

CHARLOTTE GAINSBOURG WITH HER FATHER, SERGE, IN 1985



# Daddy's GIRL

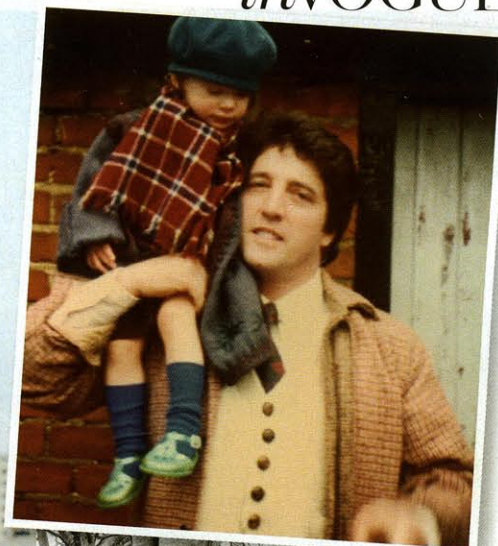
Masculine tailoring is back in vogue, but inheriting your father's style is about more than just fashion, says Chloe Fox

**M**y dad always was, and still is, by far the most elegant man I know," says the artist Endellion Lycett Green of her father, Rupert. His shop, Blades (on Dover Street and subsequently Savile Row), was the man-about-town's mecca in the Sixties and Seventies. "If he wears a jumper, it will always be cashmere. If he's in a suit, it will fit perfectly and have an eye-catching twist. I'm seeing him now in a beautifully cut grey suit with a lemon-yellow waistcoat. He can just carry off whatever he wears."

Fortunate enough to have her father's long, lithe frame, Endellion has, over the years, been given a number of his suits, as

well as a much-loved pair of slightly flared velvet trousers. One particular favourite is a navy blue check tweed suit shot through with delicate pink lines that Endellion wears with Adidas trainers. "When I put on one of Dad's suits, I feel totally grounded and totally myself," she says. "I also want to dance, which is very much part of Dad's package."

Even when she isn't wearing his actual clothes, Endellion has a style of which Rupert would roundly approve. "The other day I splashed out on a burnt-orange Chloé corduroy trouser suit to wear to the opening of my exhibition," she explains. "It wasn't until it arrived that I realised it is exactly like one of Dad's suits – down to the slightly



ABOVE: JUSTIN AND POPPY DE VILLENEUVE. LEFT: ENIDELLION LYCETT GREEN WITH HER FATHER, RUPERT, BOTH WEARING HIS SUITS. BELOW: CHARLES AND POPPY DELEVINGNE



flared trousers and nipped-in jacket back." But the main gift that her father has given her is, she says, the idea of a core look. "For me, as for him, the suit is a fashion linchpin, and from there I can veer as and when I like."

The trouser suit will be the core of many of our new autumn wardrobes, as designers such as Prada, Jonathan Saunders and Haider Ackermann channel the dandyish style that Lycett Green has taken from her father. The allure of a tailor-made shirt or a sports jacket is something often shared between fathers and daughters. Keith Richards's daughters, Theodora and Alexandra, love wearing his shirts. Charlotte Gainsbourg has a taste for the sort of Left Bank staples – figure-skimming blazers, striped T-shirts and faded denims – that her father, Serge, had.

The father-daughter style inheritance is a subtle one, hinged on a very different relationship and psychology from the mother-daughter equivalent. "I cannot think of any need in childhood," wrote Sigmund Freud, "as strong as a daughter's need for a father's protection." As the parent who is generally agreed to exert the strongest emotional pull over their little girls' hearts, >