



SARAH ANN MASSE

queer + disabled

actor | writer | filmmaker | comedian | singer | silence breaker

sag-aftra + aea

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ACTING HIGHLIGHTS

Appearing as **EMILY STEEL** in **SHE SAID** - a role for which she was Academy Award eligible



COMING SOON

SUPPORTING ROLE in new Streaming Drama Series **BLUE RIDGE**

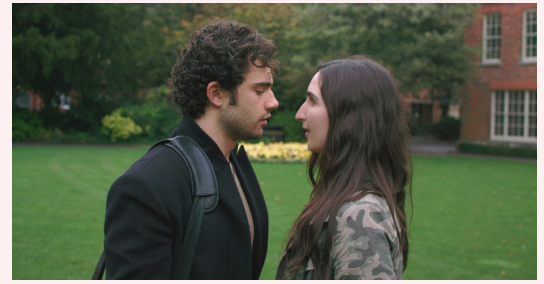
LEADING role in feature film **AN INCIDENTAL HEIST**

SUPPORTING role in Latinx Crime Caper **THRU THE RINSE**

SUPPORTING role in Indie Drama/Thriller **A MORE PERFECT UNION**

SUPPORTING role in **BROADWAY BOUND** musical **THE RIGHT GIRL** with music by **DIANE WARREN**

SUPPORTING ROLE in Latinx led musical comedy **LARGO**



AWARDS + ACHIEVEMENTS

WINNER - AFI AWARD for being part of the creative ensemble of **SHE SAID** - **2022 AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE MOVIE OF THE YEAR**

WINNER - AARP Movies For Grownups BEST ENSEMBLE for **SHE SAID**

WINNER - SHATTERING THE SILENCE AWARD for her organization **HIRE SURVIVORS HOLLYWOOD** from **PAVE**

WINNER - 1st annual GLOBAL IMPACT AWARD by Diversity MBA for her art, advocacy, work with **HIRE SURVIVORS HOLLYWOOD**, and improving safety & equity for historically marginalized folks

TRISTAN & KELLY co-starring **GAME OF THRONES'** **TOBY SEBASTIAN** + **SARAH ANN MASSE** - **Accepted into 25 International Film Festivals** with several placements

WINNER - Best Writing, Tristan & Kelly, 2019 Female Filmmakers Fuse Festival

WINNER - Best RomCom Short, Tristan & Kelly, 2019 Marina Del Rey Film Festival

15,000,000 VIEWS + COUNTING - WE ARE THOMASSE sketch comedy videos



PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

PRINT

[How Sarah Ann Masse Helped 'She Said' Become A Film Of Integrity - LOS ANGELES CONFIDENTIAL](#)

[What #MeToo Changed in Hollywood—and What It Didn't - ELLE](#)

[Carey Mulligan, 'She Said' Team on Casting Actual Survivors and Releasing Amid Weinstein's L.A. Trial: "We're All in a Better Place and He's in Jail" - THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER](#)

[How Harvey Weinstein's Real-Life Survivors Made 'She Said' Come to Life - VARIETY](#)

[Actress, Activist And More: Meet Sarah Ann Masse - BELLA MAGAZINE](#)

[More than a 'Weinstein survivor': Women continue to reclaim their voices five years after #MeToo - THE 19TH](#)

[After Weinstein Retaliation, Sarah Ann Masse Is Urging Hollywood to Work With Sexual Harassment Survivors - VARIETY](#)

[She spoke out against Harvey Weinstein and was blacklisted. Now, she's making Hollywood safer for survivors - THE INDEPENDENT](#)

[Sarah Ann Masse Guest Blog - A Harvey Weinstein Accuser Speaks Out: Why Aren't Silence Breakers Getting Hired? - THE WRAP GUEST BLOG](#)

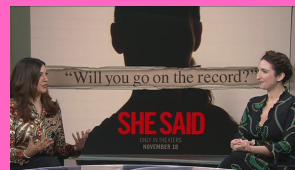
[The Best Sustainable Looks This Awards Season - THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER](#)

[Sarah Ann Masse Called Out Harvey Weinstein And Then Faced Career Retaliation. Now She's Fighting For Change - FORBES](#)



TV

['She Said' explores pursuit of justice and rise of #Metoo movement - Sarah Ann Masse on GOOD DAY LA](#)



[Weinstein survivor, actor talks role in 'She Said' - Sarah Ann Masse on WGN Weekend Morning News](#)



VIDEO

[Sarah Ann Masse On How She Auditioned For 'She Said', Love For Issa Rae & More | Women in Entertainment 2022 - THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER](#)



[Sarah Ann Masse - 'She Said' - RED CARPET REVELATIONS](#)

[Sarah Ann Masse on working on a movie like "She Said" | AFI Fest 2022 red carpet - MAXIMOTV](#)



[They stopped at nothing to uncover the truth - UNIVERSAL PICTURES](#)

['She Said' Film Explores How The Weinstein Story Broke, Its Aftermath - NEWSY](#)

[Sarah Ann Masse presents Rebecca Lenkiewicz with Paul Selvin Honor at WGA Awards](#)

ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

SILENCE BREAKER + FOUNDER - HIRE SURVIVORS HOLLYWOOD

Founded by actor, writer, filmmaker, and Weinstein Survivor Sarah Ann Masse, **Hire Survivors Hollywood** is an organization that is working to end career retaliation against survivors of sexual violence in the entertainment industry by encouraging those in positions of power to pledge to hire Survivors and Silence Breakers.

