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Hollywood North Rising Star Nicole LaPlaca

Vancouver, October 20, 2013 - Canadian-born **Nicole LaPlaca** is one of Hollywood North's brightest rising stars. The **Leo Award-nominated** actress received the accolade in 2004 for her performance in the short film **Beachbound**. Nicole most recently appeared on screen in the Lifetime television movie **Secret Liaison** co-starring Meredith Monroe. She can also be seen on City TV in an episode of the sitcom **Package Deal** ("Kim vs. Karaoke") and has just wrapped a guest appearance on Steven Spielberg's popular sci-fi tv series **Falling Skies**, episode 1, season 4, set to air next summer.

Audiences will recognize Nicole from her most notable role as Natalia in the hit Warner Brothers film **Another Cinderella Story**, in which she starred alongside Selena Gomez and Jane Lynch. According to Nicole, one of her favorite things about inhabiting that character was that she found it "exhilarating to play the enemy." She says her dream role would be the character of "Deb" from the Showcase series **Dexter** because "she's so raw and unpredictable." Nicole hopes to one day work with renowned film director Martin Scorsese.

Nicole made her industry debut at the age of 9, after following in her sister Jennifer's footsteps. She has appeared in over 40 professional projects to-date, with numerous guest and supporting roles in television shows, films, commercials and stage productions including: **Falling Skies**, **Package Deal**, **Alcatraz**, **Supernatural**, **American Dreams**, **Stephen King's The Dead Zone** and **End Game**. In addition to **Another Cinderella Story** and **Secret Liaison**, her other film credits include **John Tucker Must Die**, **Mount Pleasant** and **The Lizzie McGuire Movie**. Nicole is also a professional dancer and has danced in numerous television shows, movies and stage productions. Her dancing career highlights have included dancing for Queen Elizabeth II as well as appearing as a featured dancer in multiple Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Ceremonies.

In her spare time, the Maple Ridge resident nurtures the next generation of performers by teaching dance and coaching young actors in her hometown. She often imparts the following wisdom to her students, "if you love the craft and love what you do, don't give up no matter what. Work hard, take class and persevere. Rejection can be hard, but it happens to everyone. Get back up and work ten times harder to get where you want to be."

Keep your eyes on this rising star, you just may see her on the big screen in the next Scorsese blockbuster!

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