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J-14 visited the set of the american mall!!!

MTV takes the musical out of the halls and into a mall!

H SM3 is hitting the big screen, and *The American Mall* is set to take over its made-for-TV musical crown. Degraffi's Nina Dobrev plays Ally, a singer trying to save her mom's music store as she falls for cute songwriter-turned-janitor Joey (Rob Mayes). But the mall owner's daughter, Madison (*The O.C.*'s Autumn Reeser), has her own plans for the music store—and for snagging Joey! Check out all the behind-the-scenes fun from J-14's visit to the Salt Lake City set! TAM premieres August 11 at 9 p.m.

Autumn loved spending time in her character's boutique. "Madison's got good taste, but she's a little obsessive with puffy sleeves," she admitted.

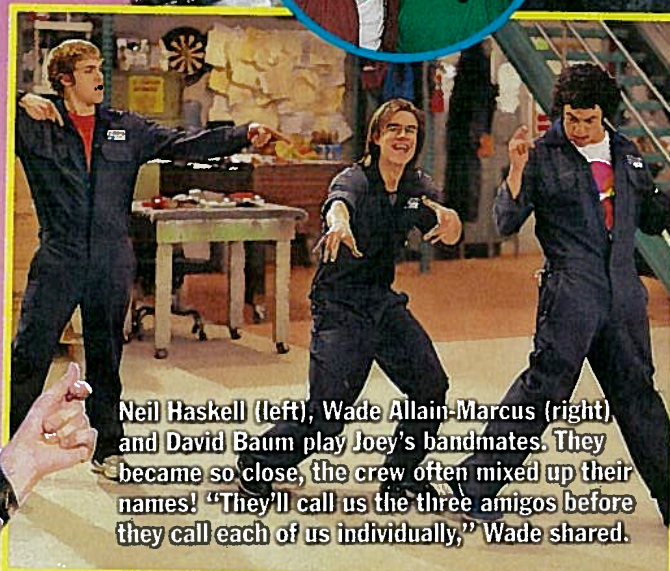
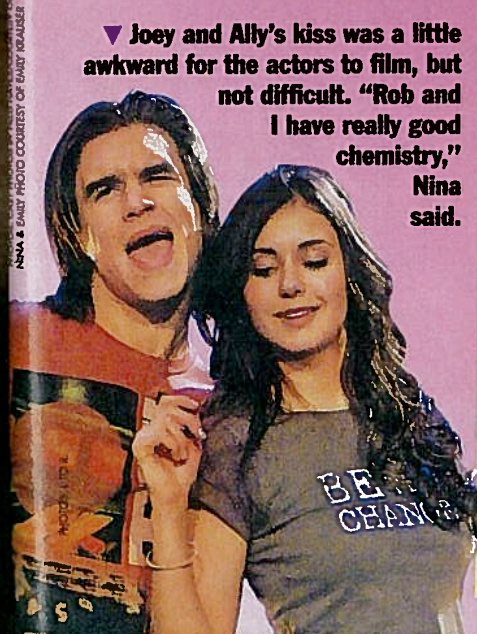


▲ The crew had to shoo away shoppers who thought the prop mall storefronts were real!

▼ Joey and Ally's kiss was a little awkward for the actors to film, but not difficult. "Rob and I have really good chemistry," Nina said.



◀ J-14 editor Emily hung out with Nina at her fave place on set, craft services! "I love chocolate," Nina spilled.



Neil Haskell (left), Wade Allain-Marcus (right) and David Baum play Joey's bandmates. They became so close, the crew often mixed up their names! "They'll call us the three amigos before they call each of us individually," Wade shared.



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