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Lily Tomlin

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

ily Tomlin, one of America's foremost comediennes, continues to venture across an ever-widening range of media, starring in television, theater, motion pictures, animation, and video. Throughout her extraordinary entertainment career, Tomlin has received numerous awards, including six Emmys; a Tony for her one woman Broadway show, Appearing Nitely; a second Tony as Best Actress, Drama Desk Award, and Outer Critics' Circle Award for her one woman performance in Jane Wagner's The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe; a CableAce Award for Executive Producing the film adaptation of The Search; a Grammy for her comedy album This is a Recording as well as nominations for her subsequent albums Modern Scream, And That's the Truth, and On Stage; and two Peabody Awards – the first for the ABC television special Edith Ann's Christmas: Just Say Noël and the second for narrating and executive producing the HBO film The Celluloid Closet.

Tomlin was born in Detroit, Michigan and grew up in a working-class neighborhood on the outskirts of one of the city's most affluent areas. Although she claims she wasn't funny as a child, Tomlin admits she "knew who was and lifted all their material right off the TV screen." Her favorites included Lucille Ball, Bea Lillie, Imogene Coca, and Jean Carroll, one of the first female stand-ups on The Ed Sullivan Show. After high school, Tomlin enrolled at Wayne State University to study medicine, but her elective courses in theater arts compelled her to leave college to become a performer in local coffee houses. She moved to New York in 1965, where she soon built a strong following with her appearances at landmark clubs such as The Improvisation, Cafe Au Go Go, and the Upstairs at the Downstairs, where she later opened for the legendary Mabel Mercer in the Downstairs Room.

Tomlin made her television debut in 1966 on The Garry Moore Show and then made several memorable appearances on The Merv Griffin Show, which led to a move to California where she appeared as a regular on Music Scene. In December 1969, Tomlin joined the cast of the toprated Laugh-In and immediately rose to national prominence with her characterizations of Ernestine, the irascible telephone operator, and Edith Ann, the devilish six year old. When Laugh-In left the air, Tomlin went on to co-write, with Jane Wagner, and star in six comedy television specials: The Lily Tomlin Show (1973), Lily (1973), Lily (1974), Lily Tomlin (1975), Lily: Sold Out (1981), and Lily for President? (1982), for which she won three Emmy Awards and a Writers Guild of America Award. Tomlin also starred in the HBO special about the AIDS epidemic, And the Band Played On (1993). She has guest starred on numerous television shows, such as Homicide, X-Files, and Will and Grace, and played the boss for two years on the popular CBS series Murphy Brown. She is also heard as the voice of the science teacher Ms. Frizzle on the popular children's animated series The Magic School Bus, for which she was awarded an Emmy.

Tomlin made her Broadway debut in the 1977 play *Appearing Nitely*, written and directed by Jane Wagner. Appearing Nitely included such favorites as Ernestine, Edith Ann, and Judith Beasley the Calumet City housewife, and also introduced Trudy the bag lady, Crystal the hang-gliding quadriplegic, Rick the singles bar cruiser, Glenna as a child of the sixties, and Sister Boogie Woman, a 77-year-old blues revivalist. *Appearing Nitely* was later adapted as both an album and an HBO Special. Tomlin next appeared on Broadway in 1985 in a year long, SRO run of Jane Wagner's criticallyacclaimed play *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*. The Broadway success was followed by a coast-to-coast, 14-city tour that spanned four and a half years. Tomlin extended this extraordinary theatrical career with a cross-country, 29-city tour of *The Search*, a new production of *The Search* on Broadway, a record-breaking, six month run of the production in San Francisco, and a six week run in Los Angeles.

On film, Tomlin made her debut as Linnea, a gospel singer and mother of two deaf children in Robert Altman's *Nashville* (1975); her memorable performance was nominated for an Academy Award, and both the New York Film Critics and National Society of Film Critics voted Lily Best Supporting Actress. She next starred opposite Art Carney as a would-be actress living on the fringes of Hollywood in Robert Benton's *The Late Show* (1977). She went on to star with John Travolta as a lonely housewife in Jane Wagner's *Moment By Moment* (1978), and then teamed with Jane Fonda and Dolly Parton in the late Colin Higgins' comedy 9 to 5 (1980). She starred as the happy homemaker who became *The Incredible Shrinking Woman* (1981), written by Jane Wagner, and the eccentric rich woman whose soul invades Steve Martin's body in Carl Reiner's popular *All of Me* (1984). She then teamed with Bette Midler for *Big Business* (1988).

