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Littlest Pet Shop and My Little Pony's Nicole Oliver Talks Voiceover Work, Arrow and More!

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Littlest Pet Shop and *My Little Pony's Nicole Oliver* talks voiceover work, her recent on-camera work on CW's *Arrow* and more!

You happen to do both live-action work as well as voiceover work. Do you find yourself having a preference for one over the other at the moment?

That's like asking me to pick my favorite child!!! I love both- they are both so different and allow for creative growth in different ways...and both have their own sets of unique challenges. With voice over, it doesn't matter what I look like; that is, I can play a little boy or a grandmother or an alien...the possibilities are limitless.

Which characters, both on-camera and voiceover, have been your favorites to date? Why?

Hmmmm...don't know if I have a favorite. I really enjoy playing characters that are a little more character-based on camera. In *Ungodly Acts* I got to play a very god-fearing political woman, with big hair, big lashes and big emotions...that was fun.

Which role has been the most difficult for you? How about the least?

Every role presents its own unique series of challenges. I think it was Meryl Streep who said: "Acting is not about being someone different. It's finding the similarity in what is apparently different, then finding myself in there."

That first investigation and exploration into the idea of the SAME can be challenging, but then you just "leap off a cliff" and go for it. I think the most difficult thing for me with this career I have chosen is trying to balance my home life with my kids and husband with my creative/work life. The day-to-day stuff is challenging sometimes, but I certainly am not the only working parent out there facing this issue every day.

You recently appeared on *Arrow* as the judge who essentially keeps Damien Darhk in jail for a bit longer. What was it like working with Katie Cassidy and Neal McDonough?

Both actors were incredibly generous and great ambassadors for the show they have a regular role on. As a guest performer, you sweep in and out, but both Katie and Neal made me feel welcome. I have a lot of respect for Katie- she is playing in what has traditionally been a male-centric arena (superheroes), and she is presenting and representing a strong, thoughtful, multi-faceted female character that can also kick ass. Awesome!



Courtesy of J Joseco

With your roles on *My Little Pony* and *Littlest Pet Shop*, among the many others, you now have many fans all over the world who follow your voiceover work – what has that been like?

It is truly humbling to meet people from all over the world who know your name, and love your work. I just had an opportunity to meet three young men from Japan who are huge MLP fans. Watching their joy at being able to meet someone who represents something they hold dear was fun. Now, my boys were with me at the time, and they just didn't get what the big deal was...I am, after all, just their mom. My kids keep it all real and in perspective.

You're experienced and have undoubtedly been very successful in this scene, any advice for anyone looking to become a voice actor?

Yes. Guess what? You are an actor. Voice acting isn't just about being able to make funny voices. You need to bring these voices to life, deliver them consistently, and have the courage to allow those characters to evolve over time. Get to an acting class- most important thing. Oh- and read out loud. Every day.



Courtesy of Pink Monkey

Are there any other projects you are currently involved with that you'd like to have readers and/or viewers on the lookout for? Can you tell us a bit more about them?

I have an awesome animated feature coming out this summer, but that's all I can say at the moment. Believe me, when I can talk about it, I will be screaming from the rooftops! I am currently recording the MLP feature which is slated for theatrical release in the Fall of 2017, and I am working on 6 cartoon series, - *Kate & Mim Mim*, *NexoKnights*, *Bob the Builder*...and three others I can't talk about yet. I am in *Three Bedrooms and a Corpse: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery* for Hallmark, that is currently in post-production....and I am looking forward to maybe taking some time off with the kids this Summer and just relaxing at the beach.

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I love *Fear the Walking Dead*, *Walking Dead*, *Big Bang Theory* and *Scandal*.

If you could be on any one of those/join the cast of any of them, which would it be? What type of character on that show and why that show/character?

I think Carol, on *TWD* needs a new bestie to help her through this existential crisis she seems to be in the middle

of. On *Fear*, I would love to do ANYTHING that intersects with Strand's character. Maybe in flashbacks? A hustler from his past? *Big Bang Theory* - nosy new upstairs neighbor? And on *Scandal*...anything. Anything.

And lastly, anything else you would like to say to the readers and viewers?

Thank you!! Keep watching, keep tweeting...and NO SPOILERS!!!

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