



Lesley-Ann Brandt

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Lesley-Ann Brandt (born 2 December 1981) is a South African-born actress (of Cape Coloured descent) who is based in Auckland, New Zealand, and Los Angeles, United States. Brandt has acted in a number of New Zealand television series and first came to international notice with her role as a slave girl Naevia in the series *Spartacus: Blood and Sand*. Since January 2016, she plays the role of Maze (Mazikeen) on the FOX television series *Lucifer*.

Early life

Born in Cape Town, South Africa, Brandt is of East Indian, German, Dutch and Spanish descent.^[1] She is a fluent Afrikaans speaker^[2] and lists yoga, hockey and baseball amongst her interests.^[3] In South Africa, she played competitive field hockey.^[4]

In 1999, Brandt immigrated to Auckland, New Zealand, with her parents and her younger brother. Brandt started work in retail sales in Auckland^[5] before securing work as an information technology recruitment consultant. She also worked as a promo-girl for Red Bull.^{[4][6]} Following some modelling work, she was cast in a number of New Zealand television advertisements.^[7] She studied acting and was trained in the Meisner technique in 2008.^[3]

Career

Brandt's first significant acting role was in the New Zealand television series *Diplomatic Immunity*. As well as her lead role in *Diplomatic Immunity*, Brandt has appeared in guest roles on the New Zealand hospital based soap opera series *Shortland Street* and *This Is Not My Life*, a science fiction series set in the 2020s in the fictional town of Waimoana.^[8]

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Born	2 December 1981 <div>Cape Town, <u>Western Cape</u>, <u>South Africa</u></div>
Occupation	<u>Actress</u>
Years active	2007–present
Known for	<u>Naevia</u> in <i><u>Spartacus</u></i> , <u>Mazikeen</u> in <i><u>Lucifer</u></i>
Spouse	<u>Chris Payne Gilbert</u> (m. 2015)
Children	1
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She originally auditioned for the role of Sura in *Spartacus: Blood and Sand* but the casting director suggested to audition for the role of Naevia instead. Her role as the slave girl Naevia in the series *Spartacus: Blood and Sand* led to a part in the Spartacus prequel miniseries *Spartacus: Gods of the Arena*.^[3] and the New Zealand coming-of-age feature film *The Hopes & Dreams of Gazza Snell*^[6] about the victim of a kart racing accident filmed in Howick, a suburb of East Auckland].^[9] Brandt guest starred on the *CSI: NY* episodes "Smooth Criminal" and "Food for Thought", but did not renew her contract for the second season of *Spartacus* (titled *Spartacus: Vengeance*) in 2011.

Brandt would not return as Naevia for season two of Spartacus after the hiatus during Andy Whitfield's passing due to production delays.^[10] Her manager, Steven Jensen, stated to TheWrap, "She'd like to go back, but they really haven't gotten the number we're looking for." He said she would reconsider "if they step up". STARZ had no comment.^[11]

Brandt was featured in the film *InSight* in which she plays a nurse called Valerie Khoury. In May 2010 Brandt guest starred on *Legend of the Seeker*, another Rob Tapert/Sam Raimi produced show which was filmed in New Zealand (2009). She appeared in the Season 2 season finale Episode 22 "Tears" in the role of Sister Thea.^[3] In 2011 she guest appeared in TNT's *Memphis Beat*, which was soon followed by a lead role (she played Cassie) in Syfy's highest rated original feature for 2011 *Zombie Apocalypse (film)* starring opposite Ving Rhames and Taryn Manning, the feature film *Drift* starring opposite Sam Worthington and Xavier Samuel and Duke starring *CSI: NY* star Carmine Giovinazzo.

In 2013 she had a recurring role in the third season of the television series *Single Ladies* as Naomi Cox.^[12] In 2014 she guest starred as Larissa Diaz/Copperhead on *Gotham*,^[13] and appeared as the recurring character Lamia in *The Librarians*.^[14]

In 2015 she won the role of Maze in the FOX television series *Lucifer*, who was originally played by actress Lina Escó but was recast after the first table read. Brandt had reportedly tested for the role but was passed over for Escó, but was reconsidered after Escó was released.^[15]

Brandt is based in Los Angeles.^[16]

Personal life

Brandt married her boyfriend of three years, actor Chris Payne Gilbert, in 2015.^[17] The couple's first child, a son Kingston Payne Brandt-Gilbert, was born in July 2017.^[18]

Filmography

Film and television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2007	<i><u>Shortland Street</u></i>	Sonia	Episode: "16.178"
2009	<i><u>Diplomatic Immunity</u></i>	Leilani Fa'auigaese	Main role, 13 episodes
2010	<i><u>Spartacus: Blood and Sand</u></i>	Naevia	Main role, 13 episodes
2010	<i><u>Legend of the Seeker</u></i>	Sister Thea	Episode: "Tears"
2010	<i><u>The Hopes & Dreams of Gazza Snell</u></i>	Sharon	
2010	<i><u>This Is Not My Life</u></i>	WAI Field Reporter / Hine	Episode: "1.7" Episode: "1.10"
2011	<i><u>Chuck</u></i>	Fatima Tazi	Episode: " <u>Chuck Versus the Seduction Impossible</u> "
2011	<i><u>Spartacus: Gods of the Arena</u></i>	Naevia	Main role, 6 episodes
2011	<i><u>CSI: NY</u></i>	Camille Jordanson	Episode: "Smooth Criminal" Episode: "Food for Thought"
2011	<i><u>InSight</u></i>	Valerie Khoury	
2011	<i><u>Memphis Beat</u></i>	Adriana	Episode: " <u>The Things We Carry</u> "
2011	<i><u>Duke</u></i>	Violet	
2011	<i><u>Zombie Apocalypse</u></i>	Cassie	TV film
2012	<i><u>A Beautiful Soul</u></i>	Angela Barry	
2013	<i><u>Drift</u></i>	Lani	
2014	<i><u>The Librarians</u></i>	Lamia	Recurring role, 5 episodes
2014	<i><u>Single Ladies</u></i>	Naomi Cox	Recurring role, 11 episodes
2014	<i><u>Gotham</u></i>	Larissa Diaz/Copperhead	Episode: "Lovecraft"
2015	<i><u>Painkillers</u></i>	Guts	
2015	<i><u>Heartlock</u></i>	Tara Sharpe	



Brandt at the 2017 WonderCon, to promote *Lucifer*.

Year	Title	Role	Notes	
2016–present	<i>Lucifer</i>		Mazikeen	Main role

Music videos

Year	Band	Title	Character	Director
2007	Battle Circus	"Love in a Fallout Shelter" ^[19]	Lead Female	Anton Steel
2007	Nesian Mystik	"R.S.V.P." ^[19]	Lead Female	Luke Sharpe

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