

Ronnie K. Pirovino KAWS collector extraordinaire Ronnie K. Pirovino is the proud owner of one of the world's largest KAWS collections. His army of cross-eyed "Companions" packs out his home in Santa Monica and the walls groan with some of KAWS's most iconic canvases and customised advertising imagery. **What does the word "collector" mean to you?** Being a true collector equates to being a historian or caretaker of these meaningful objects, which mark a particular point in culture, as well as having enduring passion for the pursuit. **When and why did you first get hooked on KAWS?** I got hooked on KAWS with his "Companion" toy and have been avidly curating my collection since. **What is the most extreme length you've gone to to get your hands on a KAWS piece?** Travelling to Tokyo, from my home in Los Angeles, to obtain a bronze sculpture of the *Accomplice*; it was like a pilgrimage. **Talk us through the maintenance of your collection.** Right now I'm in a new stage – [I have] a very young family, so it's not possible to display every part of the collection. A lot of it is in special storage, but I have seminal pieces out, which I sit and "discuss" with my two-year-old son, Ryker. **Are you concerned whether the pieces will retain their value?** Value is not my primary concern, yet I enjoy seeing the level of appreciation increase for KAWS's work in the marketplace; you only live once and this is a special aspect of my life at this time. **What's next on your shopping list?** I'm actually not seeking anything specific, but I love the large, cut-out Chums he painted recently; the aggression in those renditions is palpable. **Tweet @pirovino SB**

Aaron Frew 22-year-old CK1 model, Machine-A store manager and London IT-kid, Aaron Frew collects *The Little Mermaid* dolls. He's got no troubles, life is the bubbles! **Why did you start collecting Ariel?** Because I love her, she's so iconic and such a babe! I admire how she's determined to get what she wants and she gets it. **What was the first piece in your collection?** An Ariel and Prince Eric doll from the Disney Store. They're both still in the boxes! **How big is your collection?** My collection is getting pretty big, I have over a hundred dolls, cushions, beach towels and shower gel! You have to see it to believe it! **What's your favourite?** That is a hard question, but if I had to choose it would be my limited edition Ursula doll. She is in the best box and she looks amazing, from her hair to her nails, it's like the best doll I've seen. **Who is your favourite character in *The Little Mermaid*?** Ariel, of course! Mind you, Eric is pretty

hot. **How much do you think your collection will have grown in five years?** I need a bigger flat to fit it all in, I would love a room just for her. I have an addiction and I can't help but buy more and more. **Is there anything missing from your collection?** I still need the Ariel bed sheets and for someone to take me to the Ariel Hotel in America! **Instagram @**

Israel Broussard A 19-year-old from Saucier, Mississippi called Israel Broussard used to watch the case of Nick Prugo and the celebrity-thieving it-kids The Bling Ring as they strode into court in high-tops and Louboutins. Then Sofia Coppola called, cast him in her hit-film and Broussard became a celeb himself. Now he can reveal his own personal obsession with kicks. When it comes to trainers, this kid's *The Bling King*. **Tell us about your collection...** I never thought about consciously collecting anything, but since I turned 15 I've slowly been building a collection of shoes. **What's so special about shoes?** A good pair of kicks make me feel bad-ass. If I'm in a nice dress shoe, I feel competent, perhaps even a little respected. I feel like I've always gone with a shoe that's either really basic, solid colours, or completely out-of-the-box. **Do you have favourites?** Pride of place are my custom Nikes... I've worn them once. **@IsraelBroussard TS.**

Mademoiselle Yulia is a DJ, singer, fashion designer and Harajuku girl with wicked style. With a *Dream House* style room just for her collection of Barbies and over 200 dolls, Mille Yulia has the punkest, pinkest collection we've seen so far. Life in plastic, it's fantastic! **When did you start collecting Barbies?** When I was a child, maybe four years old? **Why did you start collecting them?** Because my mum also collected them. **What was the first Barbie in your collection?** I don't remember, but my favourite one when I was a child was "long hair Barbie". **Which is your favourite now?** The Twist 'N Turn Barbie released at the end of the 60s. Her face is my favourite! **Is there a Barbie you really want but haven't got your hands on yet?** A lot. I collect a lot of reproduced Barbies, but I'd like to collect more vintage Barbies. **If a Barbie was made based on you, what would she look like?** She must have blue hair, with the Twist 'N Turn face. She needs to wear some of my favourite designer clothes, with GIZA [Mille Yulia's own brand] accessories. **Do you know anyone else with an unusual collection?** My mum. She collects snow globes. **Instagram @mademoiselle_yulia FK**

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