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## RENAISSANCE WOMEN PRODUCTIONS ANNOUNCES FEBRUARY 14, 2020 THEATRICAL RELEASE FOR ROM-COM FILM *FIRST LADY*

Nancy Stafford, Corbin Bernsen and cast bring hilarity, suspense and inspiration to the historical role of FLOTUS

**LOS ANGELES, CALIF:** January 2020 – In a culture where the role of President and First Lady (FLOTUS) are highly esteemed, but often scrutinized, comes **FIRST LADY** a rom-com for the entire family that features a cast of eclectic characters, delightful surprises and an unpredictable quest to win the race as the esteemed FLOTUS.

On February 14, 2020, Renaissance Women Productions will release to theaters the indie film **FIRST LADY**. The film stars **Nancy Stafford** (“Matlock”) and Emmy Nominated actor **Corbin Bernsen** (“L.A. Law”), and co-stars **Burgess Jenkins** (Remember the Titans), Jenn Gotzon Chandler (Frost/Nixon), Tanya Christiansen (The Hate U Give), and Benjamin Dane.

The film unites beloved actors Stafford and Bernsen, who both starred in popular legal dramas, Stafford opposite Andy Griffith in “Matlock” (’86-’95) and Bernsen opposite Jimmy Smits and Harry Hamlin in “L.A. LAW” (86-94). First Lady is a classic romantic comedy with the backdrop of presidential politics and royal charm.

This indie rom-com is the creative work of writer/director Nina May and is distributed through ArtAffects Entertainment. Filming was primarily near Washington, DC and features a diversity of replicated interior scenes from The White House.

The rom-com’s plot: When President Alex Morales dies in office, his widow, Kate (Stafford), agrees to help the bachelor VP, Taylor Brooks (Dane) in his bid for the presidency. Kate decides to run for First Lady on the ticket with VP Brooks and prevent the ditzy wife of their competitor (Christiansen) from destroying the dignity of FLOTUS. Meanwhile, Kate is unaware of a former teenage beau, now the king of a foreign nation (Bernsen), who comes to the White House in an effort to win her heart and present her with a much better proposal than she ever expected! She is torn between a promise and her calling. This modern fairytale about an autumn romance with a twist will inspire and entertain the whole family.

Writer and director Nina May believes that audiences yearn for stories for the entire family and that harken back to a nostalgic genre of romantic comedy. “I wanted to create a film that would offer tender moments and humor for the entire family but with a political setting,” says May. “We see two people who reunite later in life and discover it’s not too late for their ‘happily ever after’ but we also experience a light-hearted comedy about The White House and palace intrigue.”



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FIRST LADY is rated PG (thematic elements) and directed, produced and written by Nina May. The film is distributed by ArtAffects Entertainment. Additional information is available at [www.FirstLadyMovie.com](http://www.FirstLadyMovie.com)

Confirmed theatrical markets release, with additional role out cities include Los Angeles, Dallas, Washington DC, Tampa, Orlando, Houston, Phoenix, Atlanta,, Nashville with additional markets added weekly.

## **Social Media Handles:**

Facebook: @FirstLadyMovie2020

Twitter: @FirstLadyFilm

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## **ABOUT RENAISSANCE WOMEN PRODUCTIONS:**

**Renaissance Women Productions** is a non-profit 501c3 organization and a project of the **Renaissance Foundation**. RWP has been producing award-winning shorts, documentaries, TV shows, and films for the past two decades. Our mission is working with new and undiscovered talent, to give them the opportunity to break into the film industry. The students, interns, and enthusiasts that have come through the foundation have produced everything from TV shows and commercials, to documentaries, educational, and feature films.

From pre-production to post, RWP trainees take part in every phase of production in our award winning projects. More information is available at [www.Renaissancewomenproductions.com](http://www.Renaissancewomenproductions.com)

## **ABOUT ARTAFFECTS ENTERTAINMENT:**

ArtAffects Entertainment was created in 2003 as a distribution consultant on "The Passion of the Christ." The company generally specializes in faith & family fare and releases films across the US as well as more limited regional campaigns. The founders, Dan and Margo Lange have vast experience with US distribution of art, animation, faith-based, and wide commercial film releases. ArtAffects has partnerships with home entertainment, international sales, SVOD, and other ancillary markets. Their official web site is [www.artaffectsentertainment.com](http://www.artaffectsentertainment.com)

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## MEET THE CAST:



**Nancy Stafford** (Kathryn Morales): Nancy Stafford is easily remembered as Andy Griffith's law partner on the TV series "Matlock" (1986-1993). Nancy started her career as a model for the prestigious Ford Modeling Agency. Over her lengthy career, she has guest-starred on many popular shows including: "E.R.," "Frasier," "Who's The Boss?," "Hunter," "Quantum Leap," "Magnum, P.I.," "St. Elsewhere," and "Scandal." She is the author of several bestselling books (*The Wonder of His Love* and *Beauty by the Book*) and has been married to her husband Larry since 1989. Her official web site is [www.NancyStafford.com](http://www.NancyStafford.com) and twitter is @Nancy\_Stafford.



