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# She's got 'Heart' in Cannes film

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CANNES, France — Angelina Jolie faced the media yesterday to promote her new film "A Mighty Heart," which premiered Monday night at the Cannes Film Festival.

"I would hope that using celebrity to make [films like 'A Mighty Heart'] — I would hope that's a help," said the star of her decision to portray Mariane Pearl, wife of slain Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, in the film.

Based on Mariane Pearl's memoir of the same name, director Michael Winterbottom's film focuses on the period covering Daniel Pearl's kidnapping and eventual execution in Pakistan in 2002.

At six months pregnant, Mariane made impassioned pleas to Pakistani and U.S. officials for Daniel's release. Horrifying footage of her husband's beheading was later aired on Web sites and videotapes.

"Someone like Mariane has to be handled so carefully," Jolie, 31, said, admitting that her own fame often gets in the way of her work. "I think sometimes the fact that I am so public in other ways could have hurt [the movie]. I was much more conscious of that, than confident in feeling it could help."

Following the film's enthusiastic reception, an upbeat Jolie joked openly about love interest Brad Pitt, who produced the film. "[Brad's] a really good producer. But he also spent most of the time in the hotel taking care of [our] three kids," Jolie laughed. "So he's an even better father."

"A Mighty Heart" will be released June 22.



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