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This month we were able to throw the "iPod\_uDance" contest sponsored by [gendance](#), which will give one lucky ALM Talkies subscriber a 16GB nano. This contest ends December 23, but we'll have many more contests next year so don't go anywhere!

## FEATURE: 2009 in Review

*For December's newsletter I thought I would recap the highlights of the year. For those of you new to ALM Talkies, this is a great way to get to know us and see what we've been up to. And for the rest of you that have been in-the-know, this is a great resource for 2009 greatest ALMT moments! There are a bunch of links sprinkled throughout, I welcome you to explore and feel free to comment or write us at [info@almtalkies.com](#). Here's to an even more amazing 2010!*

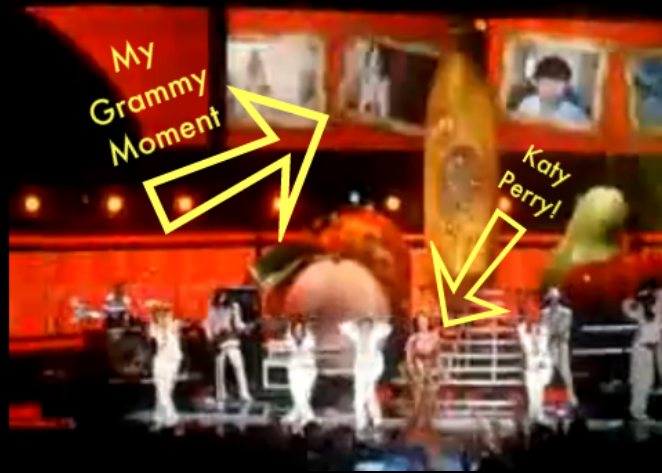
*With Love, Amber L. Moelter*

### JANUARY

- I created a video of [Girl In The Red Dress](#) performing Katy Perry's "I Kissed A Girl", incorporating some footage from [Dirty Step Upstage \(DSU\)](#). This fun mash-up is actually still my most popular YouTube video, with over 22,000 views! What a fun way to start the year! If you haven't seen it already, it's [HERE](#).
- The rest of January was dominated by renovations to my new home. Actually I think I spent *months* on this...

### FEBRUARY

- The "I Kissed A Girl" video was chosen to play behind Katy Perry on the Grammys as part of the "My Grammy Moment" contest! That was very cool to watch. (Apologies for the blurry picture below, I got it off Youtube!).



MARCH

- I posted several *DSU* behind-the-scenes videos from 2008 on YouTube: [Rowan Robertson rocking out a guitar solo](#), [me in the recording studio](#), and [the red dress fittings](#). Little did I know what a journey that red dress would take me on.
- We launched our music contest, looking for great music of all genres for the *DSU* soundtrack. Our wonderful winners are listed [HERE](#).
- And I joined Twitter! The beginning of a new era - sorry Facebook! Follow [ALM Talkies](#) if you're the twittering type.



APRIL

- The wait for the [first official DSU trailer](#) was finally over.
- As reported by [SLEEZE ROXX](#) and other music sites, our friend and rock god Rowan Robertson returned to Chicago to lay down two more tracks for the *DSU* soundtrack. Violinist extraordinaire Juliette Primrose joined him and contributed some breath-taking accompaniment on the track "[Who's That Girl](#)".
- I received my first fan artwork of Girl In The Red Dress, which I thought was SO amazing! I've since seen some other great pieces of GITRD fan art, and I'll have news about an exciting project on that front in January. Keep your eyes peeled.



Many thanks to Ginkgo for this amazing poster!

## MAY

- ALM Talkies joined [IndieGoGo](#), where fans of independent film can donate a little money and receive something in return, like a credit in our movie or on the [Internet Movie Database \(IMDb\)](#). If you support the arts or love indie movies, we'd love to see you on [IndieGoGo](#).
- Colin Blakeston, UK director of [Catwoman: Resolution](#), joined me in Chicago to work on *DSU* color correction and closing credits. It was great to see him again!
- [Chloe Lattanzi](#), daughter of Olivia Newton-John and star of MTV show "[Rock the Cradle](#)", graciously contributed two songs to *Dirty Step Upstage*. They play a very important role in the movie and I am so happy to have her on the soundtrack.
- *Catwoman: Resolution* made its public debut at HEROFEST in California.



## JUNE

- We launched the monthly ALM Talkies newsletter. Believe me, it's a lot of work to put together, but it's so rewarding to reflect on recent events and share them with family, friends and fans. We're still playing with the format, but it'll continue to bring together our ALMT social media links for easy access, along with photos or videos and a longer illustrated feature, plus a timely Q&A. If you've got a burning question, feel free to ask me either through the newsletter or on the web site, or just send them to [info@almtalkies.com](mailto:info@almtalkies.com).
- Postproduction of *DSU* was completed at [Bridges Media](#) in Chicago. They were absolutely amazing to work with, so we also asked them to produce a [new animated logo](#) for ALM Talkies. Watch that monkey move!

