

= Maggie Grace =

Maggie Grace (born Margaret Grace Denig ; September 21 , 1983) is an American actress , best known for her roles in *Lost* and the *Taken* trilogy . Originally from Worthington , Ohio , she dropped out of high school to move to Los Angeles with her mother after her parents ' divorce . While struggling financially , she landed her first role as the title character in the web @-@ based video series *Rachel 's Room* in 2001 . She went on to earn a Young Artist Award nomination in 2002 with her portrayal of 15 @-@ year @-@ old murder victim Martha Moxley in the television movie *Murder in Greenwich* . In 2004 , Grace was cast as Shannon Rutherford in the television series *Lost* , on which she was a main cast member for the first two seasons , winning a Screen Actors Guild Award shared with the ensemble cast . Leaving the series , Grace was keen to work more prominently in film , having starred opposite Tom Welling in *The Fog* in 2005 . She appeared in *Suburban Girl* , *The Jane Austen Book Club* (both 2007) , and opposite Liam Neeson as Kim Mills in *Taken* in 2008 . She reprised the role in *Taken 2* (2012) and *Taken 3* (2014) .

She played the lead role , Alice , in *Malice in Wonderland* , a modern take on Lewis Carroll 's novel *Alice 's Adventures in Wonderland* . Grace reprised the role of Shannon in two more episodes of *Lost* , including the series finale . In 2013 , she appears in the sixth season of *Californication* . She portrays Faith , a groupie and a muse to the stars , who captures the eye of Hank Moody played by David Duchovny .

= = Early life = =

Grace was born Margaret Grace Denig in Worthington , Ohio , one of three children of parents Valinn (née Everett) and Rick Denig , who ran a family jewelry business . Her family lived in a 200 @-@ year @-@ old house , the first saltbox house in central Ohio . She attended Worthington Christian Schools from kindergarten through ninth grade and briefly attended Thomas Worthington High School , where she began acting in school plays and community theater , including a 2000 Gallery Players production of *The Crucible* , at a local Jewish Community Center (though she is not Jewish) . As a kid Grace was a big reader and a self described " Shakespeare nerd " telling the *LA Times* that at age 13 , she " was really into Jane Austen , kind of like how some kids are into *Star Trek* . Her parents divorced " amicably " when she was 16 years old , and her mother sought a " fresh start " . Grace dropped out of high school to move to Los Angeles , California with her mother , while her younger siblings Ian Denig and Marissa Palatas (married to Nick Palatas) continued to live with their father . In Los Angeles , Grace and her mother moved around often as they struggled financially , taking out short @-@ term rents rather than paying for permanent residence while eating a basic diet , as it was all they could afford .

= = Career = =

Grace acquired an agent within a week of relocating to Los Angeles and enrolled in acting classes . She landed her first role in *Rachel 's Room* , a 2001 web @-@ based video series about the affairs inside a teenage girl 's bedroom that was created by Dawson 's Creek executive producer Paul Stupin . Her next role was on the 2002 television series *Septuplets* , which was cancelled before the first episode had aired . Her breakout role was on 2002 's television movie *Murder in Greenwich* , based on the true story of 15 @-@ year @-@ old Martha Moxley 's murder . She was nominated for a Young Artist Award for her portrayal of Moxley in the Best Performance in a TV Movie , Miniseries or Special ? Leading Young Actress category , but lost to Clara Bryant for *Tru Confessions* . She went on to feature in minor roles on the television series *CSI : Miami* , *The Lyon 's Den* , *Miracles* , *Like Family* , *Cold Case* and *Law & Order : Special Victims Unit* , and the films *Twelve Mile Road* and *Creature Unknown* .

In mid @-@ 2004 , Grace 's agent sent her the script for the pilot episode of *Lost* ; she was given the role of Shannon Rutherford after a successful audition . She was nominated in 2005 for a Teen Choice Award for Choice TV Breakout Performance ? Female for her role on *Lost* , but lost to

Desperate Housewives ' Eva Longoria . She lived in Hawaii during the filming of the show 's first season , and signed on to star opposite Tom Welling in The Fog , a 2005 remake of the 1980 horror film of the same name , as a character originally played by Jamie Lee Curtis . Though the filming of Lost was supposed to have ended before The Fog began , the productions coincided due to Lost 's extended season finale and Grace flew between the two sets , on the Hawaiian island of Oahu and on Bowen Island in British Columbia , Canada . After ranking at # 27 on Maxim 's Hot 100 list of 2005 , she returned for Lost 's second season . Her character was killed in the season 's eighth episode , " Collision " , when the series ' writers began to feel that the character 's " story avenues [were] limited " . Executive producer Carlton Cuse said that Grace 's departure from the show was " sort of a win @-@ win " as she was eager to enter a full @-@ time career in film . After leaving the series , she nevertheless joined the other principal Lost cast members of season 2 onstage at the 12th Screen Actors Guild Awards where Lost won the award for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series .

