



IMTA ALUM HALEY BENNETT MEETS *THE EQUALIZER*

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The Equalizer opens nationwide Friday, September 26

“If I decided to give up being an actress I think I would be completely satisfied because I’ve learned so much, I’ve grown so much.” – Haley Bennett

A new generation of fans is about to learn that *The Equalizer* does not put up with injustice against the helpless. As a hit TV series in the mid-to-late 1980s starring Edward Woodward, “*The Equalizer*”—aka Robert McCall—was the person people turned to when someone had a problem, the odds were stacked against them, and they had nowhere else to turn. *The Equalizer* now comes to the big screen with Denzel Washington taking the role of McCall. And while the actor may be different, the character’s need to serve up vengeance against those who prey on the vulnerable has not changed.

IMTA alum Haley Bennett co-stars with Washington, Chloë Grace Moretz, Marton Csokas and Melissa Leo in the new adaptation of *The Equalizer* opening September 26. In the film, McCall is a former black ops commando who has faked his death to live a quiet life in Boston. When he comes out of his self-imposed retirement to rescue a young street walker targeted by the Russian mob, he finds himself face-to-face with ultra-violent Russian gangsters.

“My character’s name is Mandy,” explained Bennett. “She’s involved with many seedy characters in the film. She’s friends with Chloë’s character, and she’s her protector.” The NY01 alum from Pro Model and Talent said she was able to strongly relate to her character during the rehearsals and filming. “I learned from her morals...and Mandy to me is an angel in a dark world so, it’s the story of my life.”



Bennett has been extremely busy recently working on a number of films. One which is receiving a lot of publicity overseas is the thriller *Kristy*, which was just released on DVD in Germany. In the film, Bennett stars alongside fellow alum Ashley Greene (NY04) as a young coed spending the Thanksgiving weekend holiday on campus with a few of her friends who must fight to survive when they are attacked and terrorized by a gang of violent outcasts. The film is being screened at the London International Film Festival in October; a U.S. debut has yet to be scheduled.

Her most recent project is a co-starring role in the highly anticipated *Sons and Daughters* about a Pulitzer-winning writer grappling with being a widower and father after a mental breakdown, while, 27 years later, his grown daughter struggles to forge connections of her own. In addition to Bennett, the A-list ensemble cast includes fellow IMTA alum Aaron Paul, Amanda Seyfried, Diane Kruger, Russell Crowe, Jane Fonda, Octavia Spencer, Janet McTeer, Ryan Eggold, Bruce Greenwood and Quvenzhané Wallis.