

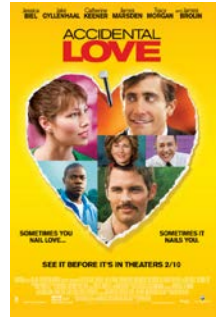


IMTA ALUM JESSICA BIEL AND *ACCIDENTAL LOVE*

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Accidental Love is available on VOD Tuesday, Feb. 10, and limited release Friday, Feb. 20

As one of the strangest behind-the-scenes tales to have come out of Hollywood in a long time, *Accidental Love* may be said to have “nailed” it. The story behind the making of the film is currently generating more publicity than the actual film’s release, which has been a very long time in coming. *Accidental Love*—which stars IMTA alum Jessica Biel alongside Jake Gyllenhall, James Marsden, James Brolin, Tracy Morgan, Catherine Keener and Paul Ruebens—was actually filmed by director David O. Russell in 2008 with the title *Nailed*. But with investors of “questionable integrity” who failed to pay the bills—which got the Screen Actors Guild and the International Alliance of Theatrical & Stage Employees involved—plus multiple production shut-downs (including the final shut-down the day before filming was to be completed, resulting in a key scene remaining un-filmed), cast walk-outs and dubious name changes, it looked as if audiences would never see the finished screwball comedy, particularly after Director Russell and the film’s producers completely separated themselves from the un-finished project in 2010.



However, like a Phoenix rising from the ashes, *Accidental Love* (aka *Nailed*) is finally getting its release, albeit a low-key release by Hollywood standards. In the film, a very young-looking Biel plays a small-town waitress who accidentally gets a nail lodged in her head just as her boyfriend (a very young-looking Marsden) is proposing to her. Unfortunately, she does not have health insurance and cannot afford to have the nail removed, so must live with the side-effects...which make her a little crazy. She enlists the help of a somewhat sleazy politician (an equally very young-looking Gyllenhall) in a quest to reform health care that would enable her to have the operation.



Recently married and a just-announced mother-to-be, Biel has several other project in the works which will not have as complex a backstory as *Accidental Love*. She is currently voicing the character Vix in the 3D-animated sci-fi comedy *Spark*, alongside Hilary Swank, Susan Sarandon and Jace Norman. *Spark* is a teenage monkey who enlists his friends—a battle-ready fox and a tech-savvy warthog—to take back the besieged planet Bana from the power-mad General Zhong. *Spark* is scheduled for a 2016 release.

Biel will also appear in *The Blunderer* with Patrick Wilson, Eddie Marsan, and fellow IMTA alum Haley Bennett. Set in early 1960s New York, it centers around a successful architect (Wilson) whose perfect life with his wife (Biel) is put in danger when he becomes obsessed with an unsolved murder. He is pulled into a game of cat-and-mouse with a cunning killer, an ambitious detective and a woman he begins to fall for (Bennett). No release date has been set.

Another Biel project, *Shiva and May*, is currently in post-production. Biel plays a yoga instructor in the film who, with her boyfriend, is planning on opening her own yoga-based health center. She unexpectedly finds herself behaving in ways she never imagined in an effort to protect her newly discovered sister Shiva, who is a sex worker, from a less-than-savory boyfriend. No release has been scheduled.