



Ruth Jones & Joanna Page: *the funny girls*

The X Factor may be all anyone's been talking about recently, but there is one other show we're obsessed with – Gavin & Stacey. Making household names out of James Corden, Mathew Horne, Ruth Jones and Joanna Page (not to mention Gavin's hot dad, Larry Lamb – father of George, fact fans), the show has won a BAFTA and a Comedy Award this year.

'The BAFTAs was the point where we had a bit of a gear change,' says Ruth. 'Things just took off. Gavin & Stacey really seems to make people laugh. I feel like I'm a very, very lucky girl.'

'Everybody was ecstatic about the BAFTA,' agrees Jo. 'It's nice to be in something that people love. After 10 years of working really hard, I'm quite enjoying people asking me to work with them.' After the Christmas special, there are no solid plans for a third series, but it might be on the cards. 'We need to work out if we've got a story to tell,' Ruth explains. 'The converse side to writing something that's really successful is that people have high expectations. I can do nothing but disappoint!'

'James and I really do enjoy writing, though. Around other people, I'm hugely annoying to him because I nag him and he's hugely annoying to me because he can be a wind-up merchant, in annoying little brother way. But when we're on our own, we get on great. It's lovely actually, a world away from everything else.'

▶ *Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special, 24 December, 10pm, BBC ONE*

Ruth wears: dress, Star by Julien Macdonald for Debenhams (08445 616161); earrings and hair accessory, both Evans (0844 984 0262).

Joanna wears: dress, Luella (020 7518 1830); shoes, Russell & Bromley (020 7629 6903); hair accessory, Gina Foster (020 7565 2211).

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