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If you want to know where Keegan-Michael Key is headed with his career, just look at what he's doing with his style. "I've been trying to subtle-ize," says the actor, 48, of his wardrobe, "to add some subtlety and maybe even a little bit of inscrutability." The same is true professionally, with Key pulling back on the outrageous characters he's played in more than a decade of television sketch comedy on *MADtv* and *Key & Peele* and the comic roles he's had since, in which, he says, "I'm usually the crazy person."

Case in point: He's in the midst of filming Ryan Murphy's adaptation of the Broadway musical *The Prom,* in which he plays a grounded, compassionate high-school principal—who, *hello,* also happens to be Meryl Streep's love interest. "I haven't really gotten my head around that," Key says. "That means you get to be a wide receiver for Tom Brady! You get to prove theorems with Albert Einstein!" And in January, he'll take on his most vulnerable role yet: playing himself. He'll host the celebrity reboot of the game show *Brain Games* on National Geographic, as well as another hosting job he's not yet at liberty to share. "I'm trying to be, metaphorically, a little more naked, and the hosting gigs are part of the evolution, because it's

David Hart Camel Overcoat ($2,895, *davidhartnyc.com*); **N.Peal** Carnaby Half-Zip Cashmere Sweater ($430, *npeal.com*); **Levi's Vintage Clothing** 1947 501 Jeans ($260, *levi.com*); **Johnston & Murphy** Cormac Wingtip Zip Boot ($299, *johnstonmurphy.com*).

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