

Summer Glau Serenity Interview - River Kicks Ass in Firefly Movie

Summer Glau on Joss Whedon Turning River Into a Weapon in Serenity:

"He knew I was a ballet dancer. I danced on two episodes, once on Firefly, once on Angel. He knew I was very athletic and very physical, but I remember, I think it was after one of our Shakespeare readings that we have at his house - we're fabulous nerds - but he said, 'I have this idea for River to be this secret weapon.' I thought, 'Oh, it's a wonderful idea until you see me try to do it and then you're going to quickly write it out.'"

Summer Glau on Learning the Stunts for River's Fight Scenes in Serenity:

"When the stunt coordinator saw me, he said, 'Okay, it's obvious you're a dancer and you're kind of leggy and limby and we're going to try to give it this type of martial arts, we're going to take from this technique and take from this technique and make something that will work well on your body. So the style that we ended up with was very fluid and almost like a dance, but like a brutal aggressive dance.'"

Summer Glau on Her Dance Background Helping with Serenity's Fight Scenes:

"It did help me because I was used to the training every day, going to the gym and working out all day and doing lots of different types of training. So really it's completely different muscle memory. I had to completely retrain my body and it took three months, all day, every day."

Summer Glau on Her Final Fight Scene with the Reavers in Serenity:

"It's all me. There were two dangerous stunts that they wouldn't let me do. One was falling down the stairs, that was just too risky, and one other flip. My stunt double ended up getting hurt doing it, I felt terrible. But everything else, the swords and all the blade work, I did myself. All the guns, the daggers. Joss wanted it to look real. I felt it - every punch, every kick."

Summer Glau on Firefly Fans:

"They picked us up when our show was cancelled and we all went home at Christmas time and didn't know if we were ever going to come back. We got online and they said, 'We're not giving up. We're going to figure something out.' And they did campaigns and they just would not forget about us and they got their friends involved and they helped sell our DVDs and they are part of our Firefly world. They have a role like we have roles."

Summer Glau on Speaking Chinese in Firefly:

"It was hard. It was hard to make it emotional. I had this one really emotional scene where I had to do Chinese and I felt ridiculous."

Summer Glau on Her Serenity Costume:

"I had to fight in a dress. I kept the boots."

Summer Glau on Serenity Action Figures:

"I played with the Mal."

What's Next for Summer Glau?:

"I just got back from Romania doing an independent sci-fi comedy. It's called Mammoth. It was really fun. It's for Sci-fi channel. It was fun for me because it was sci-fi but completely different, this was fun for me to do action but to laugh. A really different character."

Summer Glau on Joss Whedon's Dialogue:

"I actually did go in and read for X-Men 3. I went in to read for Kitty Pride and there was a scene and they wouldn't let us look at the scene before we went in. usually, when you

go in for an audition, you get to see the script at least one day in advance and work on it and decide how you want to play it.

"Well, I went in and I was so nervous, I looked down and I read these lines and I got very emotional right away and I thought, 'I know exactly how I want to play it.' So I went in and I memorized it right away and I did it and it felt familiar somehow.

"So afterwards, I was talking to Joss about it and I was describing the scene, and he said, 'I wrote that, Summer.' And I knew it. Then it made sense to me. He wrote it and that's why it felt familiar. I didn't know the story at all and I didn't know what I was going to be saying but I recognized him in the scene. He has such a special way of writing and it makes me very emotional. I can see it right away.

"It was a scene that had been taken from one of the comics that he wrote. They didn't have a script at that time so they were using that to audition girls."

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