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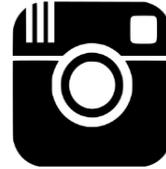
Born in San Diego, CA and raised in Atlanta and South Florida, actress Johanna Liauw got her start in acting during quarantine in 2020, when she wrote and starred in the web series *Quarantine Leap*. Since then, Johanna has made the leap into feature films, starring in two Lifetime films, *The Wrong Cheerleader Coach* and *College Professor Obsession* and will now star in her breakout role as 'Stella' in Netflix's *Tall Girl 2*, which premiered on February 11, 2022).

Liauw is a former competitive swimmer, who was homeschooled from Sophomore to Senior year of high school. She is an avid reader and gamer, but also enjoys cooking, baking, and traveling. Her favorite vacation spot is Santorini, Greece or anywhere tropical. To stay in peak mental and physical condition, Johanna likes to bike, play tennis, hike, rollerblade, go swimming and makes sure to set aside time to meditate.

Johanna is an animal rights activist (has two cats, one of them three legged), mental health advocate, and is passionate about helping unhoused individuals get a fresh start and off the streets.

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BUSY EXIT RAMP Mel Rodriguez is the third cast member to leave "CSI: Vegas" in short order, following William Petersen and Lorja Fox. He played Chief Medical Examiner Hugo Ramirez in Season 1.



WENDY'S MENU Rotating guest hosts, including Bevy Smith (left), and Terrence J, will sub for Wendy Williams next month on "The Wendy Williams Show." Williams has been ill and has yet to appear this season.

TV Friday

Great Danes roles
Claire Danes will star opposite Jesse Eisenberg and Lizzy Caplan in the Hulu miniseries "Fleishman is in Trouble" — in addition to headlining "The Essex Serpent" on Apple TV+.



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"I've been a big fan of the "Sex and the City" series for years, so I've been tuning into "And Just Like That" every week. When a cast has great chemistry like they do, you instantly become invested in the storyline. I just finished binging both seasons of "The Witcher." I thoroughly enjoy shows with a fantasy element to it and they went above and beyond to transport you into another realm."
— Liauw stars in "Tall Girl 2," the sequel to "Tall Girl" premiering next month on Netflix.



Jon Barinholtz and Tyo White (left) in "American Auto." Top: Barinholtz and Lauren Ash as Mikey and Diane in "Chicago Party Aunt" on Netflix.

BACK IN OFFICE

Jon Barinholtz helps drive the comedy in 'American Auto' on NBC

By MICHAEL STARR

Jon Barinholtz can thank a bit of serendipity for shifting NBC workplace comedies from the big-box world of "Superstore" to "American Auto" and its sideways take on the auto industry. "This project came to me while I was still on 'Superstore,'" said Barinholtz, 42, who played Marcus White, the sophomoric, dim-bulb warehouse supervisor on the sitcom, created by Justin Spitzer (it ended its run last March). "Justin approached me about a show he was going to take out for pilot season — this was 2019 — and without even reading the script I knew it was going to be amazing." That series was "American Auto" and Barinholtz snared a co-starring role, but COVID shut production down in 2020 just as shooting was about to begin. "I thought it was going to go away as so many pilots did," he said. "But, at the same time, 'Superstore' got picked up for a sixth season — and then [American Auto] got the go-ahead as

"Superstore" ended." "American Auto," airing Tuesdays at 8 p.m., revolves around life at struggling auto giant Payne Motors. Ana Gasteyer plays its newly imported CEO, Katherine Hastings, who knows absolutely nothing about cars (she doesn't even drive) and relies on her motley-crew staff for guidance — including Wesley Payne (Barinholtz), the ne'er-do-well great-grandson of the company's founder. He's always in the office and in the thick of things — but no one seems to know exactly what he does there. "He's essentially an unfireable consultant," Barinholtz said. "He's not a good guy but he's not a horrible guy. Marcus was a little more of a doofus and a goofball than Wesley, who read

more prickly on the page and was originally written as a bit older than me. He's kind of like a jerk... but I try to find his lovable side. "He's the type of person you may not want to hang around with but you agree to grab a beer with him — and then regret it." Spitzer told The Post that he had Barinholtz in mind for a role on "American Auto" from the get-go. "He's one of my favorite actors and he's delightful and just so funny," he said. "I can't count the number of times on 'Superstore' where we didn't know how to get out of a scene and I said to the editor, 'Let's just look through the improv Jon gave us and we'll probably find something.'" "You can just lean on him."

