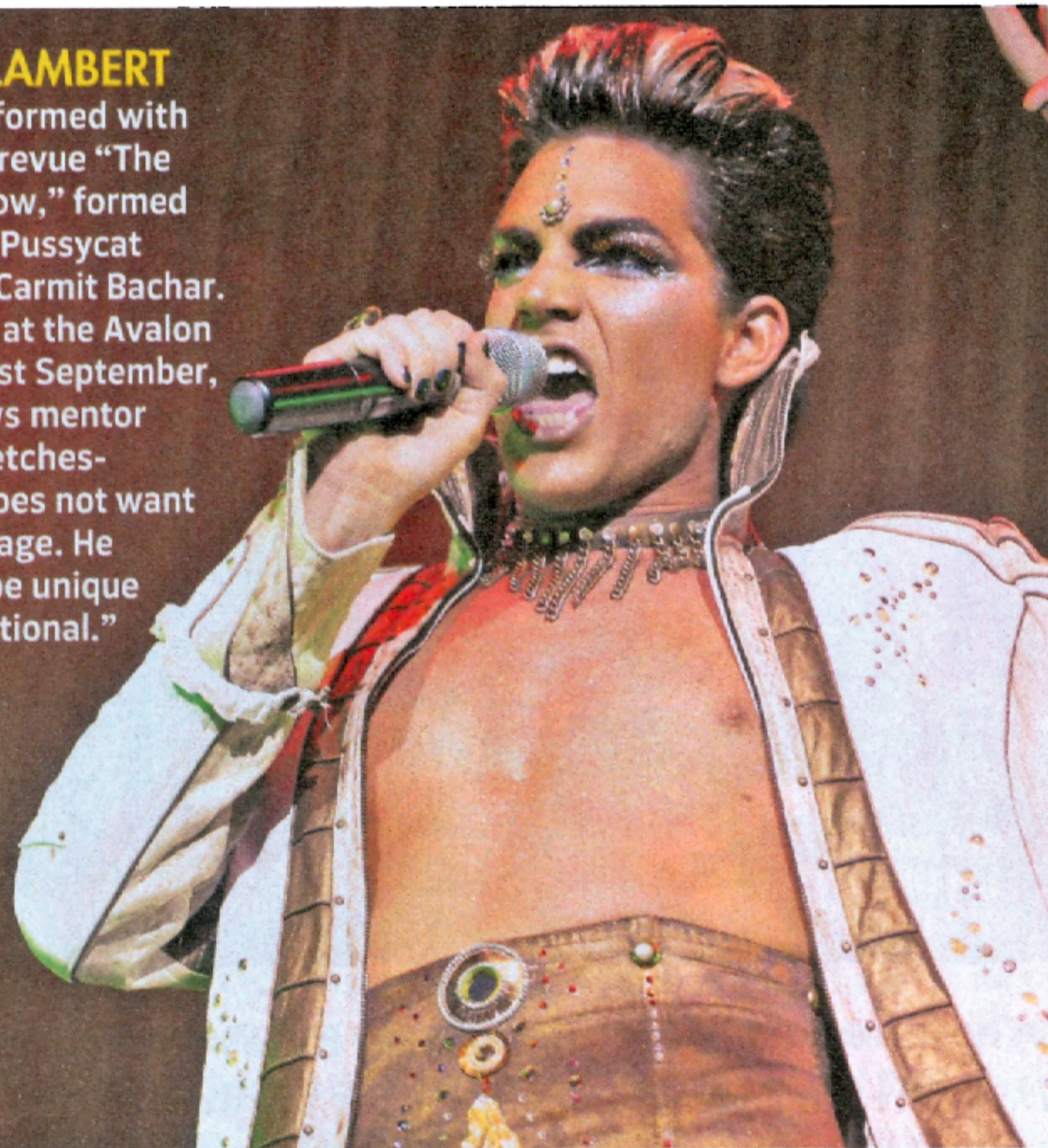


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## IDOL FACES YOU HAVEN'T SEEN!

