

Donna McKenna, CSA Casting Director/ Producer

Donna is a well-respected, award winning, international casting director, producer, and educator. She has cast and produced numerous independent features, short films, television shows, audio shows, pilots and web series with over 20 years of experience behind her. Donna's films have screened at prestigious festivals such as The Tribeca Film Festival, Festival de Cannes Berlin International Film Festival, Milan Film Festival and numerous Oscar Qualifying Short Film Festivals.

She was nominated for a 2017 Voice Arts Award for Outstanding Casting for the audio show *Powder Burns*. Donna, along with the cast, was nominated for and won the Best Performance Audio Show Award. In 2015, she was awarded the Casting Award of Merit at the IndieFest Film Festival for casting the film *Leaves of the Tree*, this film can currently be seen in select theaters and on DigiNext Films.

Some of her casting & producing credits include: *Excuse Me for Living, '79 Parts, The Networker, West End, Honor, Oiled Up, Coach of the Year, Night Sweats, Heather, Nicky & Nicky, When the Music Dies, The Fifth Borough, Wholly Broken, Clinton Road and A Cry from Within*, thru from various distribution companies some of these films can be seen on Amazon Prime and iTunes.

When it comes to casting Donna has the ability and expertise to think outside of the box. She has cast a myriad of award winning actors as well as discovering new and rising stars at the very early stages of their careers. From film, television and stage her ensemble casts have consists of (in no particular order): Eric Roberts, Sean Young, Luis Guzman, Keith David, Ernie Hudson Alysia Reiner, William Forysthe, Stephen Baldwin, John Wesley Shipp, Chuck Zito, Vincent Pastore, Adam Ferrera, Cathy Moriarty, Armand Assante, Robert Vaughn, Brenda Vaccaro, Dan Heyda, Jerry Stiller, Danny Trejo, Margaret Avery, Ed Asner, Ace Young, Federico Castelluico, Richard Greico, Tom Pelphrey, Ed Hermann, Vincent D'Onofrio, Christopher Lloyd, Victor Williams, Tony Lobianco, Arie Veeren, Wayne Knight, Sandra Bernhardt, Robert Clohessy, James McCaffrey, Terri Peck, Lou Martini Jr, Martha Wash, Melissa Archer, Alicia Minshew, Orson Bean, Ice -T, Catherine Mary Stewart, David Gregory, William Ragsdale, Deborah Twiss, Ronnie Marmo, Vivica A. Fox, Adrian Paul, Thomas Ian Nichols, Whitney Able, Alexandra Breckenridge and Neal Bledsoe.

As a seasoned award winning producer, Donna is the ultimate team player. She has built a reputation for her successful negotiating skills and is respected for her critical and creative thinking and problem solving. Donna loves actors and tours the globe teaching film and acting workshops to all ages at many renowned schools including the SAG- AFTRA NYCAP program. She is a guest panelist on many industry and film festival panels where she speaks to actors and filmmakers about the business and guides them in finding the best way they can prepare and market themselves and their projects. Donna also volunteers her time as a jury judge at many film festivals.

Donna is a proud member of the Casting Society of America and New York Women in Film & Television. She is an appointed Member of the Board of the Suffolk County Film Commission and she volunteers her time as a jury judge at many renowned film festivals.

She believes part of her mission is to encourage and inspire all to follow their dreams and never give up no matter how hard it gets.

For a complete list of credits visit: <http://pro.imdb.com/name/nm0571353/>