We are creating a pipeline of opportunities for survivors - both above and below the line - and are proud to have secured auditions, interviews, and jobs for many survivors.

[Hire Survivors Hollywood Entertainment Industry Toolkit](#) is published on our website + as a part of the [ReFrame ReSource](#)

Partnered with Women in Film, ReFrame, HUSSLUP, and The Hollywood Commission

[Consulted on The Hollywood Commission's 2022 Entertainment Industry Survey.](#)

32 survivors, Industry leaders, and Advocates have [joined The Hire Survivors Hollywood Advisory Board](#)

RECENT PRESS

[Advocacy Organization Hire Survivors Hollywood Expands With Fiscal Sponsorship for Donations - VARIETY](#)

['She Said' Actor Launched Campaign During Award Season to Support Survivors of Sexual Violence in Hollywood - VARIETY](#)

[Post-#MeToo, Progress for Women in Hollywood Has Stalled. Will It Get Back on Track? - VARIETY](#)

[Media Talent Networking App Husslup Partners With Hire Survivors Hollywood to Create Opportunities for Sexual Violence Survivors - VARIETY](#)



QUEER + DISABLED REPRESENTATION

NARRATOR of DISABILITY VISIBILITY (ADAPTED FOR YOUNG ADULTS) by ALICE WONG

FORBES PROFILE - 'Never Punching Down': Comedian/Director/Actor Sarah Ann Masse On Invisible Disabilities In Entertainment

CAYETY PROFILE - 'Sarah Ann Masse on the Power of Storytelling'

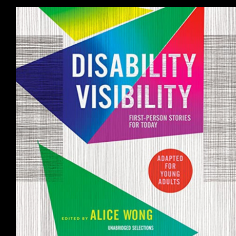
PLUS LIFE MEDIA PROFILE - 'Truth Be Told Ep.17: Actor Sarah Ann Masse on coming out as bi and changing Hollywood forever'

SARAH'S COMING OUT ESSAY - Published by GLAAD and THE ADVOCATE

MEMBER - SAG-AFTRA NATIONAL PERFORMERS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

PORTRAYING a character with INVISIBLE DISABILITIES in A MORE PERFECT UNION

PORTRAYING a BISEXUAL character in THRU THE RINSE



SAG-AFTRA + LEGISLATION

ELECTED DELEGATE to the 2023 National SAG-AFTRA Convention

MEMBER - National Sexual Harassment Prevention Committee, Los Angeles Sexual Harassment Prevention Committee, National Performers with Disabilities Committee, Los Angeles Performers with Disabilities Committee, Los Angeles Communications Committee, Los Angeles GAPP Committee, Los Angeles Strike Preparedness Committee

CHAIR - National Sexual Harassment Prevention Intimacy Coordinator Subcommittee, LA GAPP Member Activation Subcommittee

Helped PASS AB 9 in California and Helped PASS the Adult Survivors Act in New York



WRITING HIGHLIGHTS

SALES + PRODUCED WORK

HIRED to co-write R CULTURE, a #MeToo drama/thriller. Alexa Polar directing. Lisa Ray attached. Currently in pre-production.

HIRED to write, produce, + star in the only scripted segment of JASON MRAZ's HAVE IT ALL: THE MOVIE which is streaming on AMAZON

HIRED to write, produce, + star in several promotional videos for JASON MRAZ's 40th BIRTHDAY CONCERT at THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL which are available to watch on YouTube + Facebook

HIRED to write, produce, + star in Making California a Better Place for Women with Sarah Ann Masse and Equal Rights Advocates in support of Assembly Bill 9 which passed and became law in California

STORY CONTRIBUTOR for BROADWAY BOUND musical THE RIGHT GIRL with music by DIANE WARREN

WON several awards for short film TRISTAN & KELLY including BEST WRITING and BEST ROMCOM SHORT

PUBLISHED in The Advocate, GLAAD, The Independent, and The WRAP

Over 100 comedy sketches written, performed, produced, + directed for British-American comedy duo WE ARE THOMASSE which have garnered over 15,000,000 views. Their live show ran at SECOND CITY HOLLYWOOD for 3 years with NATIONAL + INTERNATIONAL TOURS



SHOPPING AGREEMENTS

SHOPPING AGREEMENT with THE CARTEL and NIHT FOX ENTERTAINMENT for female-led Roadtrip Comedy Feature MOTHER TRUCKER. COREY TRENT ACKERMAN, TIM CHRISTIAN, and TINA MRAZ attached as **PRODUCERS**