### ADAM LAMBERT

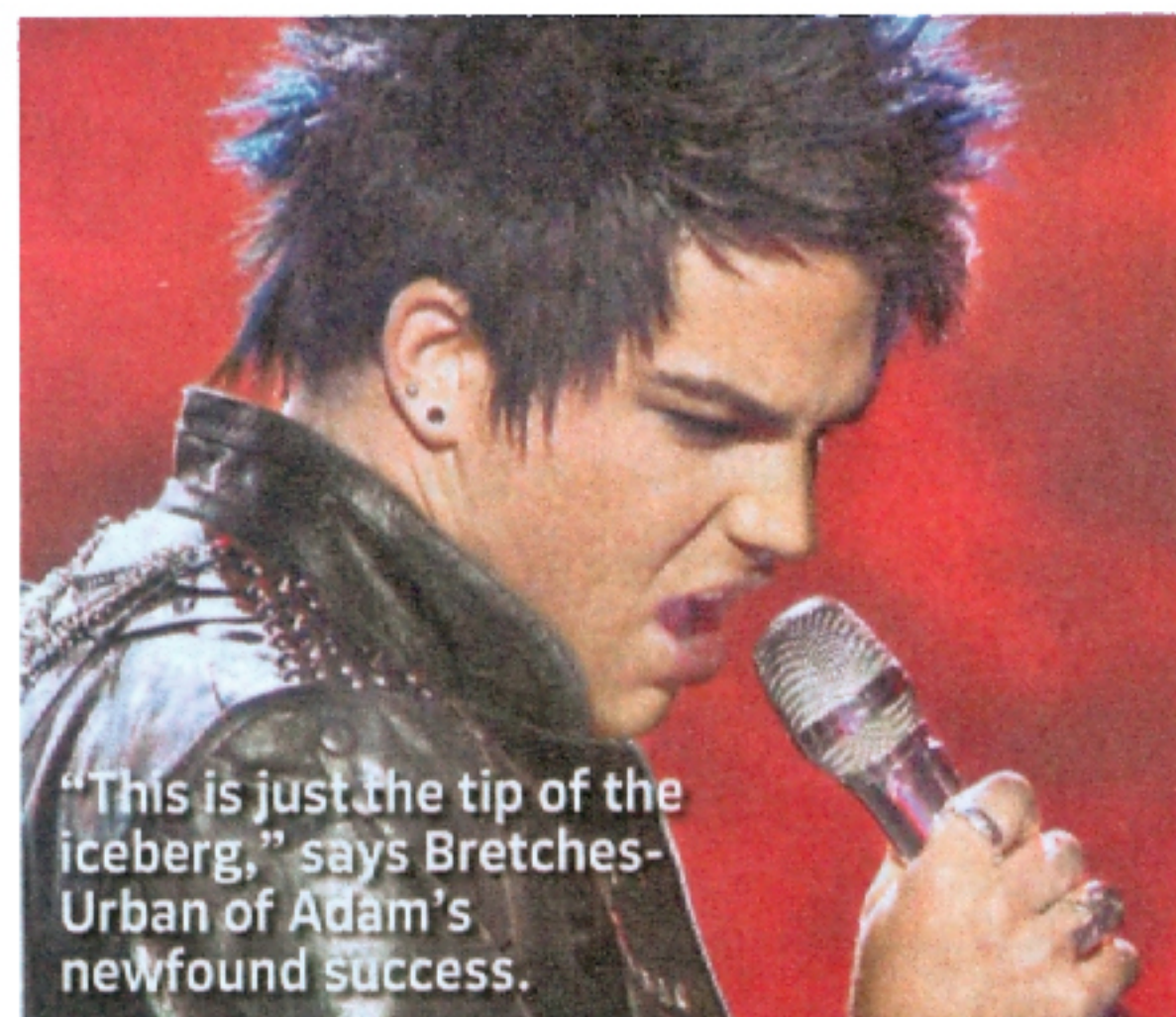
Adam performed with theatrical revue "The Zodiac Show," formed by former Pussycat Dolls star Carmit Bachar. Seen here at the Avalon Theater last September, Adam, says mentor Kathie Bretches-Urban, "does not want to be average. He wants to be unique and exceptional."



Months before people began talking about whether Adam Lambert could become the first openly gay American Idol, the singer was winning raves at West Hollywood's Upright Cabaret. "When someone gives an insane performance here, it's

tradition for people to throw their shoes on the stage," says the cabaret's executive producer Shane Scheel. After Adam's New Year's Eve performance? "It looked like a DSW warehouse here." Adam Lambert—or Glambert, as fans have dubbed him—

is as confident off stage as he is on, says close pal Jenna Leigh Green, who performed with Adam in the national tour of "Wicked." "You have to live your life with no regrets, no apologies, and I think that's what he does." Kathie Bretches-Urban, his musical director at the Metropolitan Educational Theater in San Diego, concurs. "This kid did not just walk on stage and say, 'Hey, let me sing today and I will be amazing.' He's worked his whole life for this."



"This is just the tip of the iceberg," says Bretches-Urban of Adam's newfound success.

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