

= Emma Stone =

Emily Jean " Emma " Stone (born November 6 , 1988) is an American actress . One of the highest @-@ paid actresses in the world , she has been nominated for an Academy Award , two British Academy Film Awards , and two Golden Globe Awards , and has won two Screen Actors Guild Awards . Aside from her acting career , Stone promotes several causes , such as promoting awareness of breast cancer .

Drawn to acting as a child , Stone had her first role in a theater production of *The Wind in the Willows* in 2000 . As a teenager , she relocated to Los Angeles with her mother , and made her television debut in VH1 's *In Search of the New Partridge Family* (2004) , a reality show that produced only an unsold pilot . After a series of small television roles , she won a Young Hollywood Award for her film debut in *Superbad* (2007) , and received positive media attention for her role in *Zombieland* (2009) .

Stone 's first starring role was in the teen comedy *Easy A* (2010) , for which she was nominated for the BAFTA Rising Star Award and a Golden Globe Award . She followed this breakthrough role with the commercially successful film *Crazy , Stupid , Love* (2011) , and a dramatic part in the critically acclaimed film *The Help* (2011) . Stone received wider recognition for playing Gwen Stacy in the 2012 superhero film *The Amazing Spider @-@ Man* , and its sequel in 2014 . She was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for the role of a recovering drug addict in the black comedy @-@ drama *Birdman* (2014) . Stone made her Broadway debut in a revival of the musical *Cabaret* (2014 ? 15) .

= = Early life = =

Stone was born on November 6 , 1988 , in Scottsdale , Arizona , to Krista Jean Stone (née Yeager) , a homemaker , and Jeffrey Charles Stone , the founder and CEO of a general @-@ contracting company . Her parents were co @-@ owners of the Camelback Golf Club , and she lived on the grounds of the Camelback Inn resort from the age of 12 to 15 . She has a younger brother , Spencer . Her paternal grandfather , Conrad Ostberg Stone , was of Swedish descent . His family 's original surname " Sten " was anglicized as " Stone " when they immigrated to the United States through Ellis Island . She also has German , English , Scottish , and Irish ancestry .

As an infant , Stone had baby colic and cried frequently ; she later developed nodules and calluses on her vocal chords . According to Stone , she was " loud " and " bossy " while growing up . She was educated at Sequoya Elementary School and attended Cocopah Middle School for the sixth grade . Despite not liking school , she has said : " I made sure I got all As " citing her controlling nature as the reason . In a gymnastics class , she fell off the parallel bars and broke both arms . Stone also suffered panic attacks as a child ; she stated that the attacks caused a decline in her social skills . She underwent therapy but claims that it was her participation in local theater plays that helped cure the attacks . She recalled :

The first time I had a panic attack I was sitting in my friend 's house , and I thought the house was burning down . I called my mom and she brought me home , and for the next three years it just would not stop . I would go to the nurse at lunch most days and just wring my hands . I would ask my mom to tell me exactly how the day was going to be , then ask again 30 seconds later . I just needed to know that no one was going to die and nothing was going to change .

Stone was drawn to acting from the age of four . She wanted a career in sketch comedy initially , but shifted focus toward musical theater , and took voice lessons for several years . She made her acting debut at the age of 11 with a role in a theater production of *The Wind in the Willows* , playing the part of Otter . Stone was homeschooled for two years , during which time she appeared in sixteen productions at Phoenix 's Valley Youth Theatre , including : *The Princess and the Pea* , *Alice 's Adventures in Wonderland* , and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* . She also performed with the theater 's improvisational comedy troupe . She traveled to Los Angeles and auditioned unsuccessfully for a role in Nickelodeon 's *All That* . This led her parents to send her to private acting lessons with a local acting coach , who had worked at the William Morris Agency in

the 1970s .

After attending Xavier College Preparatory ? ? ? an all @-@ girl Catholic high school ? ? ? as a freshman for one semester , Stone dropped out to become an actress . She prepared a PowerPoint presentation for her parents titled " Project Hollywood " (featuring Madonna 's 2003 song " Hollywood ") to convince them to let her move to California to pursue an acting career . In January 2004 , she moved with her mother to an apartment in Los Angeles . She recalled : " I went up for every single show on the Disney Channel and auditioned to play the daughter on every single sitcom , " adding , " I ended up getting none . " Between auditions for roles , she enrolled in online high @-@ school classes , and worked part @-@ time at a dog @-@ treat bakery .

