

KAREN STRASSMAN

YV: You have a great amount of accomplishments within your career so where do we start. Let's begin with how you got your start as a voice over artist. What are some of the companies, games and shows that you have done voice over with?

Karen: An extensive list of my voice over credits can be found on IMDB or my website, https://www.karenstrassman.com/ on the voiceover page. Some of my favorite projects include: Annette Birkin in the new Resident Evil 2, Rouge the Bat in Sonic the Hedgehog, Chromie, the charismatic gnome that turns into a dragon from World of Warcraft and Heroes of the Storm, Mileena & Kitana in Mortal Kombat, Aigis and Nanako from the Persona games, Anna from The Fire Emblem/Bravely games, 5 different characters in League of Legends, including Fiora, the teenage rockstar Catty Noire on Monster High, the beloved little girl Olivia on Lego Friends. Then there are projects like the Nicktoons series, Monsuno, voiced by an ensemble cast of five actors, where I played the teenage female lead, Jinja, and also voiced every other female character in all three seasons of the show (last count there were 26 characters). Some other favorite projects include Winx Club, Monster, Rugrats All Grown Up, Bleach, StarCraft 2, World of Warcraft, EndWar, Dead or Alive, Final Fantasy, Fallout, Everquest, Red Faction Armageddon, Castlevania, Rumble Roses, League of Legends, Wolfenstein, Saboteur, Silent Hill, Star Wars: The Old Republic, Tony Hawk, Valkyria, Street Fighter X Tekken, Van Helsing, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and Resident Evil 1 & 2.

YV: Tell us about your role in Shudder's Creepshow. What is the movie about? How was it to work with actor David Arquette? Where can we see the show?

Karen: Creepshow is a new TV series created by Greg Nicotero based on and in homage to the iconic horror-tastic movie by the same name made in the 80's. I play opposite David Arquette in the episode "Times is Tough in Musky Holler," which is directed in by John Harrison and written by John Skipp and Dori Miller. The story is about leaders of a town who once controlled everyone through fear and intimidation, but now get a taste of their own medicine. I play a character very different from how I am in real life, and it was soooo much fun. We shot in Atlanta and some days we would go until 4 in the morning, and I never wanted to leave the set, because even being so tired, it was just such a blast. David Arquette was such a pleasure to work with. He's extremely kind, very down to earth, and has an awesome sense of humor. Creepshow will begin airing on September 26th on Shudder TV. My episode will air October 24th.

YV: What was your experience like to be a part of the hit AMC series "Preacher"? What are some of the other roles that you have played?

Karen: Being in Preacher was incredibly fun, and also, honestly an honor to work with the talents that were on that show. I played the enigmatic German scientist, Dr Lois Slotnick. My biggest challenge was playing a broad comic book character, but still somehow making her very real and believable. All of the other actors on this show have done such a brilliant job at making their comic-book characters come to life in such a human way, where you really end up feeling so deeply for each one. I created a backstory for Dr Slotnick to make her more human for myself. Even though she has this broad and scheming appearance with the German accent, I want people to really buy that she's completely real and has an important mission to take care of in the show.

YV: So, what is next for you. What else can we expect from you this year and next?



Karen: You will soon be able to see me as a lead in Tom Six's new bold and daring film, The Onania Club, which will be released sometime next year.

YV: Who is Karen Strassman? Tell us a little bit about yourself. What is your favorite food? Who is on your playlist? Name one hobby?

Karen: I'm a clumsy bumbling human, just doing my best to be a decent person in this crazy world we live in. I've always been passionate about holding the mirror up to the human soul, baring my own vulnerability, my own shadow, my own quirkiness so that the audience can be a little closer to this side of themselves. So that we can all laugh, cry and sigh a little more readily. It's so hard to be a human being on this planet right now, everyone is struggling in one way or another, and I hope that through movies, tv, games, cartoons, and any kind of storytelling, that I can help bring us all a little closer together in the experiences of our humanity. I lived in France for 16 years, have a French passport and speak French fluently. My mom was Danish so I also speak a bit of Danish and love going back home to Europe when I can. I'm a shy introvert who loves and is fascinated by people. Superficial conversation makes me feel tired and drained. Authentic, real and deeper conversation turns me on. I love accents and dialects, and I love teaching them to other people. I love swimming, playing with my kitty Juno (you can see her on Instagram), and spending time with my awesome nieces and nephew. I love vegetables, avocados, peach and blueberry cobbler, and chocolate mousse.

Joni Mitchell, Natalie Merchant, Talking Heads, James Taylor, Jewell, Van Morison, Simon and Garfunkel, Stromae, Francis Cabrel, Sarah McQuaid, Tina Turner, Bruce Springsteen, and U2.

Swimming

YV: Who is an actor that you admire?

Karen: Annette Benning, Jessica Lange, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Kate Blanchette, Robin Wright Penn, Emma Thompson, Sarah Paulson, Naomi Watts, Juliette Lewis, Patricia Clarkson, Julianne Moore, Helen Mirren.

YV: How can we find you on social media?

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