

= Liv Tyler =

Liv Rundgren Tyler (born Liv Rundgren ; July 1 , 1977) is an American actress and former child model . She is the daughter of Aerosmith 's lead singer , Steven Tyler , and model Bebe Buell . Tyler began a career in modeling at the age of 14 but , after less than a year , she decided to focus on acting . After her film debut *Silent Fall* (1994) , she appeared in supporting roles in *Empire Records* (1995) , *Heavy* (1996) and *That Thing You Do !* (1996) . Tyler later achieved critical recognition in the leading role in Bernardo Bertolucci 's *Stealing Beauty* (1996) , playing a teenage girl visiting her deceased mother 's artist friends in Italy . She followed this by appearing in supporting roles including *Inventing the Abbotts* (1997) and Robert Altman 's black comedy *Cookie 's Fortune* (1999) .

Tyler achieved international recognition as a result of her portrayal of Elf maiden Arwen Undómiel in the *Lord of the Rings* film trilogy (2001 ? 2003) . She has appeared in an eclectic range of films , including the 2004 comedy *Jersey Girl* , the indie film *Lonesome Jim* (2005) , the drama *Reign Over Me* (2007) and big @-@ budget studio films such as *Armageddon* (1998) , the home invasion horror film *The Strangers* (2008) and *The Incredible Hulk* (2008) .

In 2014 , Tyler made her television debut on the HBO series *The Leftovers* in a recurring role .

She has served as a United Nations Children 's Fund (UNICEF) Goodwill Ambassador for the United States in 2003 , and as a spokesperson for Givenchy 's line of perfume and cosmetics .

= = Early life = =

Tyler was born Liv Rundgren at Mount Sinai Hospital in East Harlem , New York . She is the only daughter of Bebe Buell , a model , singer , and former *Playboy* Playmate (Miss November 1974) , and Steven Tyler , the lead singer of Aerosmith . Her mother named her after Norwegian actress Liv Ullmann , after seeing Ullmann on the cover of the March 5 , 1977 issue of *TV Guide* . She is of Italian , German , Polish , and English ancestry on her father 's side and German ancestry on her mother 's side . Tyler has three half @-@ siblings : Mia Tyler (born 1978) , Chelsea Anna Tallarico (born 1989) , and Taj Monroe Tallarico (born 1992) . Her maternal grandmother , Dorothea Johnson , founded the Protocol School of Washington .

From 1972 to 1979 , Liv 's mother Bebe Buell lived with rock musician Todd Rundgren . In 1976 , Buell became unexpectedly pregnant from a brief relationship with Steven Tyler . On July 1 , 1977 , Buell gave birth , naming the daughter Liv Rundgren and claiming that Todd Rundgren was the biological father . Rundgren and Buell ended their romantic relationship but Rundgren put his heart and soul into the " white lie " . At age eight Liv met Steven Tyler and noticed a resemblance she shared with his other daughter , Mia . When she asked her mother about the similarity , the secret was revealed . The truth about Tyler 's paternity did not become public until six years later in 1991 , when she changed her name from Rundgren to Tyler , but kept the former as a middle name . Buell 's stated reason for the initial decision was that Steven was too heavily addicted to drugs at the time of her birth . Since learning the truth about her paternity , Liv and Steven have developed a close relationship . They also have worked together professionally , once when she appeared in Aerosmith 's music video for " Crazy " in 1993 , and again when Aerosmith performed many of the songs in the film *Armageddon* (1998) in which Tyler starred .

According to Tyler " ... Todd [Rundgren] basically decided when I was born that I needed a father so he signed my birth certificate . He knew that there was a chance that I might not be his but " He paid to put her through private school , and she visited him several times a year .

