



Lily Collins

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Lily Jane Collins (born 18 March 1989) is a British-American actress, model, and writer.^[1] The daughter of English musician [Phil Collins](#), and an American mother, [Jill Tavelman](#), she was born in [Surrey](#) and moved to [Los Angeles](#) as a child. Her first screen role was at the age of two in the [BBC](#) series *[Growing Pains](#)*. She went on to study [broadcast journalism](#) at the [University of Southern California](#) and as a teenager, wrote for *[Seventeen](#)* magazine, *[Teen Vogue](#)*, and *[The Los Angeles Times](#)*. She was named [International Model of the Year](#) by Spain's *[Glamour](#)* magazine after being selected by [Chanel](#) to wear one of their dresses at the [Hotel de Crillon](#) in 2007. In 2008, she was named [Newest Red Carpet Correspondent](#) and [One to Watch](#) in 2008.

Collins appeared as a guest star on the teen drama television series *[90210](#)* in 2009, followed by her feature film debut in the semi-biographical sports film *[The Blind Side](#)*. She had leading roles in the sci-fi action-horror film *[Priest](#)* (2011) and the psychological action-thriller film *[Abduction](#)*, and was nominated for the [Teen Choice Award for Choice Movie Actress – Sci-Fi/Fantasy](#) for her role as [Snow White](#) in the fantasy film *[Mirror Mirror](#)*. She received wider recognition after taking on the role of [Clary Fray](#) in the fantasy film adaptation of [Cassandra Clare's](#) *[The New York Times](#)* best-selling novel, *[The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones](#)*, for which she was nominated for the [Teen Choice Award for Choice Movie Actress – Action](#) and an [MTV Movie Award](#).

Collins is also known for her roles in independent films, such as the romantic comedy-drama *[Stuck in Love](#)* (2012), the romantic comedy *[The English Teacher](#)* (2013), and the romantic comedy-drama *[Love, Rosie](#)* (2014). She won the [New Hollywood Film Award](#) and received a [Golden Globe Award](#) nomination for [Best Performance by an Actress in a Musical or Comedy](#) for her role as [Marla Mabrey](#) in *[Rules Don't Apply](#)*

Lily Collins



Collins at the 2013 [Comic-Con](#)

Born	<div>Lily Jane Collins</div> <div>18 March 1989</div> <div> Guildford, Surrey, England</div>
Citizenship	<div> United Kingdom,</div> <div> United States</div>
Alma mater	<div>University of</div> <div>Southern California</div>
Occupation(s)	<div>Actress, model,</div> <div>writer</div>
Years active	<div>1992–present</div>
Parent(s)	<div>Phil Collins</div> <div>Jill Tavelman</div>
Relatives	<div>Simon Collins</div> <div>(paternal half-brother)</div> <div>Joely Collins</div> <div>(paternal half-sister)</div>

(2016). In 2017, her first book, *Unfiltered: No Shame, No Regrets, Just Me*, was released to critical praise. In May 2017, Lily Collins and Marti Noxon were honoured at *Project Heal* for their movie *To the Bone*.^[2]

Signature



Early life

Collins was born in Guildford, Surrey.^[3] She is the daughter of English musician Phil Collins and his second wife, Jill Tavelman, an American who is the former president of the Beverly Hills Women's Club.^[4] Her maternal grandfather was a Canadian Jewish immigrant who owned a men's clothing store in Beverly Hills, California for many years.^{[5][6][7][8]} After her parents' divorce in 1996 when she was seven, Collins moved to Los Angeles with her mother. She graduated from Harvard-Westlake School and attended the University of Southern California, majoring in broadcast journalism.^[9] She was presented as a debutante at the Bal des débutantes in Paris in 2007.^[10] Collins is the half-sister of musician Simon Collins and actress Joely Collins from her father's first marriage, and she has two other younger half brothers from her father's third marriage. As a teenager, Collins suffered from an eating disorder that she later revealed in her book *Unfiltered: No Shame, No Regrets, Just Me*.^[11]

Career

Collins began acting at the age of two in the BBC series *Growing Pains*.^[12] As a teenager, Collins wrote a column, "NY Confidential", for the British magazine *Elle Girl*.^[13] She has also written for *Seventeen*,^[14] *Teen Vogue*,^[15] and the *Los Angeles Times*.^[16] She was selected by Chanel to wear one of their gowns at the 2007 Bal des débutantes at the Hôtel de Crillon in Paris, which was featured on season three of the reality television series *The Hills*.^{[13][17]} She was picked by Spain's *Glamour* magazine in 2008 as its International Model of the Year,^[18] and appeared on the magazine's cover in August 2009. Collins covered the 2008 US presidential election as a host on the Nickelodeon series *Kids Pick the President*.^{[16][19]} She won a 2008 Young Hollywood Award for Newest Red Carpet Correspondent.^[20]

In 2009, Collins appeared in two episodes of the teen drama series *90210*, including the first season's finale. Collins was one of 20 women named by *Maxim* magazine as one of the Hottest Daughters of Rock Stars in 2009.^[21] In 2009, Collins co-starred in the film *The Blind Side* as Collins Tuohy, the daughter of Sandra Bullock's character Leigh Anne Tuohy. In 2011, she played the warrior priest's daughter Lucy in the thriller *Priest*, opposite Paul Bettany.^{[22][23]} MTV Networks' NextMovie.com named her one of the Breakout Stars to Watch for in 2011.^[24] She co-starred in the 2011 action film *Abduction* with Taylor Lautner.^[25]

