



Carly Chaikin

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Carly Hannah Chaikin (born March 26, 1990) is an American actress. She began acting in 2009 and received her breakout role two years later, co-starring as Dalia Royce in the [ABC](#) sitcom *Suburgatory*. She played the role until the series' cancellation in 2014, and one year later began playing the role of Darlene in the critically acclaimed [USA Network](#) television drama *Mr. Robot*.

Early life

Chaikin was born in [Santa Monica, California](#), to a cardiologist father and a physiotherapist mother. She was raised [Jewish](#).^{[1][2]}

She went to [The Archer School for Girls](#), a high school in Los Angeles. During this time she played a variety of sports, including volleyball, softball, basketball, and soccer.^[3]

Career

In 2009, Chaikin landed the role of Veronica in the film *The Consultants*, released December 4, 2010 in the US. The same year, Chaikin starred alongside [Miley Cyrus](#) in the film adaptation of [Nicholas Sparks'](#) *The Last Song*, initially released in the US on March 31, 2010. She played the role of Blaze, the [antagonist](#) of the film, a rebel that stirs up trouble for Ronnie, played by Cyrus.^[4]

In 2011, Chaikin was cast as Dalia Oprah Royce in the [ABC](#) sitcom *Suburgatory* alongside [Jeremy Sisto](#) and [Cheryl Hines](#).^{[5][6]} Chaikin's character, Dalia, was the mean girl to [Jane Levy's](#) Tessa,^[7] Her performance received universal acclaim; she quickly became a fan favorite and her performance a popular highlight of the show.^{[8][9][10]} Chaikin originally auditioned for the role of Tessa.^[11] Chaikin wrote a series of articles as her character, Dalia, for the magazine, *Parade*.^[12] As her character, Dalia, she shot a music video called "You Missed A Spot." In 2013, Chaikin was nominated for the [Critics' Choice Television Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series](#) for her role in *Suburgatory*^[13] and was discussed as a potential Emmy nomination.^[14] The series ended its run on May 14, 2014.^[15]

Chaikin appeared in the 2012 independent film *My Uncle Rafael* starring [John Michael Higgins](#).^[2]

In addition to acting, Chaikin is a writer and producer of short films, including *Happy Fucking Birthday*, and *Nowhere to Go*, which was honored at the First Glance Film Festival in 2013.^[16]

Carly Chaikin

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Born	March 26, 1990 <div><div><div></div><div>Santa Monica, California, U.S.</div></div></div>
Occupation	Actress
Years active	2009–present
Notable work	<i>Mr. Robot</i> (2015–present) <i>Suburgatory</i> (2011–14) <i>The Last Song</i> (2010)



Chaikin in 2012.

In 2014, Chaikin was cast in the USA Network TV series, *Mr. Robot*,^{[17][18]} starring Rami Malek ("Elliot") and Christian Slater ("Mr. Robot").^[19] She plays the character Darlene, who is a programmer, is part of the fsociety group who writes malicious rootkit code.^{[20][21]} At the 2015 SXSW film festival, the show won the Audience Award for Episodic TV shows.^{[22][23]} *Mr. Robot* was picked up for a second season. *Mr. Robot* has received widespread critical acclaim. Chaikin auditioned for the roles of both Angela and Darlene. She said that it was a great pilot and that the bad-ass nature of the character really appealed to her.^[24]

In 2015, Chaikin guest-starred on Marc Maron's TV show, *Maron*, as Tina, a college teaching assistant whom Marc's friend (played by Adam Goldberg) has

slept with.

Personal life

She knew she wanted to be an actress since she was 11.^[25]

Chaikin is also a painter, focusing on acrylics and oil, with some mixed media collage.^[3] Although she took painting classes growing up, Chaikin says that she is mostly self-taught.^[26]

She has 11 tattoos, one of which features song lyrics by Bob Dylan.^[27]



Chaikin emceeing the 2016 NAMI Los Angeles Walk and introducing Secretary of State Alex Padilla

Chaikin is involved with the charitable organization [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#), which conducts research and support for people and their families impacted by mental illness. She recently served as emcee of a NAMI Walk, as well as raised money for the organization, including matching incoming donations.^[28] In the past she has recorded [PSAs](#) for the group.^[29]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2009	<i>The Consultants</i>	Veronica	
2010	<i>The Last Song</i>	Blaze	
2011	<i>Escapee</i>	Lynne Petersen	
2012	<i>My Uncle Rafael</i>	Kim	
2013	<i>In a World...</i>	Excruciating	
2015	<i>Bad Blood</i>	Frances	
2017	<i>People You May Know</i>	Oakley	
2017	<i>F*cking People</i>	TBA	post-production

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2011–2014	<i>Suburgatory</i>	Dalia Royce	Main cast; 50 episodes Nominated— Critics' Choice Television Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series ^[30] Nominated— Teen Choice Award for Choice TV Villain
2012	<i>Harder Than It Looks</i>	Katie	2 episodes: "Sisters" and "The Tutors"
2012	<i>NTSF:SD:SUV::</i>	Brittany	Episode: "16 Hop Street"
2015	<i>Maron</i>	Tina	Episode: "Professor of Desire"
2015–present	<i>Mr. Robot</i>	Darlene Alderson	Main cast; 21 episodes

Shorts and web series

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2012	<i>Harder Than It Looks</i>	Katie	Web series; 2 episodes
2012	<i>Nowhere to Go</i> ^[31]	Austyn	short film; also writer and executive producer
2013	<i>Happy Fucking Birthday</i>	Maddy McDowell	short film
2014	<i>Dissonance</i>	Julia	short film; also producer

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2014	<i>Literally</i> ^[32]		Hello Giggles shorts ^[21]
2016	<i>Into Me</i> ^[33]		short film; also writer, executive producer and editor

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