

## SERENITY : EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW OF SUMMER GLAU

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*At the occasion of Serenity's release in theatres, adapted from the cult series Firefly, Summer Glau confided to AlloCiné.*

### **AlloCiné: What did you felt at the cancellation of Firefly?**

Summer Glau : I think I must have cried on everybody's shoulder! At the end of the shooting the whole team met at Nathan Fillion's, it was around Christmas Time. I could not stop crying. Then Joss Whedon came and firstly thanked us. Then he told me he would do everything he can so we'll meet again. We did not knew then how he would manage to do that. And today we realize that it's even better than anything we've imagined!

### **The whole cast of the series is in the movie...**

Working with all the actors, meeting again, was the most incredible thing that could have happened to us. We became friends in real life, we go to the theatre, to the restaurant, we party together! We are like a real family in every day's life and to have the opportunity to work again together, it was like a miracle. It was too good to be true. We are very proud to be able to make a movie together.

### **Is the movie like revenge for you?**

In a way, yes. When someone doesn't trust you, it hurts. And we thought the series was good, really. It is no hazard if the DVD of Firefly sold well! But some were afraid to take chances or to trust us. When Universal took back the project Serenity, they let Joss Whedon the freedom to tell the story he wanted and gave him the means to do it. And that made a very beautiful movie!

### **Firefly fans are many and very actives. Do you think they've played a part in the fact that Serenity came to life?**

A major part! When the series stopped, we thought the audience would soon forget us. But we soon realized that the fans where making campaign of protest, writing endless letters, gathering funds. They haven't given up until the movie came out.

### **Are you a science-fiction movie fan?**

When I started, I never thought I'd play in science-fiction movies. But for me, Serenity is more a movie that revolves around characters, people like you and me, in extraordinary circumstances. But otherwise, I love science-fiction, particularly Star Trek: Next Generation that I have seen an incalculable number of times!

### **Tell us about the Serenity voyage...**

Serenity should shake you from the beginning till the end. From the get go there's a lot of suspense, then there is action, a real study of characters, then it turns into a spy movie, comedy, drama, then it comes back to suspense.. It takes you in, it's like a voyage: you seat down, you start to watch and you're taken in the story from the beginning till the end. I went to a lot of screenings, and I can assure you that nobody left to go to toilets in the middle of the movie, nobody was looking elsewhere either, it was really intense.

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