

# Ask The Actress

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By Dan Lorenzo

**How easy and insane is the money when you do voice-over work for Starbucks and American Express?**

Hmmmm. I will admit that voice work can deliver maximum dollars for minimum hours worked. I think *Chris Rock* alluded to that at the Oscars this past year! That said, a voice gig usually requires you to please quite a few "chefs" in the "advertising kitchen" at the same time, which can be... challenging. So, while the money from one gig may appear "insane," that one job may be the only job you have for that week/monthly year. Now if you are fortunate enough to get an ongoing gig with a client like Starbucks or American Express, the pay checks can certainly make you crack a crazy smile.

**You just appeared on the Lifetime Network in "Taken Back" which features a mom who can't get over her child's abduction. Do you ever worry about your children getting abducted?**

I don't think today's world is any more dangerous than the one I grew up in; it's just that with the Internet and Social Media, we hear about every danger that is lurking in every corner of the globe and somehow interpret issues in far away lands as actually occurring in and impacting our own backyard. Now, that said, yes of course I worry about my kids getting abducted! What parent doesn't? My husband and I have spoken to our boys about "Stranger Danger" and passed along all the lessons our parents taught us about personal safety. However, at a certain point I need to trust that my children have heeded our advice, and we need to let our kids be kids. I do not want to raise fearful children; smart, savvy kids, yes, but not fearful.

**Some people refer to Canada as "America Light". What do you see as the major differences?**



Oh my, this question could really get me in trouble. (laughs) I guess my question back to you would be, "Who are these 'some people'?" I think both Canada and the United States are dynamic countries. I certainly don't personally relate to the term "America Light"; it just doesn't resonate with me. I have spent quite a bit of time visiting the US, and I have always enjoyed my travels and encounters while there. As a Canadian, I am most proud of our global reputation as peacekeepers, as a taxpayer, I am very pleased with our fiscal responsibility, and I love living in a city (Vancouver) that supports environmental initiatives, multiculturalism, and equality.

**What else would you like the readers of Steppin' Out magazine to know about you?**

I love family, I try and multi-task way too much, and I am constantly in search of the perfect night's sleep! Seriously. Other than that, I feel pretty darn lucky to be able to do what I love every day. My father died 17 years ago, and while I miss him desperately, I try to walk down life's path following the advice he gave me the night before he died: "The worst thing in the world is when you have to ask yourself, "What would have happened if."