

Interviews: Three Actresses Speak Out at 2010 Chicago Comic Con

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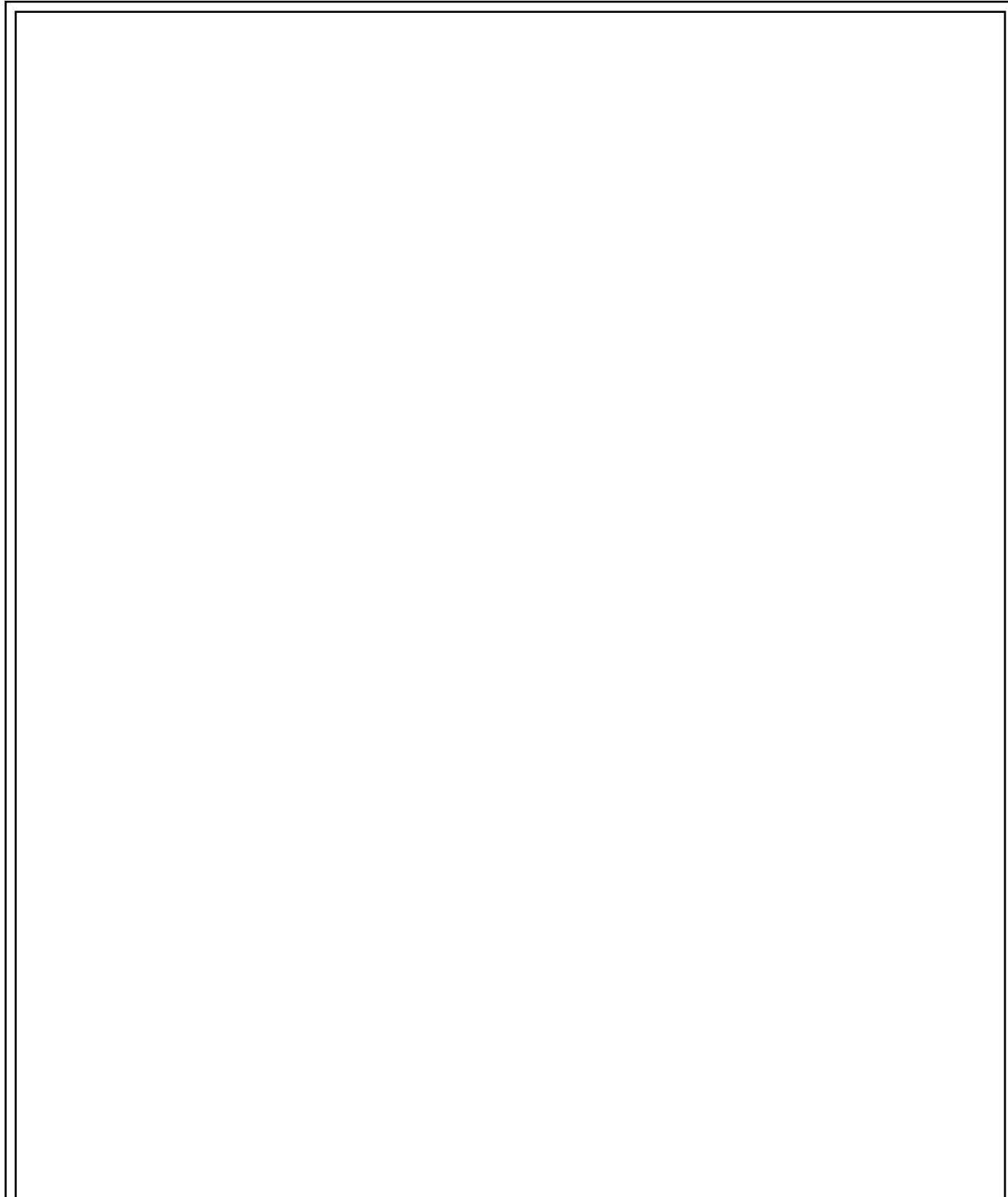
CHICAGO – The 2010 Wizard World Chicago Comic Con was a great place to see up-and-coming stars and old favorites for pictures and autographs. Attending the show in August were actresses Kristanna Loken (“Terminator 3”), Julia Jones (The Twilight Saga) and Angie Everhart (“The Real Gilligan’s Island”).

HollywoodChicago.com made a trip to the event, and talked to the three actresses about their careers, lives and upcoming projects. Joe Arce was there as well to capture the photographs.



Kristanna Loken of “Terminator 3,” “The L Word”

The model/actress Kristanna Loken nabbed a huge film role in 2003 when she played the T-X Terminatrix in Terminator 3: The Rise of the Machines. Since then, she has done a ten episode stint on the Showtime series “The L Word” and has had steady work in both film and television.





Kristanna Loken at the Wizard World Chicago Comic Con, August, 2010
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HollywoodChicago.com: How did working on “As the World Turns” daytime drama help you evolve into a professional actor?