"American Auto" is one of two TV projects in which Barinholtz is currently involved. He co-created and co-stars (as overweight baggage handler Mikey) in the animated Netflix series "Chicago Party Aunt," which premiered last fall with star Lauren Ash — who played martinet boss Diana on "Superstore" — as Diane Dumbrowski, a Windy City hairdresser with a heart of gold. His brother, actor the Barinholtz, plays Mark, who's married to Diane's sister, Bonnie (Jill Talley). "We have the next eight episodes that will drop this year, although there's no release date yet," Barinholtz said. "I'm really excited for people to check that out; we really go pedal-to-the-metal in the second half. We wrote all 16 [episodes] together and built the story arc throughout. Lauren's Canadian and there's a bridge there, a Chicago to Canada niceness, and she exudes that in Diane, who's an over-the-top character but, at her core, operates out of love." "We knew the second she read for the part that Lauren was the right person."



Barinholtz played Marcus on "Superstore."



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Now, you are gearing up for the release of Netflix's *Tall Girl 2*, which arguably is your biggest project to date! How are you feeling about the movie's release?

I'm super stoked! To have a role in a Netflix movie is a huge accomplishment. I'm looking forward to seeing how the viewers like the sequel; I think it's a beautiful continuation of Jodi's journey.

Can you talk to us about your character in the movie? What are they like? Do you share any similarities with them?

Stella is super fun and energetic. She loves to experience life to the fullest. She's also a foodie, you'll kind of see that in the film! And, I most certainly relate to her on those levels. She was an absolute joy to bring to life.

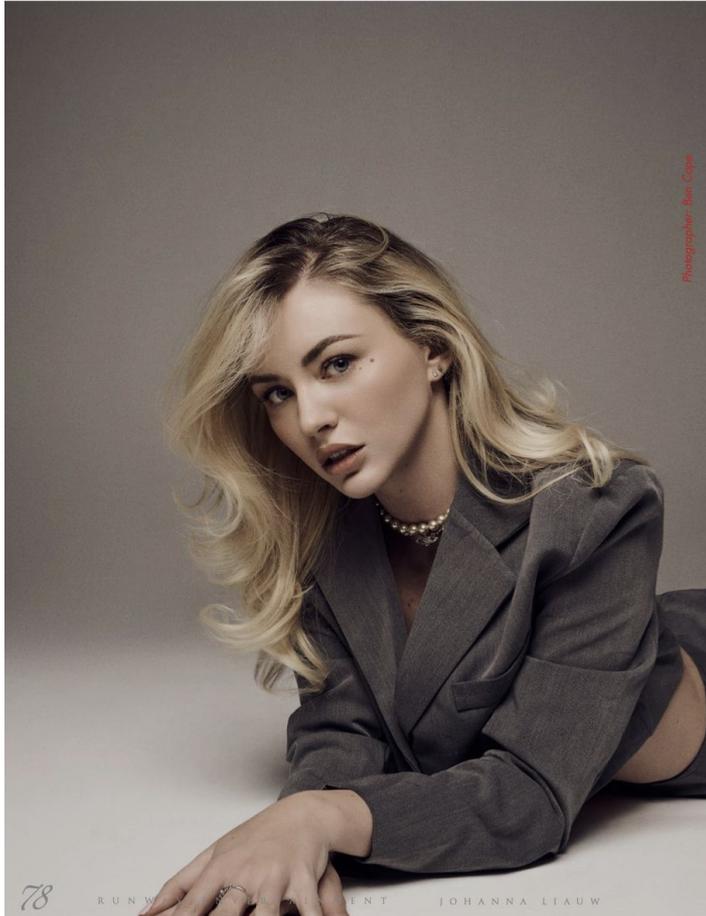
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Tell us about your personal Style.

