

# PRIDE & STRENGTH



Since his success in **'13 Reasons Why'**, **Brandon Flynn** shares his upcoming professional projects, the preparations for his wedding to **Jordan Tannahill**, and his journey to sobriety.

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TROUSERS: CHARLES & RON  
BOOTS: DR. MARTEN'S  
RING: KIELLE PARIS



# Brandon Flynn: “Staying sober is one of the best things I’ve ever done in my life”

After numerous successes in film and television, **Brandon Flynn** makes a triumphant return to the stage with the Off-Broadway play ‘**Kowalski**’, in which he portrays none other than **Marlon Brando**. The young actor has embarked on one of the most challenging experiences of his career. “At first, it was overwhelming, as often happens when actors play real people,” he explained. “With Marlon Brando, in particular, I discovered that culture has such a hold on what he was like and the impact of his performance, especially as I’m interpreting him before he was cast in ‘**A Streetcar Named Desire**’ on Broadway.

One of the most interesting discoveries for Brandon was Marlon’s physicality: “We all have this idea of him as a muscular man, but he actually looked quite normal, there are parts of his performance that are incredibly feminine and very laid-back.”

This is not the only project Brandon has in the works, as the actor will also release the horror-comedy ‘**The Parenting**’ on March 13th on **Max**, alongside actors such as **Nik Dodani**, **Brian Cox**, and **Lisa Kudrow**, among others. It’s undoubtedly a genre that differs greatly from Brandon’s previous work,

and one that took him a while to adapt to: “*Nik Dodani, Lisa Kudrow, and Parker Posey are incredible comedic actors who know how to master that rhythm, and for me, it feels very unnatural. I was really insecure at first because I thought I’d seem flat compared to them, but they were so encouraging, and honestly, we had a great time.*”

The idea of trying a different genre and challenging himself was one of the reasons Brandon took on the film: “*I wanted to see if people thought I was funny enough to be in a comedy. Plus, like it or not, because of ‘13 Reasons Why’, I’m known as a high school student, but I’m 31 now, so it was time to move on from that and see how I could ‘grow up’ in my career,*” he says laughing.

The role of Justin Foley in ‘**13 Reasons Why**’ was undoubtedly a turning point in Brandon’s career, earning him sudden and enormous success—something he admits he wasn’t prepared for: “*I knew it was going to be special, but back then, Netflix wasn’t what it is today. I remember the day after the first season premiered, I was recognised on the street and thought, ‘Wow, this is... weird.’ It’s a beautiful double-edged sword where recognition helps me do what I love, but it’s also quite intense and something I don’t think I’ll ever get used to.*” Despite everything, Brandon is well aware that the series has been one of his most significant projects: “*I hope my career is sprinkled with jobs like that, which are impactful and meaningful to people,*” he says.

TOTAL LOOK: SANDRO PARIS  
BOOTS: FRAY LONDON





On a personal level, Brandon is also experiencing one of the happiest moments of his life after marrying director and writer **Jordan Tannahill** last November. Their wedding was unique and innovative, with the couple putting a lot of thought into it: *“We thought about what everyone there would feel, and once we figured that out, we focused on making it as authentically us as possible. We never imagined we’d get married in a church, but we did, and we chose a really meaningful one: St. Mark’s Church. It’s the oldest church still in operation in New York City. Its historic stance has always been one of supporting*

*the arts and anyone who wants to feel at home, and we really connected with that.”* Above all, Brandon shares that they wanted to keep it as simple as possible, with the focus on love and community—values he considers essential.

Brandon and Jordan met during rehearsals for the play **‘Prince Faggot’**, and according to the actor, the fact that they both work in the arts has been a bonding factor for them: *“Like any romance, it has its ups and downs, and sometimes it can be a bit annoying that we both do the same thing, but other times, it’s incredible. As a writer and director, he’s maybe a bit less sensitive and responsive than I am as an actor. On the first preview night of ‘Kowalski’, he came to see it, gave me some notes, and comforted me about other things. I’m really grateful for that—it’s so nice to have someone who understands me.”*

One of the most striking details of this very special ceremony was the couple’s styling. Both opted for customised looks from **Ludovic de Saint Serin’s** Autumn 2024 collection, a unique and original choice. *“We chose those looks to avoid that conservative ‘two men in suits’ experience. We went through phases of saying, ‘We’ll just wear whatever,’ and others of saying, ‘Let’s do something special.’ Ludovic is a friend, and wearing his designs at our wedding made so much sense to us.”* Brandon is a true fashion icon, and his relaxed yet modern style makes him a role model for younger

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generations. *“I’d love to say it’s not that important, but naturally, it is. I think I’m at an interesting stage with my style, where I’m analysing what I have, figuring out how to combine it, and what small details can make it more special. It’s something that’s just ingrained in me,”* explained the **‘13 Reasons Why’** actor.

At the start of 2025, Brandon Flynn publicly shared on social media that he had achieved another year of sobriety—a milestone that has required tremendous effort but one he is incredibly proud of: *“Staying sober is one of the best things I’ve ever done in my life,”* he said, visibly emotional. *“I applaud everyone trying to overcome it, whatever way they choose. It’s something deeply personal, a process that brings a lot of pain and regret into the light, and it’s really given me the space to examine certain qualities in myself that I want to change, which is very tough. There’s still work to do, but I’m so grateful.”*

The actor is a strong advocate for the LGBTQI+ community, frequently raising awareness through his social media and participating in campaigns such as **Calvin Klein’s** 2023 Pride initiative. *“I usually share content about donating to different programs, but I’m not there to change anyone’s mind. If it’s not your thing, I’m not here to tell people what to do. I just try to raise awareness that there are people who really need help and to encourage others to lend a hand,”* he shared.



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