Tyler maintains a close relationship with Rundgren . " I 'm so grateful to him , I have so much love for him . You know , when he holds me it feels like Daddy . And he 's very protective and strong . "

Tyler attended the Congressional Schools of Virginia , Breakwater School , and Waynflete School in Portland , Maine , before returning to New York City with her mother at age 12 . She went to York Preparatory in New York City for junior high and high school after her mother researched the school to accommodate Tyler 's ADHD . She graduated in 1995 and left to continue her acting career . When asked about the way she spent her youth , Tyler said : " For me , I didn 't get much of a

childhood in my teen years because I ? ve been working since I was 14 . But that also kept me out of trouble . When everybody was doing acid and partying like crazy , I was at work on a movie in Tuscany ... having my own fun , of course , but it was a different kind of thing . I have no regrets . I love the way my life has gone . "

= = Career = =

= = = Early work = = =

Tyler received her first modeling job at age 14 with the assistance of Paulina Porizkova , who took pictures of her that ended up in Interview magazine . She later starred in television commercials . She , however , became bored with her modeling career less than a year after it started , and decided to go into acting , although she never took acting lessons . Tyler first became known to television audiences when she starred alongside Alicia Silverstone in the music video for Aerosmith 's 1993 song " Crazy " .

= = = 1994 ? 1997 : Film debut ; Stealing Beauty = = =

Tyler made her feature film debut in Silent Fall in 1994 , where she played the elder sister of a boy with autism . In 1995 , she starred in the comedy drama Empire Records . Tyler has described Empire Records as " one of the best experiences " she has ever had . Soon after , she landed a supporting role in James Mangold 's 1996 drama Heavy as Callie , a naive young waitress . The film received favorable reviews ; critic Janet Maslin noted : " Ms. Tyler ... gives a charmingly ingenuous performance , betraying no self @-@ consciousness about her lush good looks . "

Tyler had her breakthrough role in the art house film Stealing Beauty (1996) , in which she played Lucy Harmon , an innocent , romantic teenager who travels to Tuscany , Italy , intent on losing her virginity . The film received generally mixed reviews , but Tyler 's performance was regarded favorably by the critics . Variety wrote : " Tyler is the perfect accomplice . At times sweetly awkward , at others composed and serene , the actress appears to respond effortlessly and intuitively to the camera , creating a rich sense of what Lucy is about that often is not explicit in the dialogue . " Empire noted , " Liv Tyler (here radiantly resembling a ganglier young Ava Gardner) with a rare opportunity to enamour , a break she capitalizes on with composure . " The film was directed by Bernardo Bertolucci , who chose Tyler for the role after meeting with a number of young girls in Los Angeles , including Tyler 's music video co @-@ star Alicia Silverstone . Bertolucci said " there was something missing in all of them " . He later said that what he saw in Tyler was a gravitas he described as " a New York aura " . During promotion of the film , Tyler said she wanted to separate herself from the character during production : " I tried my damndest not to think of my own situation . But at one point , after a take , I just started to cry and cry . I remembered when I found out about my dad and how we just stared at each other from head to toe taking in every nook and cranny . "

She later appeared in That Thing You Do ! (1996) , a movie about a fictional one @-@ hit wonder rock band called The Wonders , following their whirlwind rise to the top of the pop charts , and just as quickly , their plunge back to obscurity . The film was written and directed by Tom Hanks . It grossed over \$ 25 million worldwide , and was met with favorable reviews . The following year , she appeared in Inventing the Abbotts in 1997 , in which she played the daughter of Will Patton and Barbara Williams ' characters . The movie is based on a short story by Sue Miller . Entertainment Weekly declared Tyler 's performance as " lovely and pliant " . That same year , Tyler was chosen by People magazine as one of the 50 Most Beautiful People .

= = = 1998 ? 2000 : Mainstream exposure = = =

Tyler next appeared in Armageddon (1998) , where she played the daughter of Bruce Willis ' character and love interest of Ben Affleck 's character . The film generated mixed reviews , but was

a box office success earning \$ 553 million worldwide . The movie included the songs " I Don 't Want to Miss a Thing " and " What Kind of Love Are You On " by Aerosmith . In a 2001 interview with The Guardian , she said that she initially turned down the role in Armageddon ; " I really didn 't want to do it at first and I turned it down a couple of times , but the biggest reason I changed my mind was because I was scared of it . I wanted to try it for that very reason . I mean , I 'm not really in this to do amazing things in my career ? I just want it to be special when I make a movie . "

She was then cast in the drama Onegin (1999) , a film based on the 19th century Russian novel of the same name by Alexander Pushkin , in which she portrayed Tatyana Larina and co -@-@ starred with Ralph Fiennes . Tyler was required to master an English accent , though Stephen Holden of The New York Times felt that her approximation of an English accent was " inert " . The film was critically and financially unsuccessful . That same year , she appeared in the historical comedy film Plunkett & Macleane .

