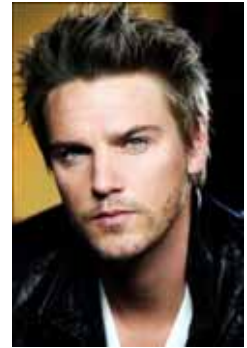


IMTA ALUM RILEY SMITH ARRIVES AT *DELIVERANCE CREEK*



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“Deliverance Creek” premieres on Lifetime Saturday, September 13, 8/7c

“The wardrobe, the set, everything about it is so authentic and it can appeal to so many different audiences. It’s got sensitivity, romance, a lot of heart.” – Riley Smith

Set at the end of the Civil War, Nicholas Sparks’ *“Deliverance Creek”* tells the story of a widowed mother of three, Belle Gatlin Barlowe, who faces uncertainty as she attempts to defend her family’s land by any means necessary. When the corrupt bank that runs their town pushes Belle into becoming an outlaw, the stakes become personal, setting off a chain of events that force her to question whether it’s better to be good or to survive.



IMTA alum Riley Smith stars in *“Deliverance Creek”* alongside Lauren Ambrose, Wes Ramsey, Yaani King Caitlin Custer and Christopher Backus. “I think everybody is going to see what they love about *‘The Notebook’* and all Nicholas Sparks books,” Smith told *Entertainment Monthly*. “It’s got really rich characters, a lot of spider-webs of entanglements of love triangles, arch-rivals, enemies and revenge; it’s got everything you would expect in a Nicholas Sparks novel. I have actually seen it and I was floored. I think I have done 14 pilots in

my time out here and it is the best pilot I have done.”

Smith joked that to prepare for the role of Toby, he “rode a lot of horses and I didn’t take a lot of showers. We were down in Austin, Texas so we went down quite a while before we started filming just to do a lot of rehearsals and horse riding.” Smith added, “I grew up on a horse ranch, so it came second nature to me but I still enjoy the opportunity to get out there and sit on a horse all day.” Horse riding aside, Smith also confided that he isn’t sure he is cut out to have lived during that time period, particularly during the Civil War. “Sometimes for us, we’re walking around the sets here and I’m thinking to myself, ‘I wouldn’t last a week in this place.’”



Smith recently completed filming the TV movie comedy *“The HOA,”* with Cheri Oteri, Paula Poundstone, Horatio Saenz and Andrea Gabriel, about a dysfunctional homeowners association and its larger than life characters. He also filmed a horror thriller feature, *The Circle*, about six friends who blindly follow a deadly fate as they explore a burned down prison. Both films are awaiting release dates.