OLD!

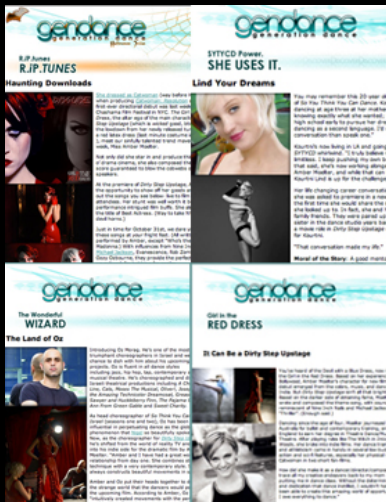
NEW!

JULY

- Although DSU was complete, that didn't mean our work was done, no sir! Next came writing the press kit and submitting the film to festivals.

AUGUST

- More behind-the-scenes featurettes went up on the [ALM Talks YouTube Channel](#), this time of the *Dirty Step Upstage* dance rehearsals. Later, [Thomas Puskailer](#) competed on *Superstar* (i.e. Czech/Slovakian version of *Pop Idol*) and the video audience exploded!
- I started a wonderful relationship with [gendance](#). Their email magazine has included profiles of our choreographer [Oz Morag](#), star dancer [Kourtini Lind](#), [Girl In The Red Dress](#), and [me](#). And I was so happy to see gendance owner Elizabeth Barry at the [NY premiere](#) of my film in October.



SEPTEMBER

- We launched the new and improved [ALM Talks website](#). Previously there had only been limited information online about all our ALMT projects, but now it's my goal to share as much as possible, and in an easily searchable blog format. If you want to know whenever we update the site, [subscribe to the RSS feed](#) in your email account. It's easy to do, but if you need assistance contact [sales@almtalkies.com](mailto:sales@almtalkies.com) and we'll help you out.
- "Amber Moelter is Catwoman" - GITRD and my portrayal of Catwoman were featured in a two-page spread in Marquis Magazine.
- The 23rd was my 29th birthday! I celebrated by releasing my debut EP "Disguise" on [iTunes](#).
- The official GITRD logo by Gernot was unveiled ([below](#)).



## OCTOBER

- A huge month for *DSU*, ALM Talkies, and me!
- First we launched the ["What Is Your Disguise?"](#) competition, running on the new-look web site and on Twitter. The best "Disguise" won the first copy of the GITRD EP and \$250 of Vex Clothing.
- Then BroadwayWorld.com [announced](#) that *Dirty Step Upstage* would be opening the Chashama Film Festival in New York. The festival's Artistic Director Rick Kariolic [later said](#) he was proud of getting *DSU* for Chashama: *"the singer song-writer filmmaker Amber Moelter puts on an exceptional display of all-around talent. It drew me in."*
- The *DSU* premiere was held in the heart of Manhattan, and the Girl made her [public debut](#) there too! I performed three songs prior to the screening, to a packed house. Then the film was followed by [my first Q&A as a director](#).
- The [Chashama Festival blog](#) said some wonderful things about my movie: *"Director Amber Moelter keeps the viewer guessing: is it a real documentary or a fictional thriller? The characters are ominous, secretive, and oblivious, driven by obsession, fame, and revenge. The visuals are supplemented by a soundtrack that is both memorable and infectious."* Thanks guys!
- To round the Chashama festival off, I won the Victor Award for Best Actress. Everyone loves a villainin! [Check out the winners' laurels](#) on Chashama's site.



## NOVEMBER

- After a six-month process, Madonna granted us the rights to sell our cover version of "Who's That Girl". Check it out on [iTunes](#).
- Our Thanksgiving contest was ["iPod, You Turkey"](#), when we gave away an iPod nano sponsored by [The Reds](#), who feature on the *DSU* soundtrack.
- And personally, I found much to be thankful for this year.

## DECEMBER

- Another month, another iPod giveaway. This time, gendance sponsored our ["iPod\\_uDance"](#) contest...is there a pattern forming? I really love making the videos for these giveaways - check out the outtakes at the end.
- The year ended with more success for *DSU*. The film was nominated for *ten* awards at the Maverick Movie Awards: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Editing, Best Soundtrack, Best Sound Design, and four acting awards.

- And Nova Reid won for Best Actress!



STILL TO COME...

- We're hoping to launch our online store, selling the GITRD EP, plus posters, buttons and more.

NEXT YEAR

- The World!

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