



Prom queens
Janelle Ortiz, Chang
and Teegarden.

Prom

Aimee Teegarden, Thomas McDonell | PG | ★★☆☆

DRAMA

Go ahead, chide *Prom* for its cheesy teen antics—*High School Musical* minus the musical. But when overachiever Nova (Teegarden) tells not-particularly-bad boy Jesse (McDonell) why prom is important—that it's the only time the seniors will ignore social strata and just *be*—you'll be hooked. *Prom* puts its big, throbbing heart right out front, busying itself with whether Mei (Yin Chang) will tell boyfriend Justin (Jared Kusnitz) they're not going to the same college after all, whether lothario Tyler (DeVaughn Nixon) will get caught, and whether Nova and Jesse will figure out that they're in love. Clichés abound, but by the time the disco ball starts spinning, you won't care.