She later appeared in two films directed by Robert Altman , Cookie 's Fortune (1999) and Dr. T & the Women (2000) . In Cookie 's Fortune , she was part of an ensemble cast that included Glenn Close , Julianne Moore , Chris O 'Donnell , and Patricia Neal . Her performance well received among critics ; Salon.com wrote : " This is the first time in which Tyler 's acting is a match for her beauty (she 's always been a bit forlorn) . Altman helps her find some snap , but a relaxed , silly snap , as in the cartoon sound she makes when she takes a midday swig of bourbon . The lazy geniality of the movie is summed up by the way Emma [Tyler 's character] saunters off to take a swim with her cowboy hat and pint of Wild Turkey . " Entertainment Weekly also noted that Tyler is " sweetly gruff as the tomboy troublemaker " . In the romantic comedy , Dr. T & the Women , she played Marilyn , a gynecological patient of Richard Gere 's character , who is the lesbian lover of his daughter , played by Kate Hudson .

= = = 2001 ? 2007 : Lord of the Rings = = =

In 2001 , Tyler played the object of infatuation for three men (Matt Dillon , John Goodman , and Paul Reiser) in the comedy One Night at McCool 's . In discussion of the role , she said it was " definitely the first part where I had to be so physically aware and have people so aware of me physically . Maybe it 's not hard for anybody else , but it is a bit for me . I mean I love my body and I feel very comfortable in my skin but this was tough . " Peter Travers of Rolling Stone wrote : " Tyler , a true beauty , gives the role a valiant try , but her range is too limited to play this amalgam of female perfection . "

In 2001 , she starred in the feature film The Lord of the Rings : The Fellowship of the Ring , directed by Peter Jackson . She played the Elf maiden Arwen Undómiel . The film is based on the first volume of J. R. R. Tolkien 's The Lord of the Rings . The filmmakers approached Tyler after seeing her performance in Plunkett & Macleane . She learned to speak the fictitious Elvish language that was created by Tolkien . Mick LaSalle of the San Francisco Chronicle noted that Tyler 's performance was " lovely and earnest " .

A year later , Tyler again starred as Arwen in The Lord of the Rings : The Two Towers , the second installment of the series . The film received favorable reviews . She spent months learning sword fighting to be used during the concluding battle scenes in The Two Towers , but her scenes were removed after the script was changed . The film was an enormous box office success , earning over \$ 926 million worldwide , out @-@ grossing its predecessor , which earned over \$ 871 million . In 2003 , Tyler featured in the third and last installment of the series , The Lord of the Rings : The Return of the King .

Following the success of The Lord of the Rings , she appeared opposite her Armageddon co @-@ star Ben Affleck in writer @-@ director Kevin Smith 's romantic comedy Jersey Girl (2004) , playing a woman who meets a widowed father played by Affleck , re @-@ opening his heart to love . In an interview with MTV News , Tyler confessed that she felt " scared and vulnerable " while filming Jersey Girl , adding " I was so used to those other elements of the character [Arwen] . On The Lord of the Rings , a lot of things were done in post @-@ production , whereas this was really just about me and Ben sitting there , just shooting off dialogue . " However , she reiterated that doing Jersey

Girl was what she wanted to do .

In 2005 , she appeared in Steve Buscemi 's independent drama Lonesome Jim , where she was cast alongside Casey Affleck , as a single mother and nurse who reconnects with an old fling who has returned to their small town in Indiana after a failed run as a novelist in New York . The film was screened at a special presentation at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival where it was nominated for the Grand Jury Prize . Her next appearance in film was in a supporting role as an insightful therapist who tries to help a once @-@ successful dentist (Adam Sandler) cope with the loss of his family in the September 11th attacks in Reign Over Me (2007) .

