

JENN GOTZON, NEXT UP IN RON HOWARD'S 'FROST/NIXON,'  
NAMED 2008 RISING STAR AT WILDWOOD BY THE SEA FILM FESTIVAL

*Actress from Northampton, PA, who plays Pres. Nixon's daughter Tricia in Universal drama honored for body of work in fest entry 'Chemistry' & 168 Best Film 'Stained'*

WILDWOOD, N.J. (Sept. 28, 2008) -- Pennsylvania native and Northampton Area High School honor student graduate JENN GOTZON, who earlier this year was crowned Best Actress for her portrayal of a political prisoner in the 168 Film Festival ([www.168project.com](http://www.168project.com))-winning futuristic short "Stained" and later this year will have been seen by hordes of moviegoers in her cameo as First Daughter Tricia Nixon Cox in likely Oscar Best Picture contender "Frost/Nixon" ([www.frostnixon.net](http://www.frostnixon.net)) starring Tony Award winner Frank Langella as the embattled president, was presented the 2008 Rising Star Award tonight here at the Wildwood By The Sea Film Festival.

Pronouncing her "practically a local, what with her Philly roots," WWBTSFF festival director Paul Russo described GOTZON as "having the acting depth of Kate Winslet and the charisma of Reese Witherspoon," and put her on the dais with Wildwood Hometown Pride Award honoree Chubby Checker, who, though hailing from South Carolina, performed his chart-busting cover of "Twist" for the very first time at Wildwood's own Rainbow Club on July 19, 1960.

Wowing organizers and attendees alike with her role-within-a-role turn as a speed-dating poser with ulterior motives in screenwriter Rick Hansberry and director George Heredia's WWBTSFF entry "Chemistry," the twentysomething actress -- who has starred in over 20 films since graduating from the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts -- toplined this seaside resort film fest's Saturday evening program at the Wildwoods Convention Center.

Event began with screening of GOTZON's official entry, followed by the multi-award-winning short "Stained" (whose 168 Best Film award in April established it as the first film shot on the 4K-capture RED One digital camera ever to win a festival) plus the latest trailer for Universal Pictures' "Frost/Nixon," from Oscar-winning director Ron Howard, due Dec. 5.

GOTZON then shared her personal side with the audience, engaging them -- in a display of her official "My Passion Story - Inspiring Audiences through the Art of Storytelling on Film" motivational campaign ([www.jenngotzon.com/mypassionstory.htm](http://www.jenngotzon.com/mypassionstory.htm)) -- to find their passion.

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Festival chairman Ed Mebs said staff found a definite goodwill ambassador in GOTZON, with how energetic, involved and good-hearted she was with festival-goers, for whom she “made their festival,” he said. “Even if she weren’t already married to filmmaker Chris Armstrong who led a fabulous RED workshop or hadn’t played the lead in ‘Chemistry’ for Rick Hansberry who taught a great screenwriting-for-the-digital-age seminar, she would have still participated in both events and more, as she did,” Mebs insisted.

Fest entry “Regular Guy” producer Jason Ward of Candy Factory Prods. in upstate New York offered that “when I meet a kind, cool and engaging actress, I know that a portion is her doing her job.” But after meeting GOTZON’s family and getting to know them, he said, it was obvious GOTZON is “a ‘treat others as you want to be treated’ person.”

GOTZON, who credits Northampton, PA, talent manager Charlene Mateus ([www.chartreusetalent.com](http://www.chartreusetalent.com)) with developing her career in the early days, next wings to the Oct. 15 world premiere of “Frost/Nixon” in London where she is also scheduled to attend the London Film Festival’s Screentalks event the next evening featuring castmate Michael Sheen who plays renowned British broadcaster David Frost opposite Langella in the film.

And before year’s end, Wildwood’s 2008 Rising Star will be seen on the small screen in ABC-TV’s “Pushing Daisies,” Fox’s “House” and in yet another bit in yet another big-budget studio film, Warner Bros.’ Jim Carrey vehicle “Yes Man” coming to theaters on Dec. 19.

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