

= Scout Taylor @-@ Compton =

Scout Taylor @-@ Compton (born February 21 , 1989) is an American actress . She has appeared in numerous small television roles and in feature films that range from dramas to those in the horror genre giving her the reputation of a scream queen . Her most notable roles include Laurie Strode in the horror films Halloween (2007) and Halloween II (2009) , as well as Lita Ford in the film The Runaways (2010) .

In addition to taking vocal lessons and singing the theme song for her film Chicken Night (2001) , Taylor @-@ Compton is recording her debut rock album . Taylor @-@ Compton had also provided voice over work in other films , including The Core (2003) , and The Princess Diaries 2 : Royal Engagement (2004) .

= = Personal life = =

Scout Taylor @-@ Compton was born Desariee Starr Compton in Long Beach , California , and is half Mexican American on her mother 's side . Her father is a mortician . Taylor @-@ Compton says she " grew up in that whole [horror] genre and visiting my dad at the mortuary . I have no problem with that stuff . Whether it was a coffin or my dad bringing his work home . " Andy Biersack from Black Veil Brides , her ex @-@ boyfriend whom she dated for six years , composed the song The Mortician 's Daughter about her . She has 8 tattoos and is known for her tomboy fashion .

Previous to acting , Taylor @-@ Compton had been a competitive swimmer and had plans to participate in the AAU Junior Olympics . She enjoys volleyball , cheerleading , dance , gymnastics and roller @-@ blading , and has several cats and dogs . Taylor @-@ Compton is a fan of horror films , especially those featuring Michael [Myers] , Jason [Voorhees] and Chucky . She also enjoys Thir13en Ghosts , Halloween 4 and Halloween 5 . She is a fan of the lead actress in the latter two films Danielle Harris ; the two later going on to appear together in the Halloween remake and its sequel . Compton also writes song lyrics .

= = Career = =

In 1998 , Taylor @-@ Compton began her acting career with an appearance in the film A.W.O.L. with David Morse , and later in the short film Thursday Afternoon . She went on to have small roles in both television and film including Ally McBeal , ER , Frasier , The Guardian and The Division . She appeared in several student films , commercials for Fuji Film and the Disney Cruise Line , and various skits on The Jay Leno Show . November 2000 saw Taylor @-@ Compton make her stage debut as the title character in a production of Annie Warbucks at The Grove Theatre in Upland , California , and a stage production of Footloose at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center .

In 2001 , she had a recurring role as Clara Forrester , the younger sister of Dean Forrester (Jared Padalecki) in the television series Gilmore Girls , appearing in a total of four episodes until 2004 . Taylor @-@ Compton was nominated for " Best Performance in a TV Series ? Recurring Young Actress " for her portrayal of Clara . She made a comedic appearance in the film Four Fingers of the Dragon (2003) playing herself auditioning for a role in a fictional Kung Fu film . Later in 2004 , she appeared in the teen comedy Sleepover , which had been her first large Hollywood film role . The cast of the film was nominated for " Best Performance in a Feature Film ? Young Ensemble Cast " at the Young Artists Award . Sleepover did poorly at the box office . Following Sleepover , she appeared in numerous television series including Hidden Howie , Unfabulous (2 episodes) , Cold Case , That 's So Raven , Charmed (appearing in 8 episodes between 2000 and 2006 as various Fairies) , and Without a Trace (in which she portrayed a runaway teenager) .

In 2007 , Taylor @-@ Compton joined the cast on ABC 'S Friday Night Live . That year as well , she starred in the drama Tomorrow is Today and the horror film Wicked Little Things . Tomorrow is Today features Taylor @-@ Compton as Julie Peterson , a girl who saves the life of and befriends a hapless drifter . The film won over six awards at various festivals which included the California Independent Film Festival , the Garden State Film Festival , Method Fest Independent Film Festival

, and the Rhode Island International Film Festival . She won " Best Actress " for her performance in the film at the Method Fest Independent Film Festival . Wicked Little Things was one of the films featured in After Dark 's 8 Films to Die For and saw Taylor @-@ Compton star as Sarah Tunny . Following these films , she appeared in Standoff and Close to Home .

