

Interview with ‘My Little Pony’ famed actress Nicole Oliver

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Known throughout the “**My Little Pony**” world as Princess Celestia and Cheerilee on “My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic” and recently from Seth Rogan’s “**Sausage Party**,” award-winning veteran actress **Nicole Oliver** has a filmography that runs off the page. She can be spotted playing the powerful stage mother Lynn Spears in the upcoming Lifetime movie “**Britney Ever After**.” The Ottawa, Ontario born performer also has a role in the upcoming feature film “Wonder” starring Julia Roberts and Jacob Tremblay, and a lead role in the indie film “Marrying the Family.” Get to know Nicole Oliver and check out “**Britney Ever After**” that premieres Sat. Feb. 18 at 8pm ET/PT.



Colleen Bement: You play the role of Lynne Spears in the upcoming film “Britney Ever After.” What can you share about making this film?

Nicole Oliver: So many stories I could tell. I think one of the most beautiful things about this project was the number of women in lead positions; both in front of and behind the camera. From our producers to our fearless director, Leslie Libman, to various department

heads including our amazing “A” camera operator, Catherine Malette, it was a pleasure to be a part of a female-driven story touched by so many talented and thoughtful artists.

I think it’s a real privilege to be part of a “true” story and to be tasked with portraying a **real** person. “**Britney Ever After**” is the story of a woman’s rise and fall and her triumphant come back. Britney has had a spectacular career, and many of her songs have been a part of the soundtrack of my life over the years. As a mother, I related to Lynne Spears love for her daughter, her ferocity surrounding wanting what’s best for her children and trying to do what’s in the best interest of her family. The entertainment business is a seductive beast, and few are truly prepared for all of the ups and downs and potential pitfalls that accompany fast fame and the loss of your private self to a (generally) adoring fandom. As a mother of two boys myself, I know I always try to do what’s best, however, sometimes I make mistakes. We all do. I think what is interesting is how we recover from those mistakes, and use them to strengthen our sense of self and choices we make in the future.

CB: What is it like to be a part of the amazing “My Little Pony” community of fans?

NO: “The My Little Pony” community and the Brony fandom hold a very dear and important place in my heart. I LOVE the sense of community, acceptance, artistic inspiration and charity the show has inspired in others. It is truly humbling to have something you are a part of impact people. When people say “The show made me realize...” or “Your character inspired me to...” it is mind-blowing. But, while something I am a part of may have been a catalyst to creativity or an even deeper, personal, change, all of those people were brave enough to try something new, make a change, and then share their story as inspiration for and to others. I always say the world can use more rainbows and unicorns, and I am thrilled to be a small part of the positive footprint the show inspires.



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