I'd say for the most part it's pretty casual, comfy but still cute. But, when I get dressed up I have a more sleek approach to my outfit choices.

What are your favorite shoes?

I have these really good, vintage pair of strappy wooden Bebe heels. They go with so many outfits of mine. Ugh, they are heavenly!

What was your favorite role?

I honestly can't pick a favorite because they've all been so enjoyable to bring to life for their own specific reasons. I might be more in favor of Stella since she was my first comedic and lighthearted role. It was nice to feel like our energies are very similar, like the mannerisms and facial expressions, etc.

When did you learn to act?

I'm still learning - haha! Every audition, every booked role and the experience of filming is all a learning tool in my mind. I also learn from watching and working other actors as well.

Who would you love to work with on set?

I'm going to put out working with Steve Carell to the universe again, cause why not. Can't hurt - haha!

Congrats on your role in Netflix's Tall Girl 2! Tell us about your character.

How was this experience for you?

Stella is an absolute delight, and I think people will really enjoy her when they watch the film. My experience filming was really cool. I learned a lot about myself during the process and went home with a newfound confidence in myself.

What is your favorite food?

Anything with truffle incorporated into it. Risotto, pasta, french fries... truffle it up and I'm a happy girl.

What kind of food do you eat on set?

I try to stay away from foods that might make me feel heavy or bloated, so fruits mostly are what I aim to eat. But, if it's a morning call time I'll get some eggs for a protein boost. I'm always scoping out the snacks though! Haha!

Tell us about where you grew up.

I grew up mostly in Atlanta and South Florida. I really enjoyed growing up as an adolescent in Atlanta because we were always playing outside, getting into nature and going on adventures with the other kids in the neighborhood. Then when I moved to Florida, we would hang out at the beach most of the time or by the pool - swimming a bunch. Both places were a great environment to grow up in.

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Exclusive interview! Johanna Liauw Stars In Tall Girl 2

Your career is just in the beginning, you started in 2020 and yet you have already landed a major role in the highly anticipated film Tall Girl 2, the Netflix sequel to the smash hit teen romantic comedy Tall Girl. How do you live this fantastic period?

You know, it really feels like a dream. I'm still pinching myself to remind me that it's all real and happening. I feel undeniably grateful. To have my intuition be so strong as to guide me in this direction and allow me to be in the right place/right time in regards to meeting the people who have helped me in accomplishing all of this, feels so magical and cosmically driven. Of course, I'm still human so I've had my moments of anxiety. This is a new level of experience I'm entering, so the unknown element is there but I trust my ability and my purpose. I'm learning to stay grounded in who I am and not let any fear creep in.

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Johanna Liauw is finding acting success despite the pandemic

What has it been like trying to grow an acting career in the middle of a pandemic?

It's all I've ever known since going down this path. I was only in L.A. for a couple months before the lockdown was implemented. It's been self-tapes since day one basically, haha. There was a bit of worry there, I wasn't sure if anything would come about because of the pandemic. And it's already a pretty competitive industry, so I had to put myself in the right mindset of doing this for me. Not for what I could gain from it. It fulfills me and that's a feeling I don't want to live without.

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Inspirational Women In Hollywood: How Actress Johanna Liauw Is Helping To Shake Up The Entertainment Industry

You have been blessed with great success in a career path that can be challenging. Do you have any words of advice for others who may want to embark on this career path, but seem daunted by the prospect of failure?

Whatever your heart is guiding you towards, listen to it and lean into it 100%. Do your best not to listen to that negative little voice in the back of your mind that tells you it's too big of a dream to achieve. If you're doing what you love and you go to sleep happy and fulfilled, you're succeeding!

