



Oliver Stone's movie recreates history as "Jackie" scrambles frantically when "JFK" is shot...

... she reaches out desperately to a Secret Serviceman who chases after the limo carrying the stricken president...

... The agent climbs aboard to use his body as a human shield in action that mirrors the real-life tragedy

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IT'S a picture-perfect replica of the tragic scene in downtown Dallas when President John F. Kennedy was fatally wounded by an assassin's bullet.

Crowds are cheering as a sleek black 1963 Lincoln carries the president and his beautiful wife Jackie into Dealey Plaza. Suddenly, shots ring out and Kennedy's body slumps as two bullets pierce his neck. His face contorts in pain as Jackie, distraught and helpless, leans over him.

There's only one thing wrong with movie director Oliver Stone's painstaking reconstruction of the assassination that shocked the world — the performers he chose to play Jack and Jackie Kennedy don't even resemble their famous characters.

## Painful memories

Stone spared no historical detail to reproduce the unhappy event, which was filmed on location in Dallas for his new \$40 million movie, JFK.

But it's painfully obvious to everyone that unknown actors Steve Reed and Jodi Farber would never win any Kennedy lookalike contests.

The film divided Dallas, where many citizens were opposed to letting Stone and his cameras reawaken the painful memories. But city officials fi-

**Jackie & JFK actors are touted as doubles but they're not even close**



President Kennedy and his movie double, actor Steve Reed: Many Dallas residents opposed making the film



Actress Jodi Farber and her real-life role model, Jackie: Hairstyle's correct, but that's where similarities end

nally permitted the director to film at the original locations, including the sixth-floor window of the Texas School Deposi-

tory from where the fatal shots were fired.

A spooky feeling of déjà vu gripped Dallas as the filming began and the cen-



What's wrong with this picture? Unknown actors dress up like Jackie and JFK, but look nothing like them in a film that tries to recreate history to the last detail

tral area was sealed off to everyone except the cast, crew and 300 extras.

"There is a very eerie feeling here which is really taking people back," says Dallas photographer Akhtar Hussein, who watched from the 19th floor of a nearby building.

"Every car is in period, every hairstyle is absolutely right. It looks so realistic, just like the day it happened, and that brought back very traumatic memories for people who had been here that day.

"Security is very tight, with 30 police officers keeping the public away. The area is sealed off for half a mile around. But as they were setting up the shots, one old man barged through the police cordon.

"He went right up to Oliver Stone and said:

"You've got it all wrong."

"He explained that he had been there in 1963. He went home and brought some old photographs he'd taken at the time.

"Stone immediately made some alterations to the set," says Hussein.

## Chilling moments

Stone, who is known as a perfectionist director, says it was absolutely necessary to bar the public from the duplication of one of history's most chilling moments.

"The plaza is very small," Stone explains. "It's a self-contained unit, and we were shooting with four or five cameras.

"We were shooting from every angle at the same time, which meant there was very little space for viewing," Stone says. But

the cast says that Stone is completely obsessed with secrecy and has ordered everyone connected with the movie not to talk about the script to outsiders.

"It's totally insane," says Jodi Farber. "Even the actors involved are deliberately being kept in the dark about what their dialogue's going to be until the day that we're actually doing the filming."

JFK tells the story of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of the murder.

Kevin Costner plays Garrison, who claimed that Kennedy's death was a conspiracy.

Sissy Spacek plays his wife, and Gary Oldman is featured as accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.