Variety reported in May 2005 that Grace was in negotiations to play X @-@ Men character Kitty Pryde in the 2006 film X @-@ Men : The Last Stand , but in July , auditions were reportedly being held for her replacement . The role ultimately went to Ellen Page , and Grace later revealed that she had never been contacted about the role and was surprised to read that she was up for the part in question . Grace 's next role was in the 2007 independent film Suburban Girl , alongside Sarah Michelle Gellar and Alec Baldwin . In 2007 , she starred in The Jane Austen Book Club , based on Karen Joy Fowler 's novel of the same name . She is a fan of Jane Austen and had read Fowler 's novel when it was released in 2004 . When she was given the film 's script , she met with the director Robin Swicord , with whom she says she " geeked out " , and was given the role of Allegra , an openly lesbian 20 @-@ year @-@ old . After the filming of The Jane Austen Book Club was completed , Grace briefly returned to Hawaii to shoot a guest spot on the Lost season 3 episode " Exposé " . She starred in the 2008 thriller film Taken with Liam Neeson , who was at the top of a list of male actors Grace wished to work with that she had written just two months before she was cast . She played the lead in Simon Fellows ' 2009 Malice in Wonderland , a modern adaptation of Lewis Carroll 's Alice 's Adventures in Wonderland . In 2010 , Grace starred in the drama Flying Lessons , and appeared opposite Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz in James Mangold 's film Knight and Day , as well as in Faster , with Dwayne Johnson . Grace 's busy schedule prevented her from returning as Shannon in " LA X " , the season premiere for Lost 's sixth and final season , but she eventually returned for the series finale " The End " . On September 2010 , it was revealed that Grace was chosen to play Irina in The Twilight Saga : Breaking Dawn Part 1 and 2 .

In December 2012 , it was announced Grace would be making her Broadway debut in Picnic . The play opened for previews on December 14 , running at the American Airlines Theatre . Sebastian Stan co @-@ stars with Grace in the Pulitzer Prize winning play .

In February 2015 , it was announced that the actress would be leading a new CBS series titled Code Black , but later exited the show for creative reasons .

She also made her first appearance as a guest star in the Showtime Series Californication in January 2013 where she plays a groupie and muse to the rock and roll world as well as the personal interest of Hank Moody , starring David Duchovny .

= = Personal life = =

Grace lived in Honolulu , Hawaii while working on Lost , saying " I love it here , but it 's not a place you can really pursue acting . " She claimed that , while living in Hawaii , her Lost co @-@ stars would introduce her to men and that some " would probably have me with a different guy every night . " She said that her male co @-@ stars were " mostly very protective " and " very opinionated " when deciding whether she should date certain men ; actor Josh Holloway once offered to help her select dates from a portfolio of male models with whom he previously worked . Grace and Ian Somerhalder , her onscreen stepbrother , dated in April 2006 after both had left Lost . When asked about Somerhalder in August , she stated , " Ian 's great , I adore him , although I 'm only 22 ? far too young to even think about having a serious relationship . " While still working on Lost , Grace

and Somerhalder adopted a feral cat named Roo which they found " literally dying " in the jungle on the set . She said that the cat is now her " travel buddy . " From 2008 to 2009 , she dated Blake Mycoskie , a contestant on the second season of The Amazing Race and founder of TOMS Shoes . On February 18 , 2015 , Grace announced her engagement to Matthew Cooke via Instagram . In February 2016 , Grace announced that they had split up .

Grace often credits her mother as her source of inspiration . When asked about her closest friend , she said that she and her mother were more like sisters and that she is " lucky to have an exceptionally cool mum . " She is a self @-@ proclaimed Anglophile , having written to a pen pal in the Lake District from the age of eight , having first visited England at 13 years old , and admiring a number of English poets as well as William Shakespeare . She calls herself very clumsy , claiming to " trip over my legs all the time , " and was jokingly nicknamed " Maggie Graceless " by one of her former castmates . She plays in a Los Angeles kickball league with her friends .

= = Filmography = =