

Mona Lisa Smiles on Columbia

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Julia Roberts is not the first movie star to appear on location at Columbia (Remember Barbra Streisand in *The Mirror Has Two Faces?*), nor is her latest feature, *Mona Lisa Smile*, the first film to include scenes in Columbia's historic Havemeyer Hall, home of the University's chemistry department. The building's famous century-old lecture hall—one of the only Victorian amphitheaters of its kind in the country—is the setting for several scenes in Roberts's upcoming film.

In *Mona Lisa Smile*, Roberts plays an art history professor at Wellesley College in 1953. Costarring in the film are Julia Stiles, currently a student at Columbia College, and alumna Maggie Gyllenhaal '99CC. (One of the movie's screenwriters, Lawrence Konnor, also wrote the episode of the HBO's *The Sopranos* in which a Columbia dean hits up Carmella Soprano for a donation to the school.)

Mona Lisa Smile will be out later this fall. Other movies filmed in part on Columbia's campus include *Anger Management* (also with scenes in Havemeyer), *Spiderman 1*, *Spiderman 2*, *The Stepford Wives*, and *Ghostbusters*.



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