



**KATERINA GRAHAM  
PROMOTES HER STARRING ROLE IN THE CW'S NEW DRAMA  
"THE VAMPIRE DIARIES"  
WITH AN APPEARANCE AT  
PLANET HOLLYWOOD TIMES SQUARE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup> AT 1:30 PM**



**WHO:** **Katerina Graham** - - stars as Bonnie Bennett, the girl with psychic powers who is Elena's (Nina Dobrev) best friend, in The CW's new drama "**The Vampire Diaries.**"

Born in Geneva, Switzerland, Graham speaks four languages, and was exposed to different cultures from an early age. Her father, Joseph, was a music executive. Her grandfather was a United Nations Ambassador from Liberia. The family moved to Los Angeles, California when Graham was 4 years old.

Graham began doing commercials at the age of 6, appearing in spots for Barbie, K-Mart, Pop Tarts, and Edison. Her first big break came when she replaced a young Christina Milian as the host of the series "**Movie Surfers.**" Her television credits include guest spots on such shows as "**Joan of Arcadia,**" "**Like Family,**" "**Grounded For Life,**" "**Lizzie McGuire,**" "**CSI: Las Vegas,**" "**The O.C.,**" "**Malcolm in The Middle,**" "**Strong Medicine**" and "**Hannah Montana.**"

At the age of 15, Graham was chosen by choreographer Fatima to perform at the BET Awards as a background dancer for Lil' Bow Wow. That experience led to other stints as a background dancer for Missy Elliott, Pharrell, Jamie Foxx, and choreographers Hi Hat and Michael Rooney.

In addition to her acting and dancing abilities, Graham wrote and sang a song titled "**Derailed,**" which was featured in a Jean-Claude Van Damme movie. At 17, Katerina was selected by the Coca-Cola Company as part of an international campaign to market their soft drink Fanta. While promoting the campaign as a member of the "Fantanas" (as Capri/Strawberry), Graham simultaneously completed her degree in recording engineering. She recently finished a world tour with The Black-Eyed Peas, and her voice is featured on Will.I.Am's solo release "**Songs About Girls**" ("**I Got It From My Mama**") and "**The Donque Song,**" featuring Snoop Dogg.

Graham was seen in the film "**17 Again,**" with Zac Efron and Matthew Perry. Her upcoming film projects include "**Our First Christmas**" and "**Bleachers,**" the remake of "The Breakfast Club." She can also be seen in "**Chicago Pulaski Jones,**" directed by Cedric the Entertainer. She recently completed filming the movie "**Boogie Town,**" with Marques Houston, Brenda Song, and Vanessa Simmons, as well as the upcoming thriller "**The Roommate,**" with Leighton Meester of "Gossip Girl."

**WHAT:** **Katerina Graham** will be at **Planet Hollywood Times Square** to promote her starring role in The CW's new drama "**The Vampire Diaries**" with a memorabilia donation in the main dining room.

"**The Vampire Diaries**" - - based on the book series of the same name by author L.J. Smith, the TV series follows the life of Elena Gilbert (Nina Dobrev), who falls in love with vampire brothers Stefan (Paul Wesley) and Damon Salvatore (Ian Somerhalder), as well as the lives of Elena's friends and other inhabitants of the fictional town of Mystic Falls, Virginia.

A mix of teen drama and the supernatural, "**The Vampire Diaries**" **airs Thursdays 8/7c on The CW. New episodes start on January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**WHERE:** Planet Hollywood Times Square - - 1540 Broadway (45<sup>th</sup> Street)

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 1:30 pm - - **YOUR COVERAGE IS REQUESTED AT 1:30 PM**

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