

= Rachel Bilson =

Rachel Sarah Bilson (born August 25 , 1981) is an American actress . Bilson grew up in a California show business family , made her television debut in 2003 , and then landed the role of Summer Roberts on the prime @-@ time drama series The O.C. Bilson made her film debut in the 2006 film The Last Kiss and starred in the 2008 action / science fiction film Jumper . From 2011 to 2015 , she starred as Dr. Zoe Hart on The CW 's Hart of Dixie .

= = Early life = =

Bilson was born in Los Angeles , the daughter of Janice Stango , a sex therapist , and Danny Bilson , a writer , director , and producer . She has an older brother and two younger half @-@ sisters . Her mother is an Italian @-@ American who was raised Catholic , and her father is Jewish . Bilson 's father comes from a show business family : Her paternal grandfather is producer @-@ director Bruce Bilson , she has a producer aunt who worked with Errol Morris on Fog of War , a great @-@ grandfather , George Bilson , born in Leeds , UK , who ran the movie @-@ trailer department at RKO Pictures , and a screenwriter great @-@ grandmother , Hattie , whose credits include Pal , Canine Detective (1950) .

= = Career = =

Bilson attended Grossmont College , a community college in a suburb of San Diego , but dropped out after one year , taking her father 's advice to pursue a professional acting career . She then made several appearances in commercials , including advertisements for Subway restaurants , Raisin Bran and Pepto @-@ Bismol . She made her screen acting debut in early 2003 , appearing in one episode of Buffy the Vampire Slayer and 8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter . Bilson was subsequently cast in The O.C. , which debuted in August 2003 . Her character , Summer Roberts , was initially intended to appear in only a few episodes , but became a series regular after a successful run , as Bilson 's on @-@ screen romance with Seth Cohen (Adam Brody) became a noted aspect of the series .

At the 2005 Teen Choice Awards , Bilson collected three awards : " Choice Hottie Female " , " Choice TV Actress (Drama) " and " Best Onscreen TV Chemistry " (jointly won with Adam Brody) . In 2005 , Maxim magazine named her sixth in their annual " Hot 100 List " ; in 2006 , the publication awarded her # 14 . The UK edition of FHM Magazine named her 28th in the 2006 100 Sexiest Women in the World list , while the US Edition Ranked her 77th in 2005 . Bilson was also named one of People magazine 's " 100 Most Beautiful People " in 2006 . Before appearing in Maxim , Bilson had turned down requests to appear seminude in men 's magazines , specifying that she feels that her body " is sacred " and " not there for the whole world to see . "

Bilson 's first film role was in The Last Kiss , a romantic comedy @-@ drama also starring Zach Braff in 2006 . She played a college student who seduces Braff 's character . It was reported that she called for a body double during the sex scenes because she was uncomfortable being nude in front of the camera . One review of the film noted that Bilson played the role with " surprising depth " , although another critic described her role as " Glenn Close in Fatal Attraction as an airhead valley girl with a hot bod " .

In September 2006 , Bilson refuted rumors she had been cast to star in a film version of the comic book character Wonder Woman ; In late 2006 , Bilson was cast in the film Doug Liman 's thriller Jumper , as the replacement for actress Teresa Palmer ; the film was released on February 14 , 2008 . She also appeared in a two @-@ episode arc on The O.C. creator Josh Schwartz 's NBC comedy , Chuck , and in the film New York , I Love You , and appeared in the 100th episode of How I Met Your Mother (" Girls Versus Suits ") as Ted Mosby 's latest love interest . In September 2008 , she started shooting the indie romantic film Waiting For Forever , directed by James Keach . In September 2009 Rachel appeared as a celebrity guest judge in the third episode of Project Runway (season 6) .

Bilson starred in the 2011 indie film *L!fe Happens* next to Krysten Ritter and Kate Bosworth . Bilson also launched a shoe range in 2011 .

In 2011 , Bilson began starring in the The CW series *Hart of Dixie* , executive produced by The O.C. creator Josh Schwartz . She played Dr. Zoe Hart , a New Yorker who , after her dreams of becoming a heart surgeon fall apart , accepts an offer to work as a general practitioner in the fictional Gulf Coast town of Bluebell , Alabama . On May 7 , 2015 , the CW officially canceled the show after four seasons .

Bilson also filmed a comedy exclusive for the website *Funny or Die* , titled , " Rachel Bilson 's Deleted Sex Scene " in 2009 .

= = Fashion design = =

Bilson has been recognized by several media sources as being a " fashion junkie " . She has described herself as having a " vintage " sense of style , and has noted Kate Moss and Diane Keaton as inspirations . She approached DKNY Jeans in late 2007 with a view to design a clothing line with the fashion brand . Together they created Edie Rose . The collection was launched in September 2008 . It consisted of mainly black and white separates with a splash of yellow that could easily work with an existing wardrobe . Her idea was to keep fashionable items accessible to young women by keeping the prices of each piece under \$ 100 . An advertising image was released in July 2008 which featured Bilson modelling her Edie Rose collection . She said she wanted to keep her fashion line " as separate as possible from Rachel Bilson the actress . I 'm hoping people will appreciate it for the clothes , not the person behind them . " Much of her fashion collection was lost when her home was burglarized in May 2009 . Bilson 's fashions and sense of style made her the unwitting target of the Bling Ring , who burglarized her home on several occasions .

In 2011 , Bilson collaborated with her personal stylist Nicole Chavez , and shoe industry leader Steve Madden , to launch the footwear destination , ShoeMint , an " online customized shoe shopping experience " .

In 2013 Bilson designed a shirt for Invisible Children .

= = Personal life = =

Bilson and Adam Brody , her co @-@ star on *The O.C.* , dated for three years , ending in 2006 . The following year , she met Hayden Christensen on the set of *Jumper* and they became engaged in 2008 . In mid @-@ 2010 , the couple split up but were dating again a few months later . Bilson and Christensen had their first child , daughter Briar Rose , on October 29 , 2014 .

= = Filmography = =