

Melissa McCarthy Biography

MELISSA MCCARTHY received an Academy Award nomination for her role as Megan in the worldwide hit comedy *Bridesmaids*. This film was directed by Paul Feig and produced by Judd Apatow. She also received BAFTA, Critics' Choice, and SAG Award nominations for this role and won the MTV Movie Award for Comedic Performance of the Year. McCarthy won an Emmy Award and received a second nomination for starring as Molly on the hit CBS comedy "Mike & Molly." She has also received two Emmy nominations for guest hosting "Saturday Night Live."

McCarthy was recently seen starring opposite Bill Murray in *St. Vincent*, for which she received a Critics' Choice Award nomination, and in *Tammy* which she co-wrote with her actor/writer husband Ben Falcone, who also served as the film's director. She received a People's Choice Award for this role. McCarthy's previous film credits include *The Heat* opposite Sandra Bullock for Director Paul Feig, *Identity Thief* alongside Jason Bateman, *This is 40* for Director Judd Apatow, and Todd Phillip's *The Hangover Part III*. McCarthy will next star in *Spy* for Director Paul Feig (FOX/June 5, 2015). Her other upcoming films include the animated comedy *B.O.O.: Bureau of Otherworldly Operations* opposite Seth Rogen in addition to *Michelle Darnell* which she co-wrote with Ben Falcone, who serves as director (Universal/April 8, 2016).

McCarthy's additional feature film work includes *The Back-Up Plan*, *Life As We Know It*, *Pretty Ugly People*, *Just Add Water*, *The Nines*, *White Oleander*, *Pumpkin*, and *Go*, directed by Doug Liman. Additionally, she starred in John August's short film *God*, as a young woman having a gossipy phone conversation and short-lived spat with the Almighty, and also appeared in *The Life of David Gale*, starring Kevin Spacey.

On television, McCarthy previously starred as the clumsy culinary genius Sookie St. James, in "Gilmore Girls" and Dena in the series "Samantha Who?"

McCarthy first made her mark on the comedy stage, performing stand up in New York at The Improv and Stand Up New York. At the same time, she received dramatic training from The Actors Studio in New York and starred in a variety of stage productions throughout the city. In Los Angeles, McCarthy spent nine years as a main-stage member of the world-renowned improv and sketch troupe The Groundlings.

McCarthy sold her first pilot, "Marbles," to VH1, in which she played the title role. McCarthy is also designing her first clothing line for her Los Angeles-based M&M Clothing Company which will launch in Fall 2015.

McCarthy resides in Los Angeles.