



## Vaugier's waiting game pays off

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Good things come to those who wait, and wait, and wait. She's been waiting a very long time, but now it seems everything coming together and paying off for Vancouver's Emmanuelle Vaugier.

It appears that the actress, who began her career here with roles as Noelle on the teen soap Madison, guested on Highlander, The Outer Limits and Mysterious Ways, and appeared in the TV movie, the Halfback of Notre Dame and played one of Rodney Dangerfield's sexy spouses in My Five Wives, is about to strike gold.

Her movie 40 Days and 40 Nights (starring teen idol Josh Hartnett and Shannyn Sossamon) is release this weekend and her series My Guide to Becoming a Rock Star (formerly The Young Person's Guide to Becoming a Rock Star) premieres March 14 on the WB network. Both were shot in Vancouver.

In 40 Days, which wrapped in November 2000, Vaugier plays Susie who goes on a double date with Josh's character.

"Me and Josh end up going home together," explains Vaugier over the phone lines from the home in Beverly Hills she shares with boyfriend and actor Jason Gray-Stanford and their two poodles, Lily and Isabella, " and things sort of unravel from there."

"What happens between us pushes him to take the vow of celibacy." ((He gives up women for Lent -- thus, 40 Days and 40 Nights "970 hours, 57,600 minutes, 3,456,000 seconds," as expressed in the movie's online trailer.)

"It pushes him over the edge," says Vaugier, who attended the movie's premiere in Los Angeles with Gray-Stanford last week where the audience went wild over her performance.

"I'm in the first 15 minutes of the movie, then I'm gone," she says.

But she can't talk about the pivotal scene, yet. "The problem is if I say what it is, it blows the whole joke."

In Rock Star, Vaugier plays Sarah, love interest of Jace, an aspiring rocker (played by Goldie Hawn's son and Kate's brother, Oliver Hudson). "He's an absolute sweetheart," she says of Hudson. "The network is ecstatic about the show. We had a blast on it -- the crew was insanely amazing. We really lucked out -- there were so many crazy scenes and everybody just fit on the show."

And Hollywood's newest power couple have a hectic month coming up:

Gray-Stanford, who played Ainsley in Russell Crowe's A Beautiful Mind, is nominated with rest of the cast for SAG (Screen Actors Guild) Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Theatrical Motion Picture Award. They'll attend the ceremonies on March 10 and since the movie is also nominated for eight Academy Awards, they'll join their pal Crowe at the Oscars.

Vaugier is contemplating her future should luck get her noticed by the Hollywood powers-that-be.

"It takes forever to generate hype, then once it hits, and people respond, then it starts to happen really fast," she says. "I've never been in this position, but I've seen it happen to other people and I just go, 'Oh my god!'

"Their weekends are packed with publicity shoots, they shoot all week, they have no life, they don't see their family or friends."

Then she cracks up, "But I should have such terrible, terrible problems, I should be so lucky!"

With all her hard work behind her, and the luxury of not auditioning for a few months, all she has to do

now is choose a few dresses for the awards. And she won't be wearing Ralph Lauren or Versace.

Instead, she plans to wear fashions from Vancouver designer Cheri Milaney.

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