



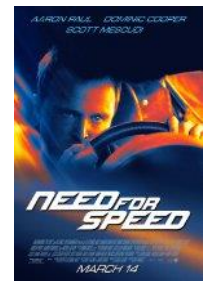
IMTA ALUMS AARON PAUL & HALEY BENNETT SIGNED TO *FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS*

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Fathers and Daughters is scheduled for a 2015 release

With filming set to start in April, two IMTA alumni have been added to the high-powered cast of *Fathers and Daughters* which includes Amanda Seyfried, Russell Crowe, Octavia Spencer, Diane Kruger and Quvenzhané Wallis. LA97 alum Aaron Paul and NY01 alum Haley Bennett have been cast in the drama about a widowed novelist (Crowe) struggling with mental illness as he tries to raise his 7-year-old daughter, Katie. The story flashes between past and present as it revolves around the life of the now-25-year-old woman (Seyfried) dealing with the aftermath of her troubled childhood. Paul will play a young man having an affair with the grown Katie in the present, while Bennett will play a college student who watches over the young Katie in the past.

Emmy-winner Paul has numerous post-“*Breaking Bad*” projects in the works. The action flick *Need for Speed*, in which Paul plays an ex-con street racer who joins a cross-country race with revenge in mind after being framed by a wealthy business associate, opens March 14. Dominic Cooper, Scott Mescudi and Dakota Johnson also star. *Hellion*, a drama in which Paul plays the father of a troubled boy, premiered to excellent reviews at this year’s Sundance Film Festival and has just been picked up for distribution later this year.



Paul also stars in the comedy/drama *A Long Way Down* with Rosamund Pike, Pierce Brosnan and Toni Collette. In the film, four people meet on New Year's Eve and form a surrogate family to help one another weather the difficulties of their lives. Following its premiere earlier this month at the Berlin Film Festival, *A Long Way Down* has not yet been picked up for a U.S. release. The big-budget epic *Exodus*, an account of Moses' hand in leading the Israelite slaves out of Egypt, opens December 12. Directed by Ridley Scott, Paul stars as Joshua alongside Christian Bale (as Moses), Ben Kingsley, Sigourney Weaver, John Turturro and Joel Edgerton.



Bennett’s next appearance will be in *The Things People Do*, which also premiered at the Berlin Film Festival and debuts in the U.S. at the SXSW Festival in March. The film stars Wes Bentley as Bill Scanlin, a man who loses his job and can’t bring himself to tell his wife (Vinessa Shaw). Rather than risk losing his family, he opts to cover up the issue by becoming a criminal. Bennett is in the pivotal role of a cashier at a gas station Scanlin tries to rob. Bennett also recently filmed *Random* with fellow alum Ashley Greene (NY04), about a college girl who is alone on campus over the Thanksgiving break; when she is targeted by a group of outcasts, she must conquer her fears to outwit them and fight back. No release has been scheduled.

Set for release on September 26 is *The Equalizer*, in which Bennett stars with Denzel Washington. Based on the 1980s TV show of the same name, Washington plays retired intelligence officer Robert McCall, whose act of kindness toward a young prostitute gets him embroiled with the Russian mob. Chloë Grace Moretz, Melissa Leo and Bill Pullman also star in the film.