**Corbin Bernsen** (King Max): Corbin is best remembered as attorney Arnie Becker on "L.A. Law" (1986-1994) that earned him several Emmy and Golden Globe nominations. He is currently co-starring on several TV series including "The Resident," "The Punisher," and "Hap and Leonard." Bernsen has starred in many films including Major League and Major League II. He and his wife actress Amanda Pays (since 1988) have four sons. His official web site is [www.CorbinBernsen.com](http://www.CorbinBernsen.com) and twitter is @corbinbernsen.



**Burgess Jenkins** (Harold Carrington): After studying Psychology in graduate school Burgess continued his training at the famed Playhouse West in Los Angeles where he would spend 4 years under the instruction of Robert Carnegie and Oscar nominated actor Jeff Goldblum. Some of Jenkin's credits include: the antagonist Ray Budds in the blockbuster film *Remember the Titans* opposite Academy Award winner Denzel Washington, and the Warner Brothers thriller, *The Reaping* as the husband of Oscar winner Hilary Swank. His television credits include the Lifetime drama "Army Wives", "Nashville", "One Tree Hill", "Marry Me" with Lucy Liu and the long running CBS drama "The Young and the Restless." His official web site is [www.BurgessJenkins.com](http://www.BurgessJenkins.com) and twitter is @BurgessJenkins.



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## **Jenn Gotzon Chandler** (Macy):

Audiences remember Jennifer's compelling role as President Richard Nixon's daughter, Tricia Nixon, in Ron Howard's 2009 Academy Award-Nominated film *Frost/Nixon* opposite Frank Langella.

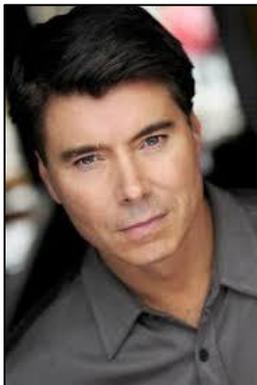
Gotzon other starring roles include *Doonby* opposite John Schneider, *God's Country* opposite Daniel Hugh Kelly, *My Daddy's is in Heaven* with Corbin Bernson, *Love Different* with late Tommy Ford and *Forgiven* with Kevin Sorbo, and the 2014 Oscar-Nominated *Alone yet Not Alone*.

She married to Jim Chandler in 2017, together they co-starred in *Saving Faith* (Lionsgate), the crime-suspense *Sinking Sand* (Sony), and *The Farmer and The Belle* based on their real love story. Her twitter is: @JennGotzon.



## **Tanya Christiansen** (Mallory Carrington):

Tanya graduated from the University of Tennessee. Tanya's first on-air job was as a host for a shopping network. Soon after she began to appear in national commercials, television pilots and feature films. She has been featured in many film and television roles including *The Hate U Give*, *Devious Maids*, and *Insatiable*, and in the upcoming inspirational film *I Still Believe*. Her twitter is @TanyaHChristian.



## **Benjamin Dane** (Taylor Brooks):

Benjamin started his entertainment career working in the Dallas community theater. He originated a role in the highly successful *The Promise*, and appeared in original dramatic and musical productions including *Snow White*, *Bobby Sox*, C.S. Lewis's *The Silver Chair*, *Peanut Butter and Tofu on Jewish Rye* and *Eight Days that Changed the World*. He appeared in Oliver Stone's *JFK* and the Emmy Award-winning, *Killing in a Small Town*, for CBS and other principal roles in television and film. Benjamin has also produced several unique productions, including the highly acclaimed feature film, *Beyond the Farthest Star*. His official web site is [www.BenjaminDane.com](http://www.BenjaminDane.com) and twitter is @Benjamindane.



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## **Nico Greetham** (Young Max):

Nico was born in Woodbridge, Virginia and grew up training as a competitive dancer receiving numerous awards and titles in nationwide competitions. At the age of 18 he auditioned for Fox's hit TV series "So You Think You Can Dance" season 10, becoming the top 5th male finalist.

In 2014, at the age of 19, Nico starred as Darcy/Jojo in Disney's hit "Newsies" on Broadway. His diverse entertainment resume also includes the role of

Calvin/Yellow Power Ranger in Nickelodeon's "Power Rangers Ninja Steel" from 2017-2019. His twitter is @Dance10Nico.



## **Nina May** (Director/Writer/Producer):

Nina is the writer, director and producer of First Lady. She is the Founder and Chairman of Renaissance Women Productions, an educational non-profit foundation with international production training programs. RWP offers opportunities for believers to work in front of and behind the camera in the entertainment industry. Nina has many credits to her name including, her family friendly dramedy, "Life Fine Tuned." Her documentary Emancipation Revelation Revolution, about the history of the civil rights movement in America, and her post-apocalyptic dramatic series, Daily Bread, which is now on Direct TV.