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Gentleman's Choice

Lamman Rucker, star of *Why Did I Get Married Too?*, dishes on fragrance hits and misses

Q How do you like your lady friends to smell?

I like a woman who smells and tastes delicious. I definitely don't like heavy, old-lady scents.

Q What scents do you find to be sexy?

Something soft, somewhat natural, that makes me want to sit closer...

Q What scents turn you off?

Funkiness and blandness. I can't do bland with food, women or fragrance.

Q Any fragrances take you down memory lane?

My grandmother's house always had a fresh and minty aroma. Maybe that's why I love cool, clean scents.



FOR HIM

Thierry Mugler Angel SunEssence Blue Lagoon Edition, \$80, Nordstrom store: "This is light and lemony. I would definitely wear this."



FOR HER

Estée Lauder Sensuous Collector's Edition, \$65, esteelauder.com: "There's something traditional about this, but I like it."

FOR BOTH

Diptyque L'Eau de Tarooco, \$95, diptyqueparis.com: "This is the kind of fragrance I'd want to wear after a bath. It's soft, peaceful and sexy."



BEYONCÉ brings the Heat with her first sexy scent

Fewer than 48 hours after winning a whopping six Grammys in L.A., and an hour before the launch party for her inaugural scent, Heat, Beyoncé chatted with ESSENCE in New York City. She introduced her new perfume to the public the following day at Macy's Herald Square—before jetting off to Brazil. The sensual fragrance is a floral and woody blend of magnolia and red vanilla orchid. "It's sweet and spicy; complex," she says, laughing. "Like a woman."

JUST IN...

Before we sent this issue to press, four new scents hit the scene for spring



Bond No. 9 High Line, \$220, bondno9.com.



Avon Eternal Magic \$24, avon.com.



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Narciso Rodriguez Essence, \$78, Saks Fifth Avenue stores.



Versace Versus, \$59, Macy's stores.