



Glenne Headly

Biography

***Ann Marie Purdy* in “RAISING FLAGG”**

Glenne Headly has that rare quality of being able to light up a screen and move effortlessly between comedy and drama like the great Katherine Hepburn.

As the *Orlando Sentinel* once noted, “she’s been hailed in just about everything she’s ever done on stage, be it serious drama or light comedy.”

It’s hard to imagine anyone surpassing the perfection of Headly’s side-splitting performance in “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels,” in which she played the cunning “victim” who gets the best of con artists Michael Caine and Steve Martin or her exquisite portrayals of Warren Beatty’s girlfriend in the blockbuster comic strip parody, “Dick Tracy,” and as a pregnant wife in search of her husband in “The Lonesome Dove” – resulting in the first of two Emmy nominations.

Headly now stars in “Raising Flagg” as a popular radio talk show hostess who dispenses common-sense, down-home advice.

Before making her film debut in 1981, the award-winning actress began her acting career in theater. After graduating with honors from New York’s High School of Performing Arts, she completed college in Europe on an academic scholarship, then returned home in 1976 to break into the profession while waiting tables in Chicago.

She found her opportunity as a member of Chicago’s prestigious Steppenwolf Theatre Company, working with the likes of Gary Sinise, Laurie Metcalf, and John Malkovich – for which Headly received four Jefferson Awards. And in 1984, she won the Theatre World Award as outstanding newcomer for her performance in the off-Broadway production of Lanford Wilson’s “The Philanthropist.”

During the 1980s, Headly appeared in numerous plays, including on Broadway in George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man" with Raul Julia and Kevin Kline, directed by John Malkovich, her husband at the time.

At the same time, she delivered memorable performances on screen in such films as "Mr. Holland's Opus" as Richard Dreyfuss' long-suffering wife and "Mortal Thoughts" and "Breakfast of Champions" opposite Bruce Willis.

After a ten year hiatus from the theater, Headly returned to the stage in "Aunt Dan & Lemon" with Miranda Richardson at London's Almeida Theatre, and has appeared in "Detachments" and "The Guys" in Los Angeles. She also starred in the world premiere of Garry Hynes' one woman show, "My Brilliant Divorce," in Ireland.

Her television work includes the live CBS presentation of "On Golden Pond" with Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer and an Emmy nomination for "Bastard Out of Carolina."