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**Ellen? Puh-leese. I vote Jennifer Rade for 'Idol' judge!**

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Forget Ellen. I vote Jennifer Rade for new *American Idol* judge! I know, I know. I have to accept the fact that a comedienne that I love is now set to infiltrate the judges panel, and possibly do as poor a job as she did on *So You Think You Can Dance* and is likely there to stay. But after watching last night's *Project Runway*, I couldn't help but fall for Rade. Seriously, *Idol*: You want a voice for the people? Razor-sharp Rade is a costume designer who says what we're all thinking (to model/client Valerie, who said she was pleased with Kristyl's dress: "That's why Valerie's not a designer. Right?"), but still isn't afraid to put her Paula Abdul hat on and compliment the downtrodden (to Logan: "You're really cute and I like your pants and your sneakers!")?



Plus, the lady has worked with the likes of Marilyn Manson and Amy Winehouse, so she's at least familiar with musicians. Not to mention people who are difficult to work with (Simon, ahem).

Who else dug Rade last night?

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