SARAH ANN MASSE

queer + disabled

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

sag-aftra + aea

PRESS KIT 2023

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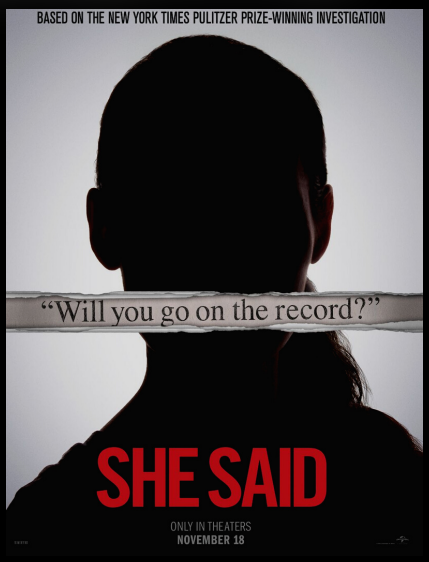
ACTING HIGHLIGHTS

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



COMING SOON

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

ROLE in new Streaming Drama Series

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

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

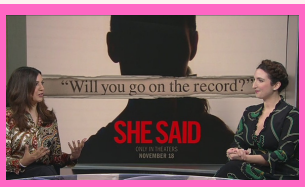
Sarah Ann Masse Guest Blog - A Harvey Weinstein Accuser Speaks Out: Why Aren't Silence Breakers Getting Hired? - THE WRAP GUEST BLOG

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 initiative 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

'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

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

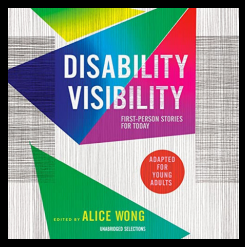
PLUS LIFE MEDIA PROFILE - 'Truth Be Told Ep.17: Actor Sarah Ann Masse on coming out as bi and changing Hollywood forever

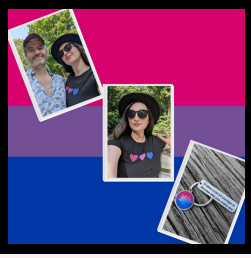
SARAH'S COMING OUT ESSAY - Published by GLAAD and THE ADVOCATE

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 NextGen Committee, Los Angeles GAPP Committee

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

Helped PASS AB 9 in California

Helped PASS the Adult Survivors Act in New York

WRITING HIGHLIGHTS

SALES + PRODUCED WORK

MOVIES

Weinstein Accuser Sarah Ann Masse Co-Writing #MeToo Drama 'R Culture' (Exclusive)

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Sarah Ann Masse

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

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 for female-led Roadtrip Comedy Feature MOTHER TRUCKER. COREY TRENT ACKERMAN and TINA MRAZ attached as PRODUCERS

SHOPPING AGREEMENT with NIGHTFOX ENTERTAINMENT for several TV 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 #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'**, and a pilot presentation for the series **'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 Louisette 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.