

IMTA ALUM KATIE HOLMES IN *THE GIVER*



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The Giver opens nationwide Friday, August 15

“It was challenging. We needed the reminder not to touch each other. It is something that you do as a mother.” – Katie Holmes

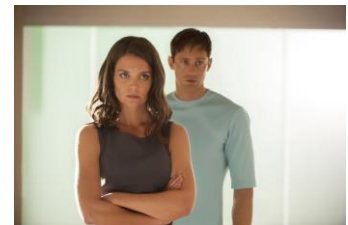
Imagine our world as black and white, that there is no color. Also imagine all people are basically the same, there is little to no individuality, and being different is dangerous. Imagine being assigned a job that will best serve the community and that you have no choice in the matter; if you do not conform and dare to ask questions, you will be expelled from the community. You are living in a dystopian society, a place where people lead dehumanized and fearful lives.



This is the world of the long-awaited adaptation of Lois Lowry’s *The Giver*, a haunting story of a young man, Jonas, who is assigned the job of Receiver of Memory. When the society was formed, it was agreed that all the memories had to be banished — but they had to go somewhere. So for years, there has been just one person who would hold all the memories, good and bad. That person is known as The Giver. Not until Jonas becomes The Giver does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.

The Giver was directed by Phillip Noyce and stars NY93/95 alum Katie Holmes as Jonas’ mother. Brenton Thwaites, Alexander Skarsgard, Meryl Streep, Jeff Bridges, Cameron Monaghan, and Odeya Rush also star.

It was announced today that Holmes’ next project to hit the big screen will be *Days and Nights*, a film inspired by Russian playwright Anton Chekhov’s play “The Seagull.” Set in rural New England in the 1980s, *Days and Nights* is centered on a fading movie star who brings her paramour to her lakeside estate to visit her ailing brother and son, a fledgling artist, over Memorial Day Weekend. Reckless desire leads to a disastrous turn of events, which leads the family from dysfunction to heartbreak. The film, which premiered at the Palm Springs International Film Festival in January, will be released theatrically and on demand on September 26. William Hurt, Allison Janney and Ben Wishaw also star.



Also in the works is *Mania Days* in which two manic depressives meet in a psychiatric hospital and begin a romance that brings out all of the beauty and horror of their condition. Holmes stars alongside Luke Kirby, Christine Lahti and Griffin Dunne. And Holmes is currently filming the drama *Woman in Gold* with Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds and Charles Dance. In the film, Mirren plays an octogenarian Jewish refugee who takes on the government to recover artwork she believes rightfully belongs to her family. No release date has been set for either film.