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Catch Maggie Wagner in American Cowslip with Val Kilmer

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New Yorker, Maggie Wagner, was born in the heart of the city. Her dreams of becoming an actress blossomed early. At just seven years old, she enrolled in acting classes, and by the time she was eleven, she was attending the Neighborhood Playhouse Children's Acting Program. Being a part of this program pushed Maggie to realize that she wanted to be seen as a serious actress. Instructors at the school focused on comical exercises, while Maggie was striving for more. Years later Maggie's uncle, director Mark Rydell, encouraged her to enroll in adult acting classes at the Neighborhood Playhouse once again, under the direction of Richard Pinter.



Slide Show

Maggie Wagner

In 1985, Maggie landed the role of "Cindy" in The Philadelphia Company's production of "To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday." It was at this point when the same uncle told her to audition for The Actor's Studio. Although she was denied in her first attempt—she was later chosen to replace Mary Stuart Masterson in a play at the studio. This was her chance to shine in front of the membership and her peers, which led to her joining the impressive group of actors. This move was going to shape her career.

Maggie continued regularly attending classes at The Actor's Studio under the direction of Ellen Burstyn. It was not long before actress Sally Kirkland took notice of the enormous potential in Maggie. She decided to take her under her wing. Sally was set to star in the film "Anna" so Maggie was given the chance to audition for a role. She landed the part and moved further towards her lasting career in the entertainment industry.

In 2005, Maggie attended the Sundance Film Festival in order to promote her film "The Talent Given Us," directed by her brother Andrew Wagner. Maggie had the starring role in the film, which also included her sister Emily and her parents. The film received rave reviews worldwide.

Maggie Wagner is now a lifetime member of The Actors Studio, having appeared in over 40 motion pictures to her credit, among them, "Richard III," "Coffee Date," "A-Let," "One Fine Day," "For The Boys," "Working Girl," and "Anna." Maggie is also no stranger to television—she has appeared in "Nuclear Hurricane," "Trapped," "James Dean," and "Don't Drink the Water."

Up next, Maggie is off to Canton, Mississippi to shoot "Heat on the Delta" in February 2008. Also look for her in the film "American Cowslip" directed by Mark David and starring Val Kilmer and Cloris Leachman. Maggie will be playing "Delores Ingelsbrink," Val Kilmer's sister. She will also be appearing in "Taking It As It Comes: The Mary Ann Collura Story" as Lauren Collura, "Seducing Spirits," and "Benny Bliss and the Disciples of Greatness."

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