

New television drama exhausting for Melissa Gilbert



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Melissa Gilbert is shown in a scene from the four-hour television drama "Danielle Steel's 'Zoya.'"

'Danielle Steel's Zoya' scheduled for 2-night run

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LOS ANGELES — "I found out I was pregnant two days before I was to go to Europe," Melissa Gilbert relates of the odyssey that took her to St. Petersburg, Paris, New York and Montreal for the four-hour television drama "Danielle Steel's 'Zoya.'"

"It was an exhausting, grueling schedule," Gilbert said. "We were doing basically two movies in a very short amount of time. We jumped all over the place. We didn't start in 1917 and end in 1970."

"There were some days when I was 17 to 35 to 38 to 22. The only days when we didn't have that were when my makeup was my close-to-50 look and 70 and up. Those were two different prosthetic makeups that each took close to four hours — two hours to put on and two hours to take off."

"There I was, dressed as a 70-year-old woman — with morning sickness."

"Zoya," another plot-heavy Steel drama, can be seen tonight and Monday on NBC. Gilbert plays a girl of Russian nobility who is orphaned by the 1917 Revolution and raised by her grandmother (Diana Rigg).

The Zoya saga includes two marriages, success as a fashion designer and a return to her homeland late in life. Her first husband is played by "my favorite leading man," Gilbert's husband Bruce Boxleitner.

Aside from the rigors of the many locations, costumes and

makeups, Gilbert had to contend with the "suits" from the network. "Believe me, there were battles — big battles," she said. "It's very difficult to get things past a very conservative sort of network."

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"Zoya" was on location 10 days in St. Petersburg, two in Paris, 2½ weeks in New York and five weeks in Montreal.

"Every day, there was a budget problem," Gilbert said. "There's just no money anymore. It's not like it was. I've been around long enough to tell that there really isn't money in these projects."

"The networks have money now to hire major motion picture actors to star in the occasional miniseries or movie-of-the-week. But then the budget itself is so small."

Gilbert describes herself in "a state of semiretirement right now; I don't know when I'll go back to work. I've been working so hard for so long, I really need a bit of a rest. I'm also over five months pregnant, so I can't work now anyway."

Indeed, Melissa Gilbert, now 29, has been working most of her life. The granddaughter of comedy writer Harry Crane ("The Honey-mooners") and daughter of comedian Paul Gilbert, she started making TV commercials at 2. She was 9 when Michael Landon cast her as daughter Laura in "Little House on the Prairie."

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After 10 years on "Prairie," she became the sweetheart of angst-ridden TV movies and miniseries. She has dealt with abortion ("Choices"), date rape ("Without Her Consent"), incest ("Shattered Trust"), forced sterilization ("Against Her Will") and a host of other issues. She also appeared in a couple of series, "Stand By Your Man" and last season's "Sweet

Justice." "This is the first time I've been able to sit back and relax and not worry about money or anything," she sighed. "It's nice to have a husband who's working steadily."

Boxleitner has started the second season of the syndicated sci-fi series, "Babylon 5." By previous marriages, he has two sons, she has one.

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