



Priyanka is starring in *Baywatch* (top right) and the new Gap campaign (far right, with Edward Enninful and Adwoa Aboah). She's close friends with Meghan Markle (right)



MAKING A SPLASH IN HOLLYWOOD PRIYANKA CHOPRA ON WHY BEING BAD IS SO GOOD

Priyanka Chopra is a bona fide star of the silver screen back home in India, but the beautiful 34-year-old is now making waves in Hollywood, too – having just made her debut in the *Baywatch* film alongside Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson and Zac Efron.

“This is my 51st movie but my first English language film,” she says when **HELLO!** catches up with her for an exclusive chat. “I play a complete villain. It’s so much fun to play a baddie in a comedy, because you can do the most ridiculous things and they work.”

“It’s such a fun, silly movie. I hope people will get a couple of laughs and enjoy themselves. The world needs a little bit of laughter right now.”

Priyanka – who counts Prince Harry’s girlfriend Meghan Markle among her closest friends – says there was plenty of laughter on set too, although the weather brought challenges.

“Zac and Dwayne have an incredible mutual love for each other and were always laughing,” she says. “Everyone got along really well. But it was actually a really hard movie to shoot because it was four months of 15-hour days in the Miami heat. I was amazed that Dwayne would be up and working out from five in the morning.”

As her profile grows, New York-based Priyanka says that she, like Meghan, wants to use her fame to help others. She is now partnering with clothing brand Gap and new British *Vogue* editor in chief Edward Enninful to promote diversity in their

new Bridging The Gap campaign, in which she stars alongside model Christie Brinkley, rapper Wiz Khalifa, model Adwoa Aboah and others. “It was wonderful,” Priyanka says of filming it.

“My go-to outfit is always jeans, T-shirt and leather jacket – it works in any situation. So I was very happy with the wardrobe for this video.”

“It was an amazing idea to gather together people who look completely different and are amazing in their own fields, all dressed in simple jeans and T-shirt, just being ourselves. It was a wonderful mix of people and we all had a great time filming it. I think the video works so well because that sense of fun really comes across. And I loved singing *Sunny* [by Boney M]. I’ve released a couple of singles but singing is still more of a hobby.”

The former Miss World adds: “The video is all about making connections and bringing people closer, instead of dividing people on the basis of what someone looks like or where they come from. It’s about being part of a human community – and I think the world really needs that right now. It’s important we have this conversation, and make sure nobody is shoved under a rug any more.” **H**

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