



A couple of items on Erratic (or is that Erotic) Songstress Amy Winehouse in today's *Independent*:

They rule the pop charts with their acerbic lyrics, and their outrageous antics are well-documented in the tabloid gossip pages.

Now Britain's two most notorious pop princesses will go head to head at the upcoming MTV Video Music Awards after Lily Allen and Amy Winehouse were both nominated for the best new artist award.

Winehouse is also up for best female artist and best video of the year for her hit single "Rehab".

[MTV sets the stage for the battle of the pop princesses - Independent Online Edition > News](#)
And the denouement:

Amy Winehouse yesterday cancelled her shows this week in Scandinavia. Instead of boarding her flight to Norway to perform at two festivals, I hear that she was admitted to London's University College Hospital. The gaunt-looking singer's spokesman said last night that she is suffering from "severe exhaustion".

Her hospitalisation sets alarm bells ringing. The erratic songstress, pictured yesterday morning, is known as much for her boozy benders and last-minute show cancellations as for her two Ivor Novello awards. She has suffered from eating disorders and depression and has self-harmed in the past.

['Exhausted' Amy cancels shows after hospital visit - Independent Online Edition > Pandora](#)