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A983 It's 'Prom' time, but not at Degrassi High

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TORONTO — While it would seem to be a little on the early side to be thinking about a high-school prom, that's exactly what Stacie Mistysyn has been doing for the past couple of weeks.

The exuberant young actress, who's one of the stars of CBC's hit "Degrassi Junior High" and its follow-up, "Degrassi High," takes the lead role in "The Prom," a comedy-drama currently shooting in Toronto.

Stacie plays the part of 15-year-old Rebecca, an average high-school student whose worst prom-night nightmares come true when she discovers that her date has been switched. Instead of Gerry, the handsome, athletic type she had been expecting, Rebecca gets stuck with the well-meaning Ralph, who brings new meaning to the term "accident prone."

Joining Mistysyn in the one-hour TV movie, written by "Seeing Things" co-creator David Barlow, are Sean Roberge, Nikki de Boer and Jaimz Woolvett.

"The Prom" will air next season as part of CBC's Sunday-night "Family Hour" series, but probably under a new name, so as not to be confused with the "Prom Night" series of horror movies.

• Meanwhile, over on CTV, Feb. 13 has been set aside for the unveiling of "Divided Loyalties," an epic historical drama which, with a budget of \$5.2 million, is one of the most expensive Canadian TV movies ever produced.

Set during the time of the American Revolution and following the events that led to the creation of



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Canada, the two-hour TV movie was shot on location last summer at the International Film Studios in Kleinburg, Ontario. A number of famous sites were re-created in great detail there, including Fort Stanwix, Fort Niagara, Iroquois longhouses, the King's court and settlers' villages. The wardrobe department was kept busy dressing hundreds of extras in period costumes, many of which were imported from England.

Also assembled for the production was a cast of newcomers working alongside old pros, including Jack Langedijk as charismatic Iroquois warrior Chief Joseph Brant, Chris Wiggins as Sir William Johnson, Jan Rubes as Gov. Haldimand, respected native American actress Tantoo Cardinal (who's just completed "Dances With Wolves" with Kevin Costner) as Molly Brant, and noted stage actor Alan Scarfe as George Washington.