

# SPOTLIGHT

## FLIRTING WITH **LAURA VANDERVOORT**

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**T**here are about a gazillion women (and more than a few men) who'd love to swap places with Laura Vandervoort. She's the Toronto-born actor who gets to flirt with Chris Pine and Tom Hardy in the kick-ass, Vancouver-shot rom-com *This Means War*. If only briefly...

"It's the opening sequence of the movie, Tom and Chris are secret agents, and it's in a bar in Asia. They walk in and they meet myself and this other girl," says Vandervoort on the line from her parents' place in Toronto where she's enjoying a holiday visit (she now calls Los Angeles home).

"It's this fun, back-and-forth, sarcastic flirtation between the four of us. The director McG was whispering lines in my ear at the last

minute to surprise the other actors."

The performer best known for her roles on TV's *Instant Star* and *Smallville* (she played Supergirl) didn't get to meet *This Means War*'s female star Reese Witherspoon, but she did get to wear her clothing.

"They had me in this great designer leather dress that was part of Reese's wardrobe, but she ended up not wearing it. And they put a red wig on me. It was all very high end, I've never done anything like that before."

Since it is Valentine's Day this month we're wondering which of Vandervoort's dishy flirting partners — Pine or Hardy — she prefers.

"Ooh, that's a trick question," she says with a laugh. "I'm going to have to say, umm... Paul Rudd. There's no healthy way out of that question and I think Paul Rudd is the best." —/R

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