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## Casanova

by Vicki Salemi

OK, so it's like this. Have you ever felt like, well, you didn't quite fit in? Strutting through the halls to your own beat, with an iPod that's playing a different tune? Well, in the ultra-cool romantic comedy "Casanova," SIENNA MILLER plays Francesca Bruni, not exactly living in the right place at the right time.

Francesca is stuck in a time period (the 1700s to be exact), in Venice, Italy, where women are repressed, and yet she is a fiery, intelligent, contemporary woman. Unable to speak her mind, she goes to fab lengths to let her voice be heard and spreads her gospel by publishing her thoughts. Sienna explains, "I think she's keen to find love but just not the kind of love that's offered to her at the moment." She continues, "She [Francesca] is a romantic, she says at one point. This is obviously on her mind; she doesn't think she'll find it in the society that she's in."

Sienna didn't exactly mind filming this movie in Italy's famous city full of canals ("Instead of being picked up by car, our boat picked us up at 5 a.m.," she explains). In fact, there were quite memorable moments concerning the food. "We were quite naughty on the set, great food fights. I would see how many grapes I could fit into my mouth. I turn into a child when I'm on the set."



In fact -- you may know the deal -- HEATH LEDGER plays Casanova, a legendary adventurer whose love interests were, ahem, frequent, until he met his match and found the one woman he couldn't get and sought to be with the most. That would be Francesca.

Without giving too much of it away, "Casanova" is packed with tons of plot changes, neat costumes, and interesting twists of fate, though the flick wouldn't work without the strong character of Francesca. Sienna notes the significance as an actress, "I want to do everything apart from being just the girl, the love interest. Just meaty, intelligent or strong, illuminated women."

That's why Francesca became such a challenge for Casanova. Whether it's getting up the nerve to talk to your crush in gym class or completing those time-consuming college apps', this film shows that challenges give you something to aspire to. Be strong, stay true to yourself and check out CASANOVA in theaters now.



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