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U.S. ACTRESS JENN GOTZON MAKES SPLASH
AT WORLD PREEM FOR RON HOWARD'S 'FROST/NIXON'

Fresh off 2008 Rising Star Award at New Jersey film festival, plays Pres. Nixon's daughter Tricia in Universal's adaptation of Tony®-winning retelling of historic BBC interview she calls 'impactful'

LONDON (Oct. 15, 2008) -- With a body of leading roles spanning nearly two dozen films that have brought her several acting awards including last month's Wildwood By The Sea (NJ) Film Festival's 2008 Rising Star nod and Best Actress earlier in the year for the 168 Film Festival's Best Film "Stained," JENN GOTZON is resigned to the reality that her fleeting cameo as First Daughter Tricia Nixon in director Ron Howard's latest production "Frost/Nixon" may prove to be her career breakout role.

Enjoying its sold-out world premiere tonight here as the opening selection of the 52nd London Film Festival (Oct. 15-30), the likely Academy Award®-contending film -- which headlines three-time Tony Award winner Frank Langella -- boasts dozens of star cameos as it recounts the electrifying real-life battle between Richard Nixon (played by Langella in a reprise of his Broadway role) and British talk-show host David Frost (Michael Sheen) in a dramatic re-enactment of the post-Watergate television interviews based on Peter Morgan's Tony Award-winning, London-bowed stage play, "Frost Nixon."

"Frank brought such a real depth of humanity and captivating authenticity to the role, I thought I was watching the real president," GOTZON said of the Brian Grazer-produced historical drama written by Peter Morgan ("The Queen") whose bow at the Odeon Leicester Square was attended by U.K. screen icon Jim Broadbent, character actor Andy Serkis ("Lord of the Rings") BBC staple Keeley Hawes ("Ashes to Ashes") and, fittingly, David Frost himself. "And Michael had this brilliant charisma that masterfully lit up the screen."

Not even born when Nixon was evading Frost's questions during the landmark 1977 broadcasts, the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts-trained GOTZON -- whose red-carpet photo coverage went viral within six hours of the screening -- took to an accomplished cast that included scene-mates Oscar-nominated actress Patty McCormack ("The Bad Seed") as wife Pat Nixon and Kevin Bacon as Nixon chief of staff Jack Brennan. Film also sports Sam Rockwell as Frost's Watergate advisor James Reston Jr., Oliver Platt as Washington journalist Bob Zelnick, and Toby Jones as Hollywood luminary Swifty Lazar.

And she studied more than just Morgan's script to prepare for the part: the "Face of the NAB" cover girl practically moved in to the Nixon Presidential Library in California with fellow cast member Alexandria Cree, who plays Tricia's sister Julie. There, she studied everything from archival footage of Tricia's White House wedding to the 37th president's resignation over one of America's greatest political scandals, and gained valuable insight from Julie Nixon-Eisenhower's biography of her mother, Pat Nixon.

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“I was delighted to discover the close relationship Tricia had with her parents,” GOTZON said. “The more I learned about how she supported and loved her father, the more my heart broke for her.”

GOTZON’s enveloping of a character was quickly re-summoned after principal photography wrapped on the Universal Pictures title, when her portrayal of a political outcast in the futuristic prison drama “Stained” won her the Best Actress award in April at the speed-filmmaking 168 Film Festival, which also named the picture Best Film -- establishing it as the first production shot on the RED ONE 4K digital camera ever to win a festival.

GOTZON, who was “deeply honored to have the opportunity to work with Ron Howard on such a politically relevant and impactful film,” is managed by veteran talent magnate Beverlee Dean whose roster has included Oscar winner Reese Witherspoon and Jim Caviezel. For more info, visit www.jenngotzon.com and www.frostonixon.net.

Photographic postings from Wed. Oct. 15 world premiere of “Frost/Nixon” on search phrase “Jenn Gotzon” available at:

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Video of same “Frost/Nixon” appearance by Tricia Nixon actress JENN GOTZON at London world premiere available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VXcpuNZDIc>www.youtube.com.

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