



## IMTA ALUMS JEREMY SUMPTER AND ALYSON STONER HAVE SAME DAY MOVIE OPENINGS

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*Into the Storm* and *Step Up: All In* open nationwide Friday, August 8

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Mark August 8, 2014 on your calendar as a day you may want to go see a movie...or two. A pair of IMTA alums have films opening: LA2000 alum Jeremy Sumpter in *Into the Storm* and NY2000 alum Alyson Stoner in *Step Up: All In*...and both are expected to do very well in the competitive summer feature film market.

Sumpter stars in the action thriller *Into the Storm* as a reluctant member of a storm chasing team. In the span of a single day, the town of Silverton is ravaged by an unprecedented onslaught of tornadoes. The entire town is at the mercy of the erratic and deadly cyclones, even as storm trackers predict the worst is yet to come. Most people seek shelter, while others run towards the vortex, testing how far a storm chaser will go for that once-in-a-lifetime shot. Told through the eyes and lenses of professional storm chasers, thrill-seeking amateurs, and courageous townspeople, *Into the Storm* throws you directly into the eye of the storm to experience Mother Nature at her most extreme.



“Maybe next year, [a real storm chaser] is gonna get me out, and I’m going to go on a storm chasing adventure for a couple weeks. That would be the trip of a lifetime,” Sumpter said. The making of the movie was good practice: “There’s an explosion behind me, I go down, and they started pulling me on a wire like 25 feet across the ground and about 50 feet into the air, and I swing back and forth and they lower me down ...Imagine what it feels like when a little stick hits you at 140 miles an hour in the face. We had our little nicks and scrapes.”

*Into the Storm* was directed by Steven Quale and stars an ensemble cast that includes Matt Walsh, Sarah Wayne Callies, Nathan Kress, Richard Armitage, Alycia Debnam Carey, Arlen Escarpeta and Max Deacon.

Stoner returns to her role of Camille alongside other familiar faces such as Ryan Guzman, Briana Evigan and Adam G. Sevani in the fifth entry of the highly successful *Step Up* series, *Step Up: All In*. The basic story of struggling dancers trying to make a living in L.A. is suddenly complicated when the crew gets the opportunity to compete for a three-year Vegas contract. Spoiler: Huge dance battles happen. Add in IMTA guest performer and “*So You Think You Can Dance*” star Stephen Boss, a.k.a. tWitch, and the crew is ready for all the theatrics that Vegas has to offer.



“Moose and Camille have stayed a couple since the third movie; they now live together,” explains Stoner about her role. “They’re trying to balance work and their relationship and also their love of dance. Moose has grown up; he’s asking himself big boy questions. And Camille is wondering how she can support him and his love of dance and music while still making sure we’re taking care of rent and bills.”

In addition to her long-time role voicing Isabella on Disney’s animated “*Phineas and Ferb*,” Stoner has worked on other projects which include *The A-List*, a comedy/drama completed last year but which has yet to be scheduled for release. The film also stars fellow IMTA alum Katie O’Grady (NY05), and follows a young high school student (Hudson Thames) who is coerced by his guidance counselor into fulfilling a list of her high school fantasies in order to graduate.



Stoner recently completed filming *Selling Isobel*, a harrowing drama based on the true story of a pilates teacher who is kidnapped and used as a slave in the sex trade. She struggles for her life in the hopes of being reunited with her husband and young daughter. Stoner is in the role of Katie while Isobel is being played by Frida Farrell.

Sumpter also has several upcoming projects scheduled to hit the screen within the next year. In the sports comedy/drama *The Squeeze*, Sumpter stars as a humble young man with uncommon skills from a small southern town gets caught up in high stakes golf matches between big-time gamblers until the game becomes life and death. Jason Dohring and Jillian Murray also star in the film.

In *The Culling*, Sumpter stars alongside Harley Graham, Johnathon Schaech, Virginia Williams, Elizabeth Di Prinzio, Brett Davern, Linsey Godfrey and Chris Coy. The supernatural thriller from writer/director Rustam Branaman focuses on a group of college friends on a road trip who find themselves fighting off dark forces at a remote farmhouse after a chance encounter with a strange little girl.

Sumpter also just finished filming the thriller *Take Down* with his *Into the Storm* co-star Max Deacon. Students at a boarding school for rebellious rich kids take matters into their own hands after the campus is taken hostage by a group of criminals. *Take Down* is scheduled for a 2015 release.