

KIRSTIE ALLEY *Biography*

Kirstie Alley has emerged as one of the great actresses of her generation proving time and again that she is capable of great depth and range as well as possessing a comedic timing second to none.

Alley recently wrapped production on the Lifetime original movie, “And She Was” which in addition to starring in, she also executive produced. The movie is set to air in the summer of 2007.

In 2005, Alley co-created, executive produced, and starred in the Showtime Networks series “Fat Actress.” Alley played a comedic interpretation of herself as a once successful actress struggling in Hollywood after putting on some extra weight. After the series ended, Alley became the spokesperson for Jenny Craig and subsequently lost 75 pounds. She unveiled her new body by appearing in a bikini on a highly anticipated episode of “The Oprah Winfrey Show.”

From 1997-2000, Alley played the title character in the NBC sitcom “Veronica’s Closet.” This popular series garnered several award nominations including the 1998 People’s Choice Award for “Best New Comedy Series.” In addition, Alley’s comedic talent was recognized as she was nominated for a Golden Globe, an Emmy and a Screen Actors Guild Award. Once again, Alley’s fans showed their support as they voted her the 1998 People’s Choice Award for Favorite Female Performer in a New Television Series.

Alley delivered a captivating performance in the 1997 television miniseries “The Last Don II.” For her efforts, Alley was nominated for an Emmy for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Miniseries or a Special. The acclaimed miniseries was adapted from a Mario Puzo novel and was nominated in the Emmy category of Outstanding

Miniseries. Alley reprised her role as “Rose Marie Clericuzio” the next year in “The Last Don II.”

In 1997, Alley starred in Woody Allen’s “Deconstructing Harry.” Alley played a psychiatrist who is married to Woody Allen’s character (“Harry”) who is angered upon learning that he has had an affair with one of her patients. Also in 1997, Alley co-starred with Tim Allen in the comedy, “For Richer or Poorer.”

Alley made her executive producing debut in 1996 with the TV movie, “Suddenly” in which she also starred. 1996 was a busy year for Alley as she also appeared in the TV movies, “Radiant City” and “Peter and the Wolf.”

In 1994, Alley showcased her dramatic range when she starred in the CBS TV movie, "David's Mother," as a single mother raising her autistic son. Alley’s work was recognized with a Golden Globe nomination for Best Performance by an Actress in a Miniseries or Motion Picture Made for TV and she won the Emmy for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Miniseries or a Special.

In 1989, Alley’s small screen fan base followed her to the movies and the romantic comedy “Look Who’s Talking” became a surprise hit, grossing \$297 million worldwide. Alley starred alongside John Travolta and played a single mother searching for a reliable and normal boyfriend. The success of “Look Who’s Talking” spurred two more movies in which Alley starred: “Look Who’s Talking Too” and “Look Who’s Talking Now.”

In 1987, Alley joined the cast of the long-running hit NBC sitcom “Cheers” as the neurotic “Rebecca Howe.” Alley earned critical accolades and received Emmy nominations for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series in 1988, 1990, 1992 and

1993, winning the award in 1991. Alley also earned Golden Globe nominations for Best Performance by an Actress in a Comedy/Musical series in 1990, 1992 and 1993. In 1991 Alley's acting skills and popularity earned her the People's Choice Award for Favorite Television Performer.

While filming "Cheers" Alley also appeared on the big screen in "Madhouse," "Sibling Rivalry" (both 1990) and "Loverboy" (with Patrick Dempsey) in 1989.

Alley made her movie debut in 1982 in "Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan" where she played the beautiful Vulcan officer "Lieutenant Saavik." Shortly thereafter, Alley made her splash into television on the series "Masquerade."

Some of Alley's other film credits include "Shoot to Kill," "Summer School," "Runaway," "Blind Date," "Champions," and "One More Chance" and TV miniseries "North and South," "North and South, Book II," and "The Hitchhiker." Alley has also done numerous television guest spots and has hosted "Saturday Night Live" twice.

In 1995, Alley was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

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