

Fans seek 'Twilight' stars at T.O. film fest

Anna Kendrick in new film from George Clooney

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Star gawkers were hanging outside the Four Seasons Hotel Sunday hoping to catch a glimpse of George Clooney or Oprah Winfrey who were attending events for the Toronto International Film Festival.

Some younger fans were even scanning the entrances for the Jonas Brothers, who are staying at the hotel while filming a made-for-TV movie here. Those teens and tweens and many others also had Twilight on their mind.

They knew that actress Anna Kendrick, who plays Bella's classmate, Jessica Stanley, in the Twilight series, was inside helping promote Clooney's *Up In The Air*, which opens theatrically in December. That will be after *New Moon*, the second flick in the Twilight saga, opens to a great deal of anticipation in November.

The 24-year-old confirmed that she was spotted and celebrated when arriving at the hotel in the morning. That's been a semi-regular event for her the past year and she's trying to get accustomed to it.

"I feel like it's hard sometimes," she said. And sometimes, it becomes a privacy issue, especially when pictures of the cast on their days off in Vancouver -- including some of Kendrick -- were circulated on the Internet.

"That was a real creepy moment," she said.

Still, Kendrick insisted she's thrilled to be a part of the series, including *Eclipse*, which they are currently shooting in Vancouver. But while the attention from fans might be good for the ego, the singer and actress said her association with Twilight hasn't helped her career all that much.

"I have yet to get a job because of Twilight," she admitted.

In fact, *Up In The Air* writer-director Jason Reitman hired her because of her performance in the indie flick, *Rocket Science*. Whatever the reason, she acknowledged that it was a great experience to act opposite Clooney in the satire.

But the real question is this: can she compare heartthrob Robert Pattinson, who plays vampire Edward Cullen in the Twilight series, and the Oscar-winning movie star Clooney?

"It's apples and oranges," said Kendrick. "Both are attractive and intelligent."

She hesitated, then offered this.

"I like talking to George for politics," she said, "and Rob, for music."