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ACTRESS GOTZON RELISHES ROLE IN RON HOWARD'S 'FROST/NIXON'

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

LONDON (Oct. 15, 2008) -- With a body of leading roles spanning nearly two dozen films that has already brought her several acting awards including last month's Wildwood By The Sea (NJ) Film Festival's 2008 Rising Star nod, JENN GOTZON is resigned to the reality that her 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 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."

Not even born when Nixon was evading Frost's questions during the landmark 1977 broadcasts, the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts-trained GOTZON took to an accomplished cast that includes Oscar-nominated actress Patty McCormack ("The Bad Seed") as wife Pat Nixon, Kevin Bacon as Nixon chief of staff Jack Brennan, 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.

"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 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. For more info, visit www.jenngotzon.com.

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