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Johanna Liauw on 'Tall Girl 2' and her Flourishing Acting Career



What take-aways do you want the audience to have from watching this movie?

I hope they resonate with the message of believing in yourself despite what your own thoughts might be telling you. Lean on your friends and family when you need them. I absolutely love how Kimmy turned in her mean girl ways to sympathize with Jodi in this movie. It shows us that we can always turn around our behavior and show kindness to those around us. Because you never know what someone might be going through behind closed doors. Love and kindness go a long way on this journey of life.

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“TALL GIRL 2”S JOHANNA LIAUW ON NEW ROLE, ANIMAL ACTIVISM, AND FAVORITE NETFLIX SHOW

Q: What inspired you to become an animal activist?

J: “I’ve always loved animals, when I was younger I was obsessed with sharks. I still am. But in general, I want to help protect animals of all kinds. Wild or domesticated. There’s still a lot of work to be done to end animal cruelty. I would love to see animal testing become obsolete during my lifetime, as well as stricter regulations on breeding. I mean, ideally I’d like that to be illegal but I realize people use it as a way to make a profit, which I could delve deeper into but I’ll refrain for now. There are so many animals in shelters/rescues that have been abandoned and they are waiting to be loved. It breaks my heart. I wish I could duplicate myself and just adopt them all because then I know they’d get the life they deserve.”

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Interview with stunning “Tall Girl 2” actress Johanna Liauw

What advice would you give to your younger self and why?

I'd tell her that I understand that all she wants is to love and be equally loved in return. But instead of giving all that precious energy to certain individuals that took it for granted, save it, nurture it, and only share it fully with someone who you know was always meant to share it with you. And during that in-between time, focus on yourself. Follow those big, beautiful dreams, and don't listen to anyone trying to keep you down on their level. You came here to spread so much love and light. Go forth with zero hesitation because you so got this.

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Tall Girl's Johanna Liauw Tells us about Starting her Rising Star status with Netflix

Your first Netflix debut was in "Tall Girl 2" where you star amongst Sabrina Carpenter and Griffin Gluck. How do you feel about partnering with Gen Z favorite actors?

Everyone was a delight to be around, Sabrina and Griffin are both very talented individuals and sweethearts. Most of my scenes were with Luke and Griff, so I know them a bit more.

And I've got to say, they are hilarious. Griffin is great at comedic improv. He loves to play with his dialogue, he had everyone cracking up. He and Luke bounce well off each other, too. I can see why they are a favorite of the viewers!

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Rising Star & Mental Health Advocate, Johanna Liauw, Talks Role In Netflix's Tall Girl 2!

GB: You began your acting career in 2020 when you wrote and starred in an episode for the web series, *Quarantine Leap*. What prompted you to pursue a career in acting?

JL: When I was little, I always knew that I wanted to be an actress, I just didn't know how the heck I was going to get there! I started by doing some modeling, hoping that it would get my foot in the door because I'd seen that happen with other models. It turns out modeling just wasn't the 'thing' that made me the happiest. I felt a little bit lost for a while, but then I met people who really helped push me in the right direction, and here I am now. I got back on track, and it's been a whirlwind ever since!

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RIISING STAR, JOHANNA LIAUW CHATS ABOUT HER

ROLE IN TALL GIRL 2, HER LOVE FOR SHARKS,

AND BELIEVING IN YOURSELF. TAKE A LOOK...

Tell us a little about yourself...

"I'm a San Diego native, raised mostly in Atlanta and Florida growing up. I adore road trips, adrenaline inducing adventures, and yummy food."

What three words best describe you?

"Open minded, loving, and silly."

How did your love for acting start?

"I was kind of a funny and dramatic kid. I enjoyed expressing myself and I knew I wanted to do something creative once I became an adult. When I took my first acting class, I knew without a shadow of a doubt that it was my calling."

How did your role in Tall Girl 2 come about?

