

IMTA ALUM HALEY BENNETT RESURRECTS *HARDCORE HENRY*



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Hardcore Henry opens nationwide Friday, April 8th

“*Hardcore Henry* is basically a mix of Jason Bourne, Captain America and *Call of Duty*.” – Engadget.com

For IMTA alum Haley Bennett, 2016 looks to be her breakout year. Since her screen debut in 2007’s *Music and Lyrics* as a teen singing sensation, her star has been steadily rising with significant roles in successes such as *Marley & Me* and *The Equalizer*. Now, with no less than seven different high-profile projects currently in the works or scheduled for release this year, Bennett—who came to IMTA with Pro Model & Talent in Akron, OH—will have ample opportunities to have audiences and critics take notice.

The first of Bennett’s films to hit the screens in 2016 is the highly anticipated sci-fi action adventure *Hardcore Henry*, which opens Friday. The film was shot entirely from the point of view of the title character Henry, who has been brought back from the edge of death by his wife (Bennett) and has no memory of a past life. Suddenly, his wife has been kidnapped by a warlord bent on world domination and Henry must not only fight to get her back, but also try to recover the truth about his past life. Sharlto Copley, Danila Kozlovsky and Tim Roth also star in the R rated film, which was selected by the SXSW Film Festival as a premiere headliner.



A Kind of Murder will debut later this month at the Tribeca Film Festival. In addition to Bennett, the film also stars fellow IMTA alum Jessica Biel together with Patrick Wilson. In 1960s New York, Walter Stackhouse (Wilson) is a successful architect married to the beautiful Clara (Biel) who leads a seemingly perfect life. But his fascination with an unsolved murder leads him into a spiral of chaos as he is forced to play cat-and-mouse with a clever killer and an overambitious detective, while at the same time lusting after another woman (Bennett).

A September 23rd release is set for the release of *The Magnificent 7*, in which Bennett stars alongside Vincent D’Onofrio, Chris Pratt, Matt Bomer, Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke, Cam Gigandet and Peter Sarsgaard. This remake of the 1960 classic follows seven gun men in the old west who gradually come together to help a poor village against savage thieves.

October 7th will see the release of the mystery thriller *The Girl on the Train*, in which Bennet plays Megan Hipwell, a young wife and mother who goes missing. Emily Blunt is a woman who passes by the Hipwells’ house every day on a train and one day observes something shocking happen at the house, but cannot remember what she saw after a strange occurrence erases her memory. Luke Evans, Justin Theroux, Allison Janney and Lisa Kudrow also star.



Bennett is currently filming the drama *Thank You for Your Service* with Miles Teller, Amy Schumer, Joe Cole and Keisha Castle-Hughes. The film is an adaptation of David Finkel’s nonfiction book that explores the impact of PTSD on returning Iraq War veterans.

Terence Malik’s *Weightless* is set against the music scene in Austin, TX, and deals with the obsession and betrayal involving two intersecting love triangles. Bennett is part of an ensemble cast that includes Holly Hunter, Christian Bale, Michael Fassbender, Natalie Portman, Rooney Mara, Cate Blanchett, Ryan Gosling, Benicio Del Toro and Val Kilmer. No specific release date has been announced.

Bennett also filmed an untitled Warren Beatty project that follows a story centered on an affair Howard Hughes had in the late years of his life with a younger woman. She stars alongside Beatty, Annette Benning, Lily Collins, Alec Baldwin and Ed Harris. No release date has been announced.