



IMTA ALUM HALEY BENNETT IN *THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE*

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Thank You for Your Service opens nationwide Friday, October 27

“I hope that audiences will continue to have conversations, that this will inspire people maybe that are in this situation to get the help that they need, that it’s possible, and to see the strength and resilience that these characters had and to know that they’re not alone.”

– Haley Bennett

When we ask young men and women to go to war, what are we asking of them? And when they return, what are we thanking them for?

These are the two essential questions posed by *Thank You for Your Service*, the fact-based film of the book of the same name by David Finkel that follows a group of infantry soldiers returning home after combat on the front lines in Bagdad, Iraq. As they struggle to integrate back into family and civilian life, they must face living with the memory of a war that threatens to destroy them long after they've left the battlefield.

Miles Teller is a soldier coming home to his child and wife, IMTA alum Haley Bennett, after serving in the Middle East. While initially he is happy to be home and spending time with his beautiful wife, PTSD quickly rears its ugly head. Reluctant to discuss what went on over there, he struggles to deal with the price of war and what he’s brought home with him. The cast also includes Hunter Burke, Keisha Castle-Hughes, Joe Cole, Omar J. Dorsey, Scott Haze, Amy Schumer and Kate Lyn Sheil.



“One of the reasons I wanted to be a part of *Thank You for Your Service* is my personal connection with the military, and also the display of courage and sacrifice and love that these families portray,” said Bennett. “And, to be able to collaborate with the actual real-life people was such an incredible and unique experience that connected us in a really special way, that really locked us into the telling of the story.”



Bennett added, “We spent a lot of time with the real life members of this story, and everyone was so generous with their emotions, and sharing their stories in a completely exposing light: people are going to see this movie, people are going to experience their pain. And one thing I take away is not their pain, but that they had the courage to get the help that they need.”

Bennett will next be seen in Gideon Raff’s spy drama *The Red Sea Diving Resort*, based on the true-life mission to rescue Ethiopian Jews from Sudan and get them to Israel in the early 1980s. In addition to Bennett, the film's cast includes Chris Chalk, Chris Evans, Alessandro Nivola, Michael K. Williams, Michiel Huisman, Alex Hassell, Mark Ivanir, Greg Kinnear, and Sir Ben Kingsley.

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