



Sarah Wayne Callies

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Sarah Wayne Callies (born June 1, 1977) is an American actress. She is best known for her portrayals of Sara Tancredi in Fox's *Prison Break*, Lori Grimes in AMC's *The Walking Dead* and Katie Bowman in USA Network's *Colony*.

Early life

Callies was born in La Grange, Illinois, the daughter of Valerie Wayne and David E. Callies, respectively English and Law professors at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.^{[1][2]} At age one, Callies moved to Honolulu, Hawaii with her family. Throughout her youth, she expressed an interest in acting through participating in various school plays at the independent Punahou School. After graduating from high school, she entered Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. In conjunction with her studies, Callies remained involved in theatre. She continued her education at the National Theatre Conservatory, where she obtained her Master of Fine Arts degree in 2002.^[2]

Career

Callies moved to New York in 2003 and then quickly landed her first television role as Kate O'Malley, a recurring part on the short-lived CBS show *Queens Supreme*.^[3] Her first starring role was as Detective Jane Porter on The WB's *Tarzan*.

Prison Break

After making various guest appearances on *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, *Dragnet* (2003), and *NUMB3RS*, Callies gained a starring role on Fox's *Prison Break* as Sara Tancredi. She played the role in the first two seasons, but her character was killed off for the third season before being brought back for the fourth season. According to *Prison Break*'s executive producer Matt Olmstead, although the writers, the network, Callies herself, and he all wanted her to stay on the show, the character was written out related to contract disputes.^[4] She stated through a spokesperson to *TV Guide* in fall 2007:

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Callies at the 2016 San Diego Comic-Con

Born	<div>Sarah Wayne Callies</div> <div>June 1, 1977</div> <div>La Grange, Illinois, U.S.</div>
Alma mater	<div><u>Dartmouth College</u></div> <div><u>National Theatre Conservatory</u></div>
Occupation	Actress
Years active	2003–present
Spouse	<div>Josh Winterhalt ​(m. 2002)</div>
Children	2

"As hard as we all tried, the *Prison Break* powers that be and I was unable to find a way to meet both the needs of the story and the needs of my family. We parted wishing each other well. I had a wonderful time working with the creative team and have a world of respect for all of them; they took great care of Sara. I'm also enormously grateful to the fans. They've been so gracious and supportive, and I hope they continue to enjoy the show."^[4]

However, in March 2008, Olmstead stated that the character of Sara is still alive and would return in season four. Though the character Sara Tancredi appeared to have a violent death, Olmstead stated "...we realized that there was actually a way she could still be alive."^[5] Executive Producer Matt Olmstead admitted the fans' overwhelming response to her death had influenced the decision to bring the character, and Callies, back to the show.^[6]

The Walking Dead

In 2010, Callies was cast in the major role of Lori Grimes on the AMC horror/drama series *The Walking Dead*, based on the comic-book series of the same name. The drama became the highest-rated show in that cable channel's history.^{[7][8]} Callies played the role from the show's start until season three.^[9] Grimes, her family, and friends are forced to fight relentless evil in the form of both flesh-eating zombies and the few surviving humans. Callies convinced the show's writers to kill her character because that is what had occurred in the comic-book version.^[10]