= = = 2008 ? present : Box office hits ; The Leftovers = = =

In 2008 , she starred in the home invasion horror film The Strangers with Scott Speedman , a film about a young couple who are terrorized one night by three masked assailants in their remote country house . Although the film garnered a mixed reception among critics , it was a major box office success , earning over \$ 80 million over its considerably smaller \$ 9 million budget . In an interview with Entertainment Weekly , she noted that The Strangers was the most challenging role of her career . " It was as far as I could push myself in every way : physically , emotionally , mentally . "

She appeared in The Incredible Hulk (2008) , in which she played Dr. Betty Ross , the love interest of the title character , played by Edward Norton . Tyler was attracted to the love story in the script , and was a fan of the television show . She said filming the part was " very physical , which was fun " , and compared her performance to " a deer caught in the headlights " . The Incredible Hulk was a box office success , earning over \$ 262 million worldwide . The Washington Post , in review of the film , wrote : " Tyler gives Betty an appropriately angelic nimbus of ethereal gentleness as the one Beauty who can tame the Beast ... during their most pivotal encounters . "

Tyler appeared in two films released in 2011 : Super and The Ledge . In April 2011 , publishing house Rodale announced that Tyler and her grandmother Dorothea Johnson , an etiquette expert , have written a book called Modern Manners . It was released October 29 , 2013 .

In 2014 she appeared in Space Station 76 , a film directed by Jack Plotnick , starring also Matt Bomer and Patrick Wilson .

In June 2014 Tyler began appearing as a regular in the HBO television series The Leftovers .

In 2016 Tyler took on a role opposite Bel Powley in the fantasy / horror drama Wildling directed by Fritz Böhm . The film also marks her debut as a producer .

= = Personal life = =

In 1998 , Tyler began dating British musician Royston Langdon of the band Spacehog . She and Langdon became engaged in February 2001 , and married in Barbados on March 25 , 2003 . On December 14 , 2004 , she gave birth to a son , Milo William Langdon . On May 8 , 2008 , the couple confirmed through representatives that they would be separating . In an interview with the Australian Daily Telegraph , Tyler revealed that her separation from Langdon led her to move to Los Angeles , explaining that it was hard to be in the Manhattan home that they had shared . In June 2010 , Tyler stated she was " far too sensitive " for casual dates , adding " I fall in love once in a blue moon . " In September 2014 , Tyler confirmed she was pregnant with her second child ; the father is sports and entertainment manager David Gardner . On February 11 , 2015 Tyler had her second son , Sailor Gene Gardner , who was born six weeks early . On January 8 , 2016 Tyler announced that she was expecting her third child and second with Gardner . Her third child and first daughter , Lula Rose Gardner , was born on July 10 , 2016 .

Tyler was formerly a vegan , but later began to eat meat . In 2003 , she became the spokesperson for Givenchy perfume and cosmetics ; in 2005 the brand named a rose after her , which was used in one of its fragrances . In 2009 , Tyler signed on for two more years as Givenchy spokesperson . On December 8 , 2011 , Givenchy announced a collaboration between Givenchy perfumes and Sony Music . In the video released on February 7 , 2012 , Liv Tyler covered the INXS song " Need You

Tonight " .

Tyler learned Transcendental Meditation in New York City . In December 2012 she participated in a charity gala for the David Lynch Foundation to provide Transcendental Meditation to disadvantaged sections of society . At the event she said , " it helps me make better decisions and be a better mother , and just deal with the daily stress of the modern world that we live in . It helps with everything . "

= = = Activism = = =

Tyler is an active supporter of the charitable United Nations Children 's Fund (UNICEF) . She was appointed as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United States in 2003 . In November 2004 , she hosted the lighting of the UNICEF Snowflake in New York City . Tyler also served as spokesperson for the 2004 Givenchy Mother 's Day promotion , in support of UNICEF 's Maternal & Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) campaign .

Since 2004 , she has donated to the Women 's Cancer Research Fund to support innovative research , education , and outreach directed at the development of more effective approaches to the early diagnosis , treatment and prevention of all women 's cancers . In October 2007 , Tyler , along with her mother , Bebe Buell and her grandmother , Dorothea Johnson , helped launch the Emergen @-@ C Pink energy drink , in which the event was in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month .

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2012 : " Need You Tonight " (Music Of Very Irresistible Givenchy Electric Rose) : cover of INXS song