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### SORORITY ROW

(MA) Thursday

A group of sorority sisters try to cover up the death of their house-sister after a prank goes wrong, only to be stalked by a serial killer. Rumer Willis, Carrie Fisher.

### ANVIL! THE STORY OF ANVIL

(M) Thursday

Account of heavy metal band Anvil's last-ditch quest for elusive fame and fortune. Appearances by many heavy metal icons.

### FUNNY PEOPLE

(MA) Thursday

A famous comedian has a near-death experience. Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen, Leslie Mann and Eric Bana.

### BLESSED

(MA) Thursday

Follows seven children wandering the streets over the course of a day and night. William McInnes, Miranda Otto.

### PUSH

(M) Thursday

Sci-fi thriller in which a group of young American ex-pats with telekinetic and clairvoyant abilities, hide from a clandestine US government agency. Dakota Fanning, Chris Evans.

### VALENTINO: THE LAST EMPEROR

(PG) September 17

Documentary about designer Valentino's final two years of work before his retirement and his grand 45th anniversary party in 2007.

### IMAGINE THAT

(G) September 17

A financial executive (Eddie Murphy) who can't stop his career spiralling downwards is invited into his daughter's imaginary world, where solutions to his problems await.

### 500 DAYS OF SUMMER

(M) September 17

Offbeat romantic comedy about a woman (Zoey Deschanel) who doesn't believe true love exists and the young man (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) who falls for her.

### SHORTS

(PG) September 17

A rainbow-coloured rock grants wishes to anyone who holds it. Jon Cryer, William H. Macy, Leslie Mann, James Spader.

### FAME

(To be classified) September 24

Updated version of the 1980 musical, which centred on the students of the New York Academy of Performing Arts. Megan Mullally, Kelsey Grammer, Debbie Allen.

# SUCCESS, RUMER HAS IT

Raised away from the glitz of Hollywood, Demi and Bruce's little girl is all grown up and making a name for herself in acting with her latest offering, the horror flick *Sorority Row*. **Sally Browne** met up with Rumer Willis last week in LA

RUMER Willis might get the upper hand on her famous father. Both the young actor and her dad, *Die Hard* dynamo Bruce Willis, have movies coming out at the same time in the US.

Her new film is teen horror flick *Sorority Row*, while his is the sci-fi thriller *Surrogates*.

He recently joked that she might beat him at the box office.

"I don't know about that," the slim brunette says with a smile.

"I really just hope that the movie does well because it's a great cast and it's a great project, and I really hope people enjoy it as much as we had a great time making it."

In *Sorority Row*, a straight-up, old-fashioned horror movie based on the 1980s film *House on Sorority Row*, Rumer Willis plays Ellie, a shy college student who, along with her sorority house sisters, gets caught up in a terrifying mess when a prank goes horribly wrong. The girls pretend their friend (*The Hills'* Audrina Patridge) is dead, only to find themselves being stalked by a real serial killer.

It's as silly and funny as it is gory, and Willis said she had a fun time making it.

"It was great," Willis says, poised gracefully on the edge of a couch at the Four Seasons hotel in Beverly Hills, safely far away from



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the Pennsylvania quarry where the opening scenes were shot.

"The director got us there a week early for rehearsals. We all had dinner the first night and we just kind of immediately bonded."

Her on-screen sisters – who are bitchy on film – became good friends in real life, attending Rumer's 21st birthday bash in Las Vegas last month.

In person, the eldest daughter of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore comes across as softly spoken, gamine and beautiful.

In school, she says, somewhat like her character Ellie, she was "a total nerd".

"I was nerdy. I liked computers and things like that."

"I wasn't totally in the musical theatre group but I definitely liked more creative stuff."

Rumer and her sisters, Scout LaRue and Tallulah Belle, grew up in Hailey, Idaho, far from the high-pressure glitter parade of Hollywood.

Although her sisters may have opted for different career paths – with Tallulah Belle, 15, undertaking an internship at *Harper's Bazaar* and Scout LaRue, 18, enrolling at Brown University – Rumer says she knew early on that she wanted to act.

"I think it was just something that I always wanted to do. It seemed like the most natural thing and I always loved it," she says.

Her down-to-earth folks invoked a policy that she was only to appear in their films, such as *Striptease* and *Hostage*, until she was 18. But growing up around



movies, she soon got the bug. "I loved it and I honestly don't know any different."

"So to me it couldn't have been a better beginner jump-start to what I want to aspire to and where I want to be some day."

She did attend college for a semester, but decided it wasn't for her, focusing on guitar and singing lessons.

"I grew up singing, so I've kind of been into music even longer than I've done the acting thing. I was classically trained in opera, but I'd love to be able to do jazz."

Far from taking advantage of the silver spoon she was born with, Rumer also worked at clothing store Marc Jacobs four days a week. "It was after college and so I didn't really have any other source of income," she says.

"It was kind of just something that I wanted to do, but also, you know, I wanted to be able to have money to go out with my friends and go see movies and get food and that kind of thing."

At the same time, she was going to auditions, like every other Hollywood hopeful, and landed her first part in the 2008 movie *From Within*. The college comedy *House Bunny* followed as did parts on *CSI*, *Army Wives* and *Medium*.

Willis is also in the midst of shooting the new season of TV series *90210* in which she plays journalist Gia.

Growing up in one of the most high-profile households in Hollywood, with her mum now married to one of the most famous

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**Down to earth:** Rumer Willis and her sorority sisters (top); (above, left to right) Ashton Kutcher, his partner Demi Moore, Rumer's boyfriend Micah Alberti, Rumer, Emma Heming, her partner Bruce Willis and Rumer's sister Lula; Rumer as Ellie (left)

men on the planet, Ashton Kutcher (he has the most followers on Twitter), Willis admits it puts her in a strange position.

"I think the biggest thing has been the amount of attention I get media wise is not necessarily equal to the work I've done.

"You can't really do anything about it. It is what it is.

"Honestly, if I can get it out there and have more people see the movie, that's a plus for me."

It also means the internet crowd is at the ready to judge her.

"I just don't really let it affect me," she says.

"Everybody has their own opinion. You can't live your life by what everybody thinks of you."

In a film that preaches solidarity and sisterhood, Rumer is fiercely proud and protective of her own sisters.

"Oh for sure," she says. "If anybody messed with them,

they've got to deal with me. It's odd, because my sisters and I have a really interesting dynamic because I think we all kind of learn and look up to each other.

"I totally have to brag about my sister. (Scout) is going to Brown next year and we all kind of learn from each other and pull different things from each other in different ways. They're unbelievably smart, and very independent and great personalities."

Her mum, she says, is the wisest person she knows.

"She knows how to handle situations. If I ever don't know how to handle something I just kind of always ask and she usually has a pretty simple or easy answer.

"I don't think I've been given (acting) advice, but constant support. I couldn't ask for better parents, they've always been amazing and supportive of whatever I wanted to do. It's all a kid could ask for."

Aside from making movies, Rumer says music and cooking are her passions.

Her perfect night would be making a nice meal and sitting on the porch watching the Discovery Channel.

She's going through a pie phase, she says: "Coconut banana cream pie, strawberry and rhubarb pie, caramel apple..."

Her test subjects are her family and friends. "I try to get the pies away as soon as possible so I don't eat them all myself."

**Sorority Row opens in cinemas on Thursday.**

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