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IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW MOVIE, NETFLIX'S *THE INCREDIBLE JESSICA JAMES*, ACTRESS, COMEDIAN, AND PODCASTER **JESSICA WILLIAMS** SHOWS OFF BOLD PRINTS, BOISTEROUS TEES, AND STATEMENT ACCESSORIES... AND OFFERS ADVICE ON HOW TO RAISE YOUR VOICE ALONG WITH YOUR PROFILE.

THIS PAGE: JACKET, *Scotch & Soda*. T-SHIRT, *American Icon Vintage* by *Jonathon Galyon*. SKIRT, *Anna Sui*. SNEAKERS, *Common Projects*. OPPOSITE PAGE: SWEATSHIRT, *Omondi*. EARRINGS, *Mercedes Salazar*



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INCE EXITING HER longtime correspondent gig on *The Daily Show* last year, Jessica Williams has been busy doing dope things like...well, cohosting the hit podcast *2 Dope Queens* with her friend and fellow comedian Phoebe Robinson. Now, she returns to our screens on July 28 for her first starring film role in the romantic comedy *The Incredible Jessica James*. She plays a 20something Brooklynite who's simultaneously navigating a burgeoning playwriting career and a new relationship with a divorced dude (*Bridesmaids*' Chris O'Dowd). Much like fictional Jessica, real-life Jessica, 27, has a confidence so casual, it's contagious. Here, in looks made for the spotlight, she dishes on tapping into her proudest, loudest, baddest self.



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Show love for your lady parts with a top (like this one!) that benefits Planned Parenthood.

THIS PAGE: T-SHIRT, *Rachel Antonoff, Hilfiger Collection*. **EARRINGS,** *Paula Mendoza for Esteban Cortazar*. **OPPOSITE PAGE:** SWEATSHIRT, *Three Little Birds Tees*. **SKIRT,** *Vince Camuto*. **SHOES,** *Paul Andrew*. **BAG,** *Les Petits Joueurs*. **EARRINGS,** *Roxanne Assoulin*

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"Your mouth is the biggest weapon that you have. I try to make sure I don't say anything I'm going to regret later just because I feel an emotion. Acknowledge that emotion, but take an extra moment so you're not saying things that undercut your argument or will hurt the other person. Make sure you're in control of your weapon."





↑ BEAUTY TIP FOR A CROWN OF BANTU KNOTS FIT FOR A QUEEN, SMOOTH A DROP OF SHINE-BOOSTING (AND FRIZZ-SLAYING) PANTENE GOLD SERIES INTENSE HYDRATING OIL, \$8, ONTO BRAIDS BEFORE TWISTING THEM.



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Meet your new iconic duo: stripes and colorful graphics that require no filter for impact.

THIS PAGE: T-SHIRT, Feminist Apparel. SKIRT, Bailey44. SHOES, Vans. EARRINGS, Dinosaur Designs. SCARF (in hair), Rockins. BAG, Jerome Dreyfuss. **OPPOSITE PAGE:** JACKET, Mira Mikati. T-SHIRT, Rockabilia. PANTS, Calvin Klein. EARRINGS, Jenny Bird

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"With Twitter and Instagram, it's easy to get wrapped up in someone else's stuff and feel this false sense of What am I doing? What feels healthy to me is thinking about my childhood self and thinking, Would I be proud of what I'm doing now? If that answer is yes, then I'm doing something right. If it's no, I've got to go back to something I learned in yoga class. When I'm trying to do a Downward Dog without accidentally farting, my instructor will tell me to 'gently correct'—so I gently correct my path instead of yelling at myself."

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Brains? Brawn? Whatever your preference, ooze swag in athleisure, and let a tee speak your truth.

THIS PAGE: JACKET, *Adidas Originals*. T-SHIRT, *Lyz Olko*. SKIRT, *Tory Sport*. SHOES, *Josefinas*. SUNGLASSES, *Dior*. HAIR ACCESSORY, *Mali Pah*. **OPPOSITE PAGE:** T-SHIRT, *La Ligne*. SKIRT, *Sachin & Babi*. SHOES, *Christian Louboutin*. BAG, *Salvatore Ferragamo*. HAIR ACCESSORY, *Mali Pah*. HAIR: *Dr. Kari Williams at Mahogany Hair Revolution*. MAKEUP: *Mylah Morales using Chanel @VisionNation Artists*. MANICURE: *Stephanie Stone for Nars at Nailing Hollywood*. **PRODUCTION:** *First Shot Productions*. **LOCATION:** *Ace Hotel, L.A.* See page 143 for shopping information.

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"Right now, there's a divisiveness in this country that can feel very soul crushing. You have to take time to crawl into bed and watch reruns of *Buffy* and realize that sometimes, that's okay. Know that you don't have to fight everything and that there are other people fighting alongside you too."



BEAUTY TIP

BECAUSE BOLD RED LIPS ALWAYS SPEAK VOLUMES, MAKE A SWIPE OF ESTÉE LAUDER PURE COLOR LOVE LIPSTICK IN BAR RED, \$22, PART OF YOUR GO-TO POWER-PLAYER UNIFORM.