Kristanna Loken: That was my very first paying job, and it was a wonderful training ground because you are doing a new episode every day. You really learn how to memorize dialogue and work with the cameras.

HollywoodChicago.com: As an actor working in the day-to-day competition, how do you or did you deal with the disappointment of losing a desired role?

Loken: Just like in any job, you don’t always get the work that you want. You get what you get, and in this business you can also create your own jobs, I’ve started producing my own movies, so that is pretty gratifying, too.

HollywoodChicago.com: What kind of vibe or atmosphere is within the world of auditioning and acting. Is it mostly negative or positive?

Loken: It’s generally positive, but it depends upon the person.

HollywoodChicago.com: Which role is closest to your real persona, and how did that role help to evolve you as a person?

Loken: That role is yet to come, really. I’m developing a film called “Love Orchard,” which is about the immigration crisis in the U.S. It’s also fan interactive, so fans can go to my website, KristannaLoken.net [14], and figure out more ways to get involved. I’m doing more passion projects that feel closer to who I am and that is definitely one of them.

HollywoodChicago.com: Finally, at what point in your career did you look around and think, 'how did I get here?'

Loken: Well, I know how I got there, a lot of hard work and dedication. But definitely with Terminator 3, that was a huge opportunity for me.



Julia Jones of The Twilight Saga

Julia Jones was doing some notable TV and film appearances when she landed the part of Leah Clearwater in The Twilight Saga. She will reprise the role in the upcoming "Breaking Dawn, Part 1."



Julia Jones at the Wizard World Chicago Comic Con, August, 2010
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HollywoodChicago.com: How do your early days as a dancer help you to navigate the rigors of show business?

Julia Jones: The first thing that comes to mind is the discipline, there is nothing more emotionally, physically and mentally demanding than ballet. You have to push yourself so far as an actor, and you have to deal with a harsh reality, like people being mean to you, and my Russian ballet teachers were really good training for that. [laughs]

HollywoodChicago.com: What has been the most surreal element of being put into The Twilight Saga spotlight?

Jones: For me, just how fast everything changed. I feel sometimes like I'm on a low-grade drug all the time. It's just that my new reality is different, there is so much more energy hurled at you on a daily basis than before.

HollywoodChicago.com: The movie 'Hell Ride' (2007) was a particularly interesting addition to your filmography. What can you relate about director Larry Bishop and his vision for that film?

Jones: Larry is a piece of work. He's a wonderful writer and I responded to that script when I read it. I'd never read anything like it. I respect him for that, he does have a very unique vision.

HollywoodChicago.com: How do you connect to your Native American blood? What issues in that heritage are you most interested in?

Jones: There are so many. The one that comes closest to me in the midst of Twilight is there is a lack of representation for Native Americans in the media and what has been in the media thus far is generally misrepresentation. So I am excited that as part of Twilight it showcases young Native characters that are contemporary. People think we're cool and that actually is a first in a lot of ways.

HollywoodChicago.com: Did you ever stop at some point, look around and think 'how did I get here?'

Jones: I would say with Twilight I do it on a weekly basis. [laughs]



Angie Everhart, Model and Actress

Angie Everhart began as a model at the age of 15 in the late 1980s and has never looked back. After doing a small part in "The Last Action Hero" (1993), Everhart has done several roles in films and television, including playing one of the "Gingers" in the second season of "The Real Gilligan's Island."

She also gained a bit of notoriety with engagements to Sylvester Stallone in 1995 and Joe Pesci in 2007. She was also linked briefly to shock jock Howard Stern.



Angie Everhart at the Wizard World Chicago Comic Con, August, 2010
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HollywoodChicago.com: What are your favorite memories of your Akron, Ohio, youth?

Angie Everhart: I have such a good family, and being from Ohio I still have those Midwestern values. I still have great friends there, so when I think of my childhood I smile.

HollywoodChicago.com: What is the most difficult thing about being 'the sex symbol' as opposed to your real life and personality?

Everhart: Sore feet when I wear high heels. [laughs]

HollywoodChicago.com: Who was most influential in mentoring your career, either as a model or actress?

Everhart: Not to sound arrogant, but I never thought I was like anybody else. Since I was a redhead, there were not a lot of those types of models before me. I was determined to pave the way. If there is anyone, I guess I should thank my mother.

HollywoodChicago.com: You've been associated with a number of notable celebrities over the last several years. What have you learned about celebrity, both through those people and on your own?

Everhart: Don't read your own press.

HollywoodChicago.com: What type of acting role do you want to do, that you haven't gotten an opportunity to audition for?

Everhart: I would love to do a period piece, and I wish I was on 'Battlestar Galactica,' I would have been a great Cylon.

The Wizard World Chicago Comic Con is back in Chicago, August 11th-14th, 2011.

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