



Lauren Holly

Biography

Rachel Purdy in “RAISING FLAGG”

In “Raising Flagg,” Lauren Holly stars as Rachel, the Purdy’s ambitious second daughter whose envy of her famous sister’s success

and quest for her father’s approval has sent her into overdrive as a “spiritual” real estate agent.

The daughter of two college professors, Holly grew up in the upstate New York town of Geneva, her childhood split between the simple rural life and the erudite sophistication of her parents' academic careers. She spent time traveling in Europe and lived for a year in London, where she studied languages and flute at the famed Sarah Siddons School. A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College in New York, she credits her love of acting to her great-grandmother, who bred a family tradition of "treading the boards" on the musical theatre stages of Liverpool and London.

Since making her acting debut in the 1985 ABC television movie, “Love Lives On,” Holly’s first significant role was in Paul Michael Glaser’s film, “Band of the Hand,” a year later. Her breakthrough into stardom, though, did not come until the 1994 box-office smash, "Dumb and Dumber,” when she was paired with Jim Carrey as the beauty that sends his goofy character on a cross-country chase to pledge his love.

Other major roles have included the 1995 remake of “Sabrina,” starring Harrison Ford, in which she played playboy Greg Kinnear’s fiancé; the 1998 independent film, “No Looking Back,” directed by and co-starring Edward Burns, in which she was the high school sweetheart

dumped at the altar, then swept off her feet when Burns returns years later; Oliver Stone's "Any Given Sunday"; and Nancy Meyer's 2000 box office hit, "What Women Want."

On television, Holly left her mark on two critically-acclaimed David E. Kelley series: as the sensitive but steely Deputy Maxine 'Max' Stewart in "Picket Fences," and plastic surgeon Jeremy Hanlon on "Chicago Hope" (with Alan Arkin). Her other major small screen roles include the frothy romantic comedy, "Just Desserts," in which she plays a celebrity chef paired with an amateur pastry cook from the Bronx in cutthroat cooking competition; and the NBC mini-series, "Jackie, Ethel, Joan: Women of Camelot," as Ethel Kennedy.