruise ship tourists visiting from America. Can you imagine? What could be more disastrous to Genovia's delicate infrastructure? Some of our bridges are five centuries old! Not to mention what it would do to the environment, which has already been severely damaged by cruise ship waste dumping—

teenSTYLE: Er...we can see this an issue about which you feel passionately. We encourage our readers to take a keen interest in current events—like your eighteenth birthday, which we know is coming up on May 1! Any truth to the rumors that your grandmother, the Dowager Princess Clarisse, has been in New York City for some time, planning a completely over-the-top eighteenth birthday celebration for you, aboard the royal Genovian yacht, which holds two hundred, not including Madonna, who is scheduled to perform?

Princess Mia: I'm not saying there isn't necessarily room for improvement in Genovia, but not in the way Prince René means. I believe Dad's response—that if anything, what

our citizens need right now is improvements to their daily lives—is utterly correct. My father, not Prince René, has the experience Genovia needs right now. I mean, he's been prince there his entire life, and has ruled for the past ten years. He knows, more than anyone, what his people need and don't need... and what they don't need is an Applebee's!

teenSTYLE: So...I take it you're planning on studying political science in college?

Princess Mia: What? Oh, no. I was thinking of majoring in journalism. With a creative writing minor.

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teenSTYLE: Really? So you want to be a journalist?

Princess Mia: Actually, I'd love to be an author. I know publishing is really hard to break into. But I've heard if you start by writing romance novels, you have a better chance—

teenSTYLE: Speaking of romance, you must be getting ready for something every girl in America is starting to get excited for! A little something called PROM?

Princess Mia: Oh. Um. Yeah. I guess.

teenSTYLE: Come on, you can tell us. Of course you're going! We all know things between you and long time steady boyfriend Michael Moscovitz ended last year when he dumped you and went off to Japan. Drama! He hasn't come back yet, right, has he?

Princess Mia: As far as I know he's still in Japan. And we're just friends.

teenSTYLE: Right! You've often been seen lately in the company of fellow AEHS senior John Paul Reynolds-Abernathy IV. That's the hottie over there painting that bench, isn't it?

Princess Mia: Uh...yeah.

teenSTYLE: So...don't keep us in suspense! Is J.P. the special guy who'll be escorting you to Albert Einstein High's senior prom? And what will you be wearing? You know metallics are in this season... can we count on you to glitter in gold?

Princess Mia: Oh, no! I'm so sorry! My bodyguard didn't mean to kick that paint can over onto you. How clumsy of him! Do send me the dry cleaning bill.

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