

Sandra Lee Gimpel

Sandy was born in Los Angeles, California. She began her career as a professional dancer. Her career took an unusual turn when she went on an interview for the television series, LOST IN SPACE. Because of her petit size, she was asked if she would be interested in stunt doubling for child actor, Billy Mumy. Stunt Coordinator, Paul Stader, recognized her potential and offered to give her the requisite stunt training. Sandy thought, "How can you pass up an opportunity like that?" She stayed on the show for three years doing stunts, doubling, voice-overs and playing an assortment of monsters.

In 1979, she coordinated her first show; and while working at Universal, she became the first female stunt coordinator to be accepted by the Directors Guild of America as a second unit director. Since then she has coordinated and second unit directed several TV shows and series along with numerous feature films becoming one of the most respected stunt coordinators/directors in the business.

Not only do her talents include safety and camera knowledge when coordinating, but she also holds a 4th degree black belt in Karate, (Tae Kwon Do) having trained with seven time world champion, Billy Blanks. Her skills encompass all aspects of fire work, precision and stunt driving, horse work and just about anything else you can think of.

A member of the STUNTWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF MOTION PICTURES, INC. and WOMEN IN FILM, she was honored at the 1994 CRYSTAL AWARDS for outstanding achievement as a stunt coordinator and second unit director.

While doubling many of the top female actresses in the business such as Debbie Reynolds, Rhea Pearlman, Patty Duke, Sally Field, Estelle Getty, and Annie Potts she has worked on movies: THE ISLAND, BRUCE ALMIGHTY, RAT RACE, THE ANIMAL, THE TRUMAN SHOW, BIG FAT LIAR, and ADAPTATION starring Meryl Streep, Nicolas Cage and Chris Cooper: playing Chris Cooper's mother in the film. Television shows: MY NAME IS EARL, SCRUBBS, THRESHOLD, COMPLETE SAVAGES, CSI, and SIX FEET UNDER just to name a few.

She has coordinated and second unit directed shows such as, KATE COLUMBO, SINS OF MY FATHER, IMMORTAL COMBAT, HARTS OF THE WEST AND ANY DAY NOW

Plus directing several P.S.A.'s

She has been highly praised by actor, director, and producer, Beau Bridges. "I was impressed with Sandy's attention to safety and detail. She has a great eye for camera placement and I find her to be incredibly creative."