The following year, Collins played Snow White in *Mirror Mirror*, an adaptation of the fairytale Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, co-starring Julia Roberts as the Evil Queen Clementianna. Robbie Collin from the British newspaper *The Daily Telegraph* wrote of Collins: "She has an adorable, sensational, almost perfect face for cinema; think Audrey Hepburn with the eyebrows of Liam Gallagher. Her smile is the platonic ideal of cheeky."^[26] She made her singing debut in the film, performing an English re-written cover of "I Believe (in Love)". Also in 2012, Collins portrayed Samantha in *Stuck in Love*, starring alongside Jennifer Connelly, Logan Lerman, and Greg Kinnear.^[27] Collins was initially cast as the lead in the 2013 remake of *Evil Dead*, but dropped out due to a scheduling issue.^{[28][29]}

Collins then starred as Clary Fray in *The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones*, a film adaptation of the first book in *The New York Times* best-selling *The Mortal Instruments* novels, written by [Cassandra Clare](#).^[30] In October 2013, Collins appeared in the music video for "City of Angels" by [Thirty Seconds to Mars](#).^[31] Soon after it was announced that she would be Lancôme's new brand ambassador alongside [Julia Roberts](#), [Daria Werbowy](#), and [Emma Watson](#).

In 2014, Collins starred as Rosie Dunne in the film adaptation of *Love, Rosie*, alongside [Sam Claflin](#), written by [Cecelia Ahern](#).^[32] Collins then had a leading role as aspiring actress Marla Mabrey, alongside [Alden Ehrenreich](#), in the romantic comedy-drama *Rules Don't Apply* (2016), from filmmaker [Warren Beatty](#), who also starred as billionaire Howard Hughes.^[33] In 2016, Collins was part of a pilot produced for *The Last Tycoon* which is loosely based on [F. Scott Fitzgerald](#)'s last book *The Last Tycoon*. Collins plays [Cecelia Brady](#), who is the daughter of [Pat Brady](#), who is played by [Kelsey Grammer](#). Amazon picked up the pilot to series on 27 July 2016.^[34] In March 2016, Collins joined the anorexia drama film *To the Bone* in the lead role, written and directed by [Marti Noxon](#).^[35] That same month, she was cast in the [Netflix](#) drama film *Okja* alongside [Jake Gyllenhaal](#) and [Tilda Swinton](#), directed by [Bong Joon-ho](#).^[36]



Collins at the [2012 Toronto International Film Festival](#)

Personal life

Collins stated in 2013 that she does not like to discuss the interest in her relationships publicly due to witnessing the difficulties caused by the media coverage of her parents' divorce.^[37]

Activism

Collins is an outspoken anti-bullying advocate and is serving as a Celebrity Ambassador to anti-bullying organization Bystander Revolution,^[38] founded by author MacKenzie Bezos.^[39]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2009	<u>The Blind Side</u>	Collins Tuohy	
2011	<u>Priest</u>	Lucy Pace	
	<u>Abduction</u>	Karen Murphy	
2012	<u>Mirror Mirror</u>	<u>Snow White</u>	
	<u>Stuck in Love</u>	Samantha Borgens	
2013	<u>The English Teacher</u>	Halle Anderson	
	<u>The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones</u>	<u>Clary Fray</u>	
2014	<u>Love, Rosie</u>	Rosie Dunne	
2016	<u>Rules Don't Apply</u>	Marla Mabrey	
2017	<u>To the Bone</u>	Ellen ("Eli")	
	<u>Okja</u>	Red	
	<u>The Dig</u>	Zoe	Short Film
2018	<u>Here Comes the Grump</u>	Princess Dawn (voice)	
	<u>Halo of Stars</u> ^[40]	Misty Dawn	<i>Post-production</i>
2019	<u>Tolkien</u>	<u>Edith Tolkien</u>	<i>Post-production</i>
	<u>Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil and Vile</u>	Elizabeth Kloepper	<i>Post-production</i>

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2009	<u>90210</u>	Phoebe Abrams	2 episodes
2016–17	<u>The Last Tycoon</u>	Cecelia Brady	Main role, 9 episodes
2018	<u>Les Misérables</u>	Fantine	Main role, 4 episodes

Music videos

Year	Title	Role	Artist
2013	"Claudia Lewis"	Alien Girl	<u>M83</u>
2013	"City of Angels"	Herself	<u>Thirty Seconds to Mars</u>

Awards and nominations

Year	Association	Category	Work	Result	Ref.
2008	<u>Young Hollywood Awards</u>	One to Watch	Herself	Won	
2012	<u>Teen Choice Awards</u>	<u>Choice Movie Actress – Sci-Fi/Fantasy</u>	<i>Mirror Mirror</i>	Nominated	[41]
2013	<u>MTV Movie Awards</u>	Summer's Biggest Teen Bad A**	<i>The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones</i>	Nominated	
2014	<u>Teen Choice Awards</u>	Choice Movie Actress – Action	<i>The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones</i>	Nominated	[42]
2016	<u>Hollywood Film Awards</u>	New Hollywood Award	<i>Rules Don't Apply</i>	Won	[43]
2017	<u>Golden Globe Award</u>	<u>Best Actress in a Motion Picture – Comedy or Musical</u>	<i>Rules Don't Apply</i>	Nominated	
2017	<u>Costume Designers Guild</u>	Lacoste Spotlight Award	<i>Rules Don't Apply</i>	Won	[44]

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