SHOPPING AGREEMENT with NIGHT FOX ENTERTAINMENT for several TV and FILM properties including THE CHRONICLES OF KERRIGAN, a YA FANTASY EPISODIC based on the 3 MILLION SELLING BOOK SERIES of the same name. Books written by W.J. MAY with all materials for the screen written by SARAH ANN MASSE



DEVELOPMENT + ENDORSEMENTS

20+ scripted Film & TV projects currently in development, actively **PITCHING** and **TAKING GENERALS**

ENDORSED + RECOMMENDED by **COVERFLY**

ENDORSED by **ROADMAP WRITERS**

Coverfly

SARAH ANN MASSE

An invisibly disabled multi-hyphenate, and one of the first women to come forward about Weinstein abuse, Sarah writes patriarchy smashing scripts with a whole lot of heart. As a comedy writer/performer who worked with A-listers and as a public advocate for fellow survivors of sexual abuse, Sarah has seen all the facets of the industry. With a diverse portfolio of romcoms, half-hours, dramedy projects and holiday movies showing a writer who's comfortable navigating between format and genre, Sarah is ready for representation.

ENDORSED WRITER

BIO

WHO'S THAT GIRL?

Sarah Ann Masse is a hilarious and heartfelt woman on a mission; as a queer, disabled, survivor of sexual violence, she is not only continuing the trend of breaking stereotypes with her positive, smart sense of humor, but she does so while **drawing attention to the unhealthy social norms and boxes that our society places historically marginalized folks in.**

Sarah is currently playing Pulitzer Prize winning NY Times Journalist **Emily Steel** in Universal Pictures' "**She Said**", a role for which she was **Academy Award** eligible. "She Said" stars Carey Mulligan and Zoe Kazan and is directed by EMMY Winner Maria Schrader. Sarah has recently been honored with an **AFI Award** for being part of the creative ensemble of "She Said", winning "**Movie of the Year**" for their "contribution to America's cultural legacy", and an **AARP Movies For Grownups Award** for "**Best Ensemble**" for "**She Said**". Other projects include a supporting role in the new series '**Blue Ridge**', a #MeToo drama she co-wrote called '**R Culture**' (starring **Lisa Ray** from Amazon Prime's 'Four More Shots Please'), 'Tristan & Kelly' which is based off **her award winning short of the same name** that co-stars 'Game of Thrones' Toby Sebastian, '**A More Perfect Union**' in which she gets to portray a character who shares some of her actual chronic illnesses, '**Thru The Rinse**' a Latinx crime caper, a lead role in feature film '**An Incidental Heist**', a supporting role in comedy feature '**Largo**'.

Having trained at The Atlantic Theater Company and UCB, graced the stage at places like The Williamstown Theater Festival, American Shakespeare Theater, and Second City Hollywood, and with over 100 screen performances and **dozens of audiobooks** under her belt, Sarah is a seasoned and versatile stage and screen actress. She was recently cast in a Broadway-bound musical called '**The Right Girl**' (songs by Diane Warren with a book by Louissette Geiss and Howard Kagan) which was successfully filmed over Zoom during the lockdown and will be heading to Broadway.

Previously, Sarah worked with her **frequent collaborator, Jason Mraz**, to co-write, star in, and produce the only scripted segment of his documentary, '**Have It All: The Movie**' which is now streaming on Amazon Prime, as well as **several promotional videos** which helped Mraz sell out 'The Hollywood Bowl'. Her British-American love triangle rom-com web series '**S'N'M**' (which stars 'Downton Abbey's Matt Barber) has released their first few episodes with more coming soon, and her British-American married sketch duo, '**We Are Thomasse**' (frequently featured on Funny or Die) has released an '**Advent Comedy Calendar**' which required Sarah and her husband **Nick Afka Thomas** to write, perform, and produce 25 sketches in 25 days, adding to their existing catalog of **over 100 sketches, 15 million views**, and their indie pilot, '**The Real Founding Fathers of America**' which hilariously reveals the Founders for the petty, privileged, problematic, men that they actually were. On top of all their online success, We Are Thomasse toured all over the world with their live sketch show and had a monthly slot at The Second City Hollywood until COVID put a pause to their live performances.

In addition to all of her acting successes, Sarah has recently completed two new pilot scripts and several features. Sarah has a shopping agreement for one of her features with The Cartel and was recently endorsed and recommended by Coverfly. Additionally, Masse has a shopping agreement for several of her TV projects with Nightfox Entertainment, including the amazing female led YA fantasy book series, "The Chronicles of Kerrigan". The books, which have sold over 3 million copies, are written by W.J. May and the TV series has been written and developed by Sarah Ann Masse. "The Chronicles of Kerrigan" is currently being pitched to networks, streamers, and studios as Sarah and her team finalize the right partnership to bring this fun, fantastical, feminist project to the screen.