In 2007 , Taylor @-@ Compton appeared in the film An American Crime which told the true story of suburban housewife Gertrude Baniszewski , who had kept a teenage girl locked in the basement of her Indiana home during the 1960s . After losing the lead role in the Pang Brothers film The Messengers to Kristen Stewart , Taylor @-@ Compton then returned to the horror genre as Laurie Strode in Rob Zombie 's remake of the classic Halloween . She endured a long audition process , but as director Zombie explains , " Scout was my first choice . There was just something about her ; she had a genuine quality . She didn 't seem actor @-@ y . " Halloween currently stands as the highest grossing overall film in the Halloween franchise .

She starred in the television movie Love 's Unfolding Dream which premiered on November 24 , 2007 . She stars in the horror film April Fool 's Day , a remake of the 1986 film of the same name , filmed in North Carolina with a March 25 , 2008 DVD release . Taylor @-@ Compton explains on the starring in the role of Torrance : " I 'll just be playing another wholesome ' good girl ' that screams a lot . " She has another horror film in production , the 2009 film Murder World in which she will have a cameo as Carrie Lain .

In an interview conducted in July 2007 , Taylor @-@ Compton reported that after completing April Fool 's Day , she wants to stay away from roles in the horror genre for her next film projects . Although she has received many horror film scripts , she believes that she " need [s] to move on from horror . Just drift away a little bit and do something else so I don 't get stuck in that " and although she " love [s] doing horror films " and are her " favorite " , she 'd " like to do other stuff in between . " She has recently been influenced by the career of Scarlett Johansson , wanting to choose scripts and roles based on personal interest as she views Johansson does . Taylor @-@ Compton went on to explain , " That 's what I kind of want to do . I love just being passionate about something rather than just caring about the money or who 's in the movie . 2009 saw Taylor @-@ Compton alongside Helen Mirren and Joe Pesci in Love Ranch . Then , she went on to star in the film Obsessed alongside Beyoncé Knowles . Her most recent film to hit theaters was Halloween II , Rob Zombie 's sequel to the 2007 remake . The film opened the same day as The Final Destination , another high profile horror film , and had disappointing box office returns as a result . In 2010 , she appeared in The Runaways where she plays Lita Ford , alongside Kristen Stewart , Dakota Fanning , and Stella Maeve .

= = = Other Work = = =

In 1998 , she appeared in The Adventures of Lily music video for " Femme Fatale " . In 2001 , Taylor Compton provided voice overs for I Am Sam , and continued with voice over work with appearances in The Core (2003) and The Princess Diaries 2 : Royal Engagement (2004) . The next year , she provided voice over work for the teen hero comedy Sky High . She sang the theme song " Jet Set " for her film Chicken Night (2001) . 2002 saw Taylor @-@ Compton appearing briefly in the Will Smith music video for " Black Suits Comin ' (Nod Ya Head) " for the Men in Black II soundtrack . She appeared in the music video for " Sweet Valentine " by the band Born the Sky in 2007 .

In 2003 , Taylor @-@ Compton had taken vocal lessons with Diane Gillespie and Vocal Power Institute . She had taken guitar , drums , and keyboard lessons , and was member a theatre group called " Shenanigans , " where she performed and took weekly tap and jazz lessons . She attended the Hollywood Pop Academy for additional vocal training .

Taylor @-@ Compton is currently working on her debut rock / pop album , in which she will sing and play drums . She cites Cyndi Lauper , Gwen Stefani , Madonna , Kelly Osbourne and the band Green Day as musical influences . Taylor @-@ Compton has been working with ERA Productions and " with a very well known punk / pop singer " , Vitamin C.

While on the set filming Halloween (2007) , Taylor @-@ Compton had received " a few pointers "

from director Rob Zombie , who had also fronted a band and continues his singing career . She has stated that singing is a side project and " is just a little talent that I have on the side , and if it does something then I 'll do that , but I 'm not gonna give up acting . "

Taylor @-@ Compton has five songs that can be streamed on her official Garageband.com profile . All songs were recorded and posted for listening in 2005 . The songs featured are " Bad Girl " , the first song she wrote with her ERA producers , " Waiting for the Heartbreak " and " Where Do We Go " , written with Vitamin C , " Freak Show " , written by Adam Alvermark and produced Taylor @-@ Compton along with ERA Productions , and " Words " . She did minor modeling for the teenage clothing brand Limited Too and the cellular phone service Sprint PCS .

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