

# Disney lines up 10 'Prom' dates

By **MARC GRASER**

Disney has found its "Prom" dates.

The Mouse House has tapped 10 thespians, most of them little-known to auds, to headline its high school comedy about a group of teens prepping for the big dance.



**Teegarden**



**Chang**

They are: Thomas McDonell, Aimee Teegarden, Danielle Campbell, Nolan Sotillo, Yin Chang, Jared Kusnitz, Nicholas Braun, Ben Esler, Kylie Bunbury and DeVaughn Nixon. Teegarden is a regular on "Friday Night Lights" while Chang appeared on "Gossip Girl."

The tone of "Prom" is said to be similar to the John Hughes teen comedies that were hits in the 1980s, including "Sixteen Candles" and "Pretty in Pink."

Disney's plans for "Prom" came to light earlier this year when it recruited Joe Nussbaum to helm the project, based on a script by Katie Wech (*Daily Variety*, Feb. 17). Ted Griffin and Justin Springer will produce "Prom" for around \$5 million-\$10 million.

The studio had been encouraged by "High School Musical's" ability to launch new stars like Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens, who helped create a major franchise for Disney Channel and the studio. A fourth "High School Musical" is in the works at Disney Channel.

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