

MASTERCLASS WITH DISNEY'S DIRECTOR OF CASTING JENNIFER RUDIN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008

NFAC - STUDIO THEATRE

10:30am-1pm and 2:30-5pm

OPEN TO ALL THEATRE & DANCE MAJORS AND MINORS

JENNIFER RUDIN



Jennifer Rudin is Director of Casting and Talent Development for Disney Theatrical Productions in New York City. Jennifer spent five years as head of casting for Walt Disney Animation Studios and won the 2006 Artios Award for casting *Chicken Little*. Additional animated films include *Meet the Robinsons* (2007 Artios Nomination), *The Wild* (2006 Artios nomination), Academy Award Winning film *The Incredibles* and Academy Award nominated *Brother Bear*. Upcoming films include *Bolt* (starring John Travolta) *The Princess and the Frog* (starring Anika Noni Rose) and *Rapunzel*. In Los Angeles, Jennifer cast the Los Angeles premiere of Jason Robert Brown's musical "13", winner of the 2008 LA Drama Critics Circle Award. Her next project will be the upcoming Broadway production of Ben Elton's play "Popcorn."

Prior to joining Disney in 2002, Jennifer was a freelance casting director for film and theater in New York City. Her independent films have premiered at such prestigious film festivals as the Tribeca Film Festival, the Los Angeles Film Festival, the Hamptons Film Festival and the Hollywood Film Festival, among others.

Jennifer served as resident Casting Director from 2001-2002 for the esteemed Ensemble Studio Theater in New York City. Her other theater credits include the national tour of "The Syringa Tree" directed by Larry Moss; "Theater District" (Steppenwolf Theater); HB Playwrights Foundation, the Young Playwrights Festival, and New York Stage & Film. She has also cast hundreds of national television commercials; including the famous "Can you hear me now?" campaign for Verizon.

Born and raised in Manhattan, Jennifer was a professional child actress from age eight to seventeen and starred in numerous television movies, plays and commercials. She is a proud graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a past Board Member for the Casting Society of America. In her spare time, she is an avid cyclist and Board Member for the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies in Israel.

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