Jennifer Hudson puts in a surprise appearance to introduce her new film Respect in Chicago

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Fans who attended an early screening of the Aretha Franklin biopic Respect in Chicago got quite the surprise when Jennifer Hudson showed up.

The 39-year-old actress and Chicago native put in an unannounced appearance to introduce her new film at the AMC River East Theater in Chicago on Thursday.

The film, which follows the life story of the legendary Queen of Soul, is slated for release in theaters nationwide on August 13.
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Hudson rocked a colorful mini-dress with a black hem and a slightly low-cut look as she introduced the film.

She wore a gold necklace with a gold pendant that read 'Respect' along with a grey choker and other necklaces.

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Jennifer Hudson wore a showstopping look to surprise fans at the screening for her new film, Respect, which comprised a graphic, intricately patterned co-ord from Versace.

Reflecting the Italian fashion house's elaborate aesthetic, this design showcased a new-season 'Baroccoflage' print that's a play on classic baroque and camouflage designs.
Showcasing a sweetheart-neckline bralette, waist-tie top and knife-pleated A-line skirt, she mesmerized onlookers.

She lent ladylike edge to this feminine look by opting for razor-sharp pointed metallic heels with a flamboyant embellishment at the front.

While her exact ensemble isn’t available to shop, you can buy a similar design from Versace by clicking on the (right) link. We’ve also shortlisted a range of alternative options; use the carousel below to shop the likes of Farfetch, Selfridges, NET-A-PORTER and Saks Fifth Avenue.

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Hudson was joined at the screening by Chaz Ebert, the widow of beloved Chicago Sun-Times film critic Roger Ebert, who passed away in 2013.

The actress has been travelling across the country to promote the film, spotted last week at a special screening in Martha’s Vineyard.

Just two days before her Chicago appearance, Hudson was spotted at a special screening in Atlanta as well.
Respect follows the life story of Aretha Franklin, as she rose from humble beginnings, singing in her traveling preacher father’s ‘gospel caravan’ to international stardom.

The biopic also stars Forest Whitaker as her father C.L. and Audra McDonald as her mother Barbara, with Marlon Wayans as her first husband Ted White and Marc Maron as record producer Jerry Wexler.

Liesl Tommy makes her feature film directorial debut with Respect, after directing episodes of Insecure, The Walking Dead, Mrs. Fletcher and more.

Hudson is currently filming a new anthology project dubbed Women's Stories, teaming up with Taraji P. Henson, who will direct her segment.
The segment is called Pepcy & Kim, telling the true story of Kim Carter, a former addict who created the Time for Change Foundation to help homeless women get their lives back.

Hudson is also voicing Ophelia in the upcoming animated movie Pierre the Pigeon-Hawk.