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Liar, Liar

The Cinema Society with Links of London & The New York Comedy Festival host a screening of **The Invention of Lying**

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(NEW YORK) Mother may have taught you to always tell the truth, but **Ricky Gervais'** latest, *The Invention of Lying*, shows what a bizarre world it would be if no one could tell a lie. Of course, the fashion flock came out in droves (curious at what a world would be like with out all the "you look so great tonight"s and "we have to go out for drinks soon"s, perhaps?); **Hilary Duff, Mena Suvari, John Goodman, Kathy Griffin** and more arrived on the Tribeca Grand screening room carpet to catch Gervais and company. "We got the comedy cast of the decade," said the comedian as he introduced the film, "including **Edward Norton** as a deranged traffic cop!" Yes, that's right: everyone from Norton to **Phillip Seymour Hoffman** made cameos in the movie, which also starred **Jennifer Garner** and **Tina Fey**.

Stephanie March arrived *avec* husband **Bobby Flay** for the screening--the actress has a small role in the film. "I play a dumb blonde who cannot lie," she explained. "I get to have an almost-thing with Ricky Gervais in a shoddy hotel room. Rawrrrr!" (Don't worry, Bobby--she doesn't go through with it!) Though her character in the film is one incapable of speaking anything but the truth, we had to know: what's the best (or worst!) lie she'd ever told. "I used to steal money out of my mom's purse. Have you seen *Mad Men*? You know when Sally steals the money out of her grandpa's wallet, I was like 'Ooh Sally, don't do it! You're going to get caught, it's looking ugly for you!' I used to that when I was little--but as an adult, I think to reveal my worst lie would be really foolish, so I'm pleading the fifth!"

Kathy Griffin was not so discreet. When asked if there's ever a time that it's ok to lie, she responded without second thought: "Definitely the first time you sleep with someone!" Former brunette *American Idol*-er **Katherine McPhee's** sneaky strategy might not quite be a lie--just a brilliant makeover. Her cropped bleach-blonde 'do made her nearly unrecognizable. "It's cool," she raved. "I'll go to Beverly Hills for a doctor's appointment, and I can walk past a slew of paparazzi and no one bothers me!"

Post-film, the team (including recent VMA host **Russell Brand**) decamped to the SoHo Grand hotel, where plenty of Three Olive vodka cocktails were consumed--and, one can only imagine, a little white lie or two was told...

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