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### **When did you first become interested in acting and how did you break into the world of films and television?**

I got my first taste of acting on stage in 2nd grade. I played an Angel/Narrator in a Christmas production. I didn't start acting professionally until I was 19 years old.

### **Throughout your career, you have starred in a number of horror movies; do you enjoy working in the genre?**

Yeah, I turned down a movie with Al Pacino so I could do "House of the Dead 2". Kidding! In all seriousness, I love to work, and it just so happens that a lot of the opportunities that have come my way have been in the horror genre.

### **Would you agree that the genre now provides women with the chance to take on strong character roles which drive forward the story, as opposed to just running around showing flesh and being carved up?**

I think there is definitely more character driven roles being written for women in this genre, but I believe it's a result of our audiences becoming savvier and expecting to see something new and creative.

### **Audiences will soon see you on the big screen in SAW II. How did you land the part of Addison?**

I was in Australia at the time visiting some friends, and I got a call asking me to have a look at the role of Addison in Saw II. After the success of the original, obviously I was curious. After having a read of the first draft I was pretty convinced. The characters were well drawn out, and the storyline was disturbing as all hell!

### **Were the shoots pretty grueling?**

The shoots were not grueling at all. We had a great cast and crew, and things went pretty smoothly. All my stuff was done on stage, so it was pretty painless.....no weather conditions or night shoots to deal with.

### **How did you find Darren Bousman as a director?**

Darren was a pleasure to work with. It was his first time directing a full length feature film.....and it was a challenging film for anyone.....he had his plate full, and he did an amazing job.

### **Were you nervous about the fact that the film has a huge reputation to uphold with genre fans?**

You know, part of me thinks that, but then, all you can really do is your best....the rest is out of your control. You can't beat yourself up about that stuff.

### **Can you tell us much about the plot or how your character fits into the story?**

Nope!

### **What was the most challenging aspect of your character for you?**

Not allowed to talk about it.

### **Genre fans will also see you in House of the Dead 2. Were you aware of the first film's reputation when you signed on for the sequel?**

Ummm, yeah....I tried to block that out of my head. They are treating it as a completely separate film. This one actually has a plot.....and a new director.

**Can you let us horror fans know if the sequel will be a very different kind of film?**

Most definitely.....VERY different.....I think they can look forward to this one.....and hopefully it will make them forget the first one!

**You recently started work on *Unearthed* for Matthew Leutwyler, how is that going?**

I am actually writing this in my trailer while waiting for the next set up. We've really been lucky on this film. We have some amazingly talented people working with us. I feel lucky to be a part of it.

**Have you seen *Dead & Breakfast* yet and if so, what did you think of his first horror outing?**

I am waiting until this weekend to see it. I want to make sure I give it my full attention! I heard it's a lot of fun....silly, goofy, over the top.....and that's FUN if you ask me....so I'm looking forward to it.

**One of my favourite movies which you starred in was *Ripper*. Was it an enjoyable movie to make?**

I had an awesome time on that film. I was working with a bunch of friends that I'd known from previous projects, and that's always great. You already have a connection and a bond with them, so you know you're going to have some fun no matter what.

**You had worked with some of the cast before, do you enjoy working with actors more than once or do you prefer variety?**

Like I said, I love working with people I know. But working with new people and forming new friendships is also good.

**Do you have any more plans to appear in the horror genre in the coming months?**

Not at the moment.

**Would you have any objections to fans calling you a *Scream Queen*?**

Whatever makes the fans happy...that's why I'm here.

**Where else can we expect to see you in the near future?**

Look for PAINKILLER JANE on the sci-fi channel.

**"Thank you ever so much for taking part in this interview Emmanuelle.  
And we wish you the very best of luck in the future."**

*by Phil Davies Brown*

