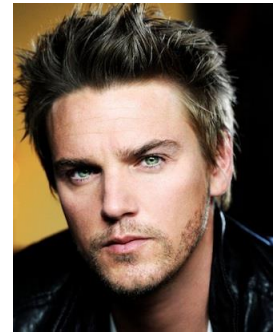


IMTA ALUM RILEY SMITH & *SHIRIN IN LOVE*

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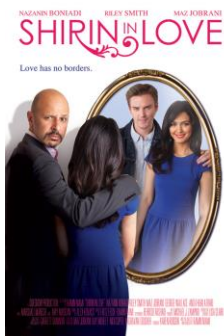


Shirin in Love opens nationwide for a limited run on Friday, March 14

“I was discovered by a local model agent in my hometown and she urged me to do this modeling contest, competition, where people go to get discovered, and it’s called the IMTA. The IMTA had discovered tons of people, from Elijah Wood to Katie Holmes, Josh Duhamel, Ashton Kutcher and myself, but there have been a million people who have been discovered there.” – Riley Smith

2014 promises to be a year in which audiences will get to see NY97 IMTA alum Riley Smith in a group of very diverse roles. His upcoming projects include both TV and film and include a romantic comedy, a horror thriller, a Civil War period drama, and playing a vampire on HBO’s hit *“True Blood.”* Smith ended 2013 co-starring in the well-reviewed Hallmark holiday romance drama *Christmas in Conway* alongside Andy Garcia, Mary Louise Parker and Mandy Moore.

Next up for Smith is the culture clash comedy *Shirin in Love* in which he stars opposite *“Homeland”* star Nazanin Boniadi, a quirky young Iranian-American living in Los Angeles who is long-engaged to an Iranian plastic surgeon. When she falls in love with an enigmatic young man (Smith) who lives in a lighthouse in northern California, her world in the large Iranian community of *“Tehrangeles”* is turned upside-down and she must discover what it means to be true to herself. Amy Madigan, Maz Jobrani and George Wallace also star.



Smith recently completed filming the horror thriller *The Circle*, which weaves the tale of six friends who explore the charred remains of a burned out prison and end up discovering far more than they hoped for. The independent film is being produced by the Atlanta-based Spitfire Studios and was shot entirely on location in an abandoned prison near Atlanta and a house in nearby Snellville. Chelsey Crisp also stars in the film, which is expected to hit the festival circuit this summer.

In the award-winning web TV series *“10,000 Days,”* Smith stars alongside John Schneider, Peter Wingfield, Lisa Pelikan and Jay Montalvo as one of the survivors battling to survive the climate—and each other—after a comet strikes Earth, creating a new Ice Age. The series wrapped Season 1 in January and is in pre-production for a second. All Season 1 episodes are currently available at <http://www.metacafe.com/10k-days/>.

The end of March is the tentative planned airing of Lifetime’s *Deliverance Creek*, a drama set at the end of the Civil War by *The Notebook*’s Nicholas Sparks which follows a young woman attempting to defend her family’s land by any means necessary. When corrupt bankers push her into becoming an outlaw, the stakes become personal, setting off a chain of events that force her to question whether it is better to be good or to survive. Smith co-stars as Toby, together with Lauren Ambrose, Wes Ramsey, Christopher Backus and Caitlin Custer. *Deliverance Creek* is set to air as a pilot/two-part TV movie which may lead to development as a series.

Smith was just announced as a regular for *“True Blood”*’s seventh and final season, which will begin airing this summer. He will play Keith, a *“sexy rock ‘n’ roll vampire”* who is a drummer in James’ (Nathan Parson) band and a love interest for Arlene (Carrie Preston).