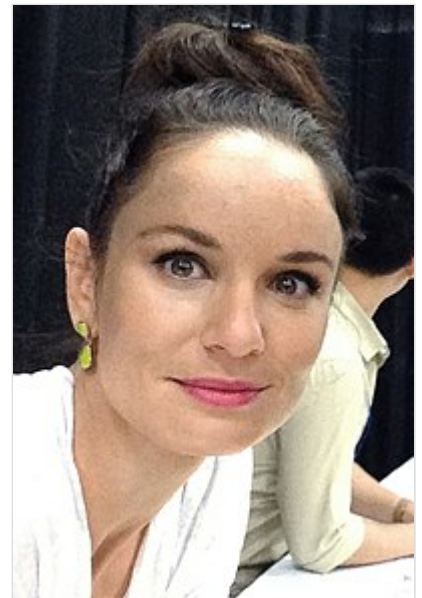
Other projects

Callies has also starred in two feature films - Universal Pictures' *Whisper*^[11] and an independent film, *The Celestine Prophecy*.^[12] In April 2010, she appeared on the Fox Television drama *House* as a patient of the week, whose open marriage fascinates House and the team.^[13] In August 2010, Callies' first screenplay, an adaptation of Campbell Geeslin's children's book *Elena's Serenade*, was optioned by French production company Fulldawa Films (https://www.imdb.com/company/co0221544/?ref_=fn_al_co_1).^[14] Callies starred in the Nigerian movie *Black Gold* (2011) and one of the female lead roles in the Canadian thriller *Faces in the Crowd* (2011).^[15] In 2015, she co-starred with Nicolas Cage in Uli Edel's thriller film *Pay the Ghost*.^[16] In 2016, she returned to television in the lead role of Katie Bowman in *Colony*.^[17]

Personal life



Callies at Comic-Con in 2012



Callies at the Edmonton Expo 2013

On July 21, 2002, Callies married Josh Winterhalt, whom she met at Dartmouth.^[18] On January 23, 2007, her publicist announced that the couple were expecting their first child. Their daughter Keala was born on July 20, 2007.^[19] Their second child, an adopted son, Oakes Wayne, was born in August 2013.^[20]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2006	<i>The Celestine Prophecy</i>	Marjorie	
2007	<i>Whisper</i>	Roxanne	
2008	<i>Bittersweet</i>	Robyn	
2010	<i>Lullaby for Pi</i>	Josephine	
2011	<i>Black Gold</i>	Kate Summers	
	<i>Faces in the Crowd</i>	Francine	
	<i>Foreverland</i>	Fran	
2012	<i>Black November</i>	Kate Summers	
2014	<i>Into the Storm</i>	Allison Stone	
2015	<i>Pay the Ghost</i>	Kristen	
2016	<i>The Other Side of the Door</i>	Maria	
2017	<i>This Is Your Death</i>	Karina	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2003	<i>Law & Order: Special Victims Unit</i>	Jenny Rochester	Episode: "Privilege"
	<i>Dragnet</i>	Kathryn 'Kate' Randall	Episode: "The Brass Ring"
	<i>Queens Supreme</i>	Kate O'Malley	Episode: "Flawed Heroes"
	<i>Tarzan</i>	Detective/Officer Jane Porter	8 episodes
2004	<i>The Secret Service</i>	Laura Kelly	Pilot
2005	<i>Numb3rs</i>	Agent Kim Hall	Episode: "Counterfeit Reality"
2005–2009 2017	<i>Prison Break</i>	Sara Tancredi	74 episodes
2007	<i>Queens Supreme</i>	Kate O'Malley	4 episodes
2009	<i>Prison Break: The Final Break</i>	Sara Tancredi	Television film
2010	<i>House</i>	Julia	Episode: "Open and Shut"
	<i>Tangled</i>	Chloe / Sally	Pilot
2010–2013	<i>The Walking Dead</i>	Lori Grimes	27 episodes

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2016–present	<i>Colony</i>	Katie Bowman	23 episodes
2017	<i>The Long Road Home</i>	Leann Volesky	6 episodes

Awards and nominations

Year	Award	Category	Work	Result
2011	<u>Saturn Award</u>	<u>Best Actress on Television</u>	<i>The Walking Dead</i>	Nominated
2012	<u>Scream Award</u>	Best Horror Actress	<i>The Walking Dead</i>	Nominated
	<u>Satellite Award</u>	<u>Best Cast - Television Series</u>	<i>The Walking Dead</i>	Won
2017	<u>Leo Award</u>	Best Supporting Performance by a Female in a Motion Picture	<i>This Is Your Death</i>	Nominated

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