"A few weeks after my initial audition I got the call that I was pinned for the role. Later that day, we were at a stop light and across the way there was a car with a license plate that said 'Swedish'. It was a sign from the universe that if I continued putting in the work for this role, it'd be mine. I kept getting signs along the way before I officially booked it. It was a magical experience and I'll never forget it."

Are you anything like your character, Stella?

"She is vibrant, bubbly and a little bit sassy but in a funny way. I do relate with her on those levels."

We know you're an animal lover, so what is your favourite animal?

"Great white sharks. Beautiful, powerful masterpieces they are."

Do you have any pets?

"I have two cats! One girl Karma, and



Thumper who is a three-legged boy."

What do you like to do when you're not working?

"Sometimes I keep it low-key and relax at home playing video games, cooking or baking. But, I enjoy going to amusement parks as well and try to go as much as I can."

What advice do you have for our readers?

"Enjoy being young, don't rush to grow up. Spend time with your family and do fun things together. Never stop believing in yourself, you deserve all the great things life has to offer. Follow your heart and intuition!"

Can you tell us a random fact about yourself?

"I have never learned how to whistle; I don't know how people do it! I've watched tutorials time and time again and still... NOTHING!"

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Go away with ... Johanna Liauw



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Q: When you go away, what are some of your must-have items?

A: Polaroid or toss-away cameras are a must. I love the nostalgic feel the images give when they get developed. It's a fun way to capture memories instead of just using a phone. I always bring at least two books with me for some downtime relaxation moments.

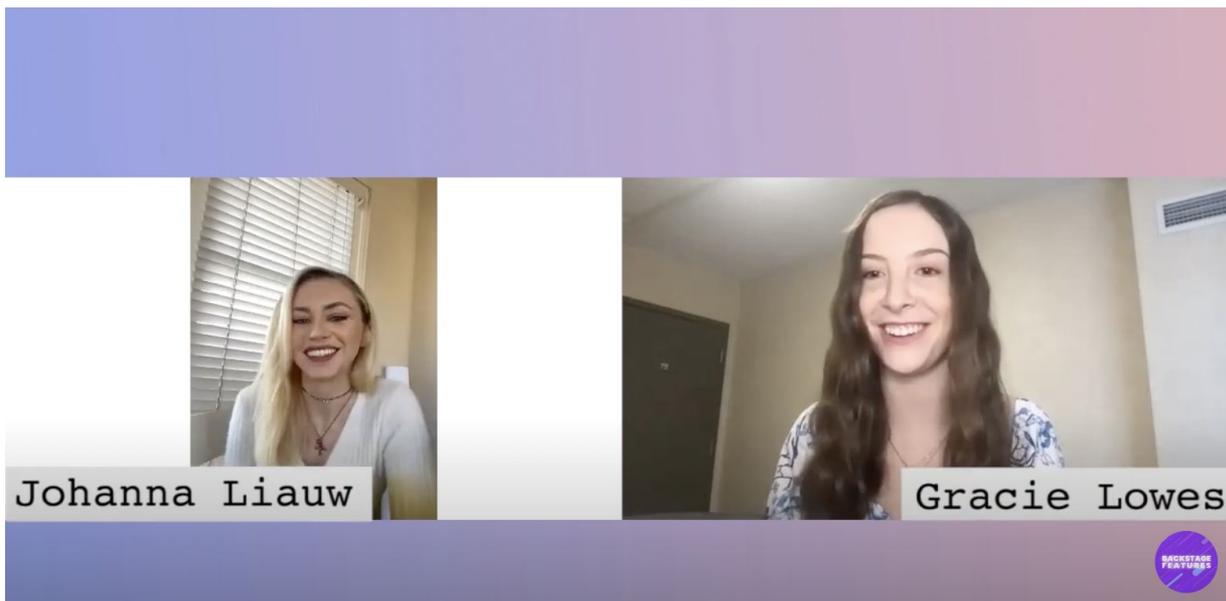
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