



Elsa Pataky

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Elsa Lafuente Medianu (born 18 July 1976),^[1] known professionally as **Elsa Pataky**, is a Spanish model, actress, and film producer. Pataky is known for her role as Elena Neves in *The Fast and the Furious* franchise. She has appeared in the films *Snakes on a Plane* (2006), *Giallo* (2009) and *Give 'Em Hell, Malone* (2009). She also starred in the Spanish film *Di Di Hollywood* in 2010.

Early life

Pataky was born Elsa Lafuente Medianu in Madrid, Spain,^[1] the daughter of José Francisco Lafuente, a Spanish biochemist, and Cristina Medianu Pataky, a publicist of Romanian and Hungarian ancestry.^{[2][3]} She has a younger half-brother: Cristian Prieto Medianu, a cinematographic director. She uses the name 'Elsa Pataky' from her maternal grandmother: Rosa Pataky.

Pataky attended the Universidad CEU San Pablo,^[4] studying journalism and taking acting classes. In addition to Spanish and Romanian, she is fluent in English, Italian, Portuguese, and French.^[5]

Career

Pataky was a member of the Madrid theatre company *Teatro Cámara de Ángel Gutiérrez*. Eventually, she left school when she was cast in the television series *Al salir de clase*.^[2] Some of her subsequent films were co-productions with the UK and France, which introduced her to working in English and French. She was in the cast of the television series *Queen of Swords* (2000) as Señora Vera Hidalgo, trophy wife of Gaspar Hidalgo

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Pataky at the 2008 Cannes Film Festival

Born	Elsa Lafuente Medianu <div>18 July 1976</div> <div>Madrid, Spain</div>
Nationality	Spanish
Occupation(s)	Model, actress, film producer
Height	1.61 m (5 ft 3 in)
Spouse	 Chris Hemsworth (m. 2010)
Children	3
Website	elsapataky.com (http://elsapataky.com/)



Pataky at a presentation for Time Force watches in December 2007

and mistress of Captain Grisham, credited in the opening titles but appearing in only 14 of the 22 episodes. She also had a recurring role in the television series *Los Serrano*, playing teacher Raquel, who fell in love with her student Marcos (Fran Perea).

Pataky has appeared in over 10 Spanish films and co-starred in the French film *Iznogoud* (2004). She was also on the cover of August 2006 issue of *Maxim*. She was cast in 2009 in the Mexican series *Mujeres Asesinas* as Paula Moncada in the episode "Ana y Paula, Ultrajadas". She also starred in the action noir film *Give 'Em Hell, Malone* and Dario Argento's *Giallo*.

Pataky became the female face for the first collection of Time Force's jewelry line Ultimate Jewel, opposite football star Cristiano Ronaldo.^[6] She played Officer Elena Neves in the movie *Fast Five*, with Dwayne Johnson as her partner, Luke Hobbs. MTV Networks' NextMovie.com named her one of the Breakout Stars to Watch for in 2011.^[7] Pataky was a stand in for Natalie Portman in the post end credit scene in *Thor: The Dark World*.^[8]

She reprised her role as Elena Neves in *Fast & Furious 6* (2013), *Furious 7* (2015), and *The Fate of the Furious* (2017), the respective sixth, seventh, and eighth installments of *The Fast and the Furious* film series.^[9]

Personal life

She started dating American actor Adrien Brody in 2006.^[10] For Pataky's 31st birthday in July 2007, Brody purchased her a 19th-century estate in New York. Pataky and Brody were featured at their New York home in a 35-page spread for *HELLO!* magazine in October 2008.^[11] The pair broke up in 2009.^[12]

She then started dating Australian actor Chris Hemsworth in early 2010, after meeting through their mutual representatives. Pataky and Hemsworth married over the Christmas holidays in 2010.^[13] They have 3 children, a daughter, India, and twin sons, Sasha and Tristan.^{[14][15][16]}

In September 2012, Pataky won €310,000 in Spain's Supreme Court against publishing group Ediciones Zeta. In March 2007, *Interviú* magazine, owned by the Zeta, published topless photos of Pataky that had been taken with a long lens while Pataky was changing clothes during a photoshoot for *Elle* magazine. The Zeta group said it would appeal the decision.^[17]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1997	<i>Solo en la buhardilla</i>	Chica revista	<u>Short film</u>
2000	<i>The Art of Dying</i>	Candela	^[18]
	<i>Tatawo</i>	Blanqui	^[18]
	<i>Less Is More</i>	Diana	^[18]
2001	<i>Don't Tempt Me</i>	Waitress in Hell	
	<i>Twelfth Night</i>	Marta Cuspineda	^[18]
2002	<i>Peor imposible ¿qué puede fallar?</i>	Fátima	^[18]
2003	<i>Beyond Re-Animator</i>	Laura Olney	
	<i>El furgón</i>	Nina	^[18]
	<i>Atraco a las 3... y media</i>	Katya	^[18]
2004	<i>Romasanta: The Werewolf Hunt</i>	Barbara	
	<i>Tiovivo c. 1950</i>	Balbina	
2005	<i>Iznogoud</i>	Prehti-Ouhman	
	<i>Arquitectura efímera deconstruida</i>	Vídeo 'Retorciendo palabras'	Direct-to-video
	<i>Ninette</i>	Alajandra 'Ninette'	
2006	<i>Snakes on a Plane</i>	Maria	
2007	<i>Manual of Love 2</i>	Cecilia	
2008	<i>Máncora</i>	Ximena Saavedra	^[18]
	<i>Skate or Die</i>	Dany	
	<i>Santos</i>	Laura Luna	^[18]
2009	<i>Giallo</i>	Celine	
	<i>Give 'Em Hell, Malone</i>	Evelyn	
2010	<i>Mr. Nice</i>	Ilza Kadegis	
	<i>Di Di Hollywood</i>	Di Di	
2011	<i>La importancia de llamarse Ernesto</i>		Short film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
	<i>Fast Five</i>	Elena Neves	
	<i>Where the Road Meets the Sun</i>	Michelle	[19]
	<i>Snowflake, the White Gorilla</i>	Bruja del Norte	aka <i>Copito de nieve</i> ^[18]
2013	<i>All Things to All Men</i>	Sophia Peters	
	<i>Fast & Furious 6</i>	Elena Neves	
	<i>The Wine of Summer</i>	Veronica	Also producer
	<i>Thor: The Dark World</i>	Jane Foster	Uncredited cameo: <u>Stand-in</u> for <u>Natalie Portman</u>
2015	<i>Furious 7</i>	Elena Neves	
2017	<i>The Fate of the Furious</i>	Elena Neves	[20]
2017	Thor Ragnarok	Sakaaran Nurse	Uncredited cameo
2018	<i>12 Strong</i>	Jean Nelson	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1997	<i>Al salir de clase</i>	Raquel Alonso	192 episodes
1998	<i>Tío Willy</i>		1 episode
	<i>La vida en el aire</i>		13 episodes
2000	<i>Hospital Central</i>	Maribel	2 episodes
	<i>Queen of Swords</i>	Vera Hidalgo	14 episodes
2002	<i>Clara</i>		TV movie
	<i>Paraíso</i>	Luisa	Episode: "El cebo"
2003	<i>7 vidas</i>	Cristina	Episode: "La jaula de las locas"
	<i>Los Serrano</i>	Raquel Albaladejo	11 episodes
2005	<i>Films to Keep You Awake: The Christmas Tale</i>	Ekran	TV movie ^[21]
2009	<i>Mujeres asesinas</i>	Paula Moncada	Episode: "Ana y Paula, ultrajadas"

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