In the '90s, Tomlin starred in the film adaptation of The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life In the Universe (1991); appeared as part of an ensemble cast in Woody Allen's Shadows and Fog (1992); starred opposite Tom Waits in Robert Altman's Short Cuts (1993); and portrayed Miss Jane Hathaway in the screen adaptation of the popular television series The Beverly Hillbillies (1993). Tomlin also played a cameo role in The Player (1992) and Blue in the Face (1995), starred in the Miramax film Flirting With Disaster (1996) and joined Jack Lemmon, Dan Akroyd, and Bonnie Hunt in Getting Away with Murder (1996). Tomlin starred opposite Richard Dreyfuss and Jenna Elfman in Buena Vista's Krippendorf's Tribe (1998) and co-starred with Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Joan Plowright, and Cher in the Franco Zeffirelli film Tea With Mussolini (1999). She then starred with Bruce Willis in Disney's The Kid (2000) and appeared in a guirky cameo role in Orange County (2002). Tomlin co-starred with Dustin Hoffman in I Heart Huckabee's, a David O. Russell comedy that explores the emotional idiosyncrasies of life (2004). She was seen in A Prairie Home Companion (2006), written by Garrison Keillor and directed by Robert Altman, in which she and Meryl Streep appear as a sister singing act. Tomlin appeared in Paul Schrader's film The Walker (2007), co-starring with Woody Harrelson, Kristin Scott-Thomas, and Lauren Bacall. Lily be seen playing a sensitivity training expert assigned to instruct employees on social and political correctness with Steve Martin as Inspector Clousseau in Pink Panther II (2009). For her extensive work in film, Tomlin has received the Crystal Award from Women in Film.

In 2002, Tomlin joined the cast of the hit NBC series *The West Wing* playing President Bartlett's assistant, Debbie Fiderer — a role for which she received a 2003 Screen Actors Guild nomination for Best Actress in a Drama Series. Tomlin continued in the role of Debbie through 2006, the final season of *West Wing*. In the fall of 2003, she was honored as the 2003 recipient of the prestigious Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in Washington DC. Tomlin continues to make appearances around the nation and, in 2006, took her classic characters to Australia for shows in Sydney and Melbourne.

Lily joined the newly-launched website for women www.WOWOWOW.com and participates with other celebrities such as Whoopi Goldberg, Candice Bergen, Liz Smith, Jane Wagner, Peggy Noonan, Marlo Thomas, and Lesley Stahl to create an on-line community which is owned and run by women for women of all ages and origins.

Lily's own website—a collaboration between Lily Tomlin, Jane Wagner, Allee Willis, and the zany and creative BUBBLES the artist has produced the magical Lily Tomlin website. Lily's entire career in art, text, photos and videos can be found at www.lilytomlin.com.

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Any Given Child, a program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, is designed to assist a community in planning strategically to provide an equitable arts education for all students in grades K-8. The program's goal is to strategically align the existing resources of the school district, the local arts community, and the Kennedy Center — all to benefit students' education. Hancher submitted an application to the program, and Iowa City was selected in 2012 as the eighth Any Given Child site. Since then, Hancher has served as the site coordinator for the project.

During the 2012-13 school year, a local Any Given Child team composed of school district administrators, arts organizations, artists, and community leaders met, and with the Kennedy Center's guidance, completed an audit of arts activities and resources at the school district, surveyed arts organization and artists, and analyzed the data. The team found that lowa City schools are rich in arts resources, but are not necessarily balanced from school to school or in every discipline.

The team has developed a long-range plan for lowa City to create a more balanced and equitable arts education for every child in the district. The community arts team is excited to share the results of the project's first phase and is moving into a new structure to reach goals outlined in the long-range plan. This ongoing initiative will support a rich, enlightening arts education program for students in grades K-8, serving as a model for arts education to other schools in the area.



Number of K-8 schools in the Iowa City Community School District



Number of community organizations participating in Any Given Child Iowa City

Key findings

from the team's audit of arts activities and resources at the school district include:

- Students in grades K-2 and 7-8 are underserved in arts programming, particularly theatre and dance.
- Students are not receiving theater and dance education on a regular basis in all grade levels.
- Teachers participate in less than 2% of arts-related professional development.
- 95% of teachers feel the arts have a significant or profound place in a balanced curriculum for all students.
- 93% of teachers feel the arts significantly or profoundly enhance learning for disengaged students.
- Principals cite funding, facilities, and arts professional development as somewhat lacking in support for arts instruction in the schools.

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Executive Director Chuck Swanson speaks at a news conference announcing Any Given Child Iowa City at the Iowa Community School District Education Services Center on October 8.

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