= = Career = =

= = = 2004 ? 08 : Early career = = =

When Stone registered for the Screen Actors Guild the name " Emily Stone " was already taken . She chose " Riley Stone " as her stage name initially , but after guest @-@ starring on the Fox sitcom *Malcolm in the Middle* , she decided that she was more comfortable with " Emma " , a nickname that her mother had given her . She made her television debut as Laurie Partridge on the VH1 talent competition reality show *In Search of the New Partridge Family* (2004) . The resulting show , retitled *The New Partridge Family* (2004) , remained an unsold pilot . She followed this with guest appearances in a number of television series , including : *Medium* , *Malcolm in the Middle* , and *Lucky Louie* . She auditioned to star as Claire Bennet in the NBC science fiction drama *Heroes* and overheard in the casting room , " On a scale of 1 to 10 , you 're an 11 " ; but the casting directors were referring to Hayden Panettiere , who was cast instead . Stone deemed it her " rock bottom " experience . In April 2007 , she played Violet Trimble in the Fox action drama *Drive* , but the show was canceled after seven episodes .

Stone made her feature film debut in Greg Mottola 's comedy *Superbad* (2007) , co @-@ starring Michael Cera and Jonah Hill . The film tells the story of two high school students who go through a series of comic misadventures after they plan to buy alcohol for a party . To play the role of Hill 's romantic interest she dyed her hair red . A reviewer for *The Hollywood Reporter* found her " appealing " , but felt that her role was poorly written . Stone has described the experience of acting in her first film as " amazing ... [but] very different than other experiences I 've had since then " . The film was a commercial success , and earned her the Young Hollywood Award for Exciting New Face .

The following year , Stone starred in the comedy *The Rocker* (2008) playing Amelia Stone , the " straight face " bass guitarist in a band ; she learned to play the bass for the role . Stone , who has described herself as " a big smiler and laughter " , admitted that she found it difficult portraying a character whose personality traits were so different from her own . The film , and her performance , received negative reviews from critics and was a commercial failure . However , her next release , the romantic comedy *The House Bunny* , performed better at the box @-@ office , becoming a moderate commercial success . The film saw her play the president of a sorority , and perform a cover version of the Waitresses ' 1982 song " I Know What Boys Like " . Reviews for the film were generally negative , though she was praised for her supporting role . *TV Guide* 's Ken Fox commented on her performance : " She 's positively incandescent , lighting up a movie that would be pretty dim without her . " That year , she also expressed a desire to become a film producer .

= = = 2009 ? 11 : Breakthrough = = =

Stone had three film releases in 2009 . Her first role was opposite Matthew McConaughey , Jennifer Garner , and Michael Douglas in Mark Waters 's *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past* . Loosely based on Charles Dickens ' 1843 novella *A Christmas Carol* , the romantic comedy has her playing a ghost who haunts her former boyfriend . Critical reaction to the film was negative , though it was a modest

commercial success . Her most financially profitable venture that year was Ruben Fleischer 's \$ 102 @. @ 3 million @-@ grossing horror comedy film *Zombieland* , in which she was featured alongside Jesse Eisenberg , Woody Harrelson , and Abigail Breslin . She appears as a con @-@ artist , and survivor of a zombie apocalypse in a role which *Empire* 's Chris Hewitt found to be " somewhat underwritten " . In a more positive review , *The Daily Telegraph* wrote : " [T] he hugely promising Stone ... [is] a tough cookie who projects the aura of being wiser than her years . " Stone 's final release in 2009 was Kieran and Michelle Mulroney 's *Paper Man* , a comedy @-@ drama which polarized critics .

Stone provided the voice of an Australian Shepherd in *Marmaduke* (2010) , a comedy from director Tom Dey , which is based on Brad Anderson 's long @-@ running comic strip of the same name . Her breakthrough came the same year with her starring role in *Easy A* , a teen comedy directed by Will Gluck ; website *WatchMojo.com* considered it her best performance to date . Partially based on Nathaniel Hawthorne 's 1850 historical romance novel *The Scarlet Letter* , the film tells the story of Olive Penderghast (Stone) , a high school student who becomes embroiled in a comic sex scandal after a false rumor circulates that she is sexually promiscuous . Stone read the script before the project was optioned for production , and pursued it with her manager while production details were being finalized . She found the script " so different and unique from anything I 'd read before " , opining that it was " funny and sweet " . When Stone discovered that the film had begun production , she met with Gluck , expressing her enthusiasm for the project . A few months later , the audition process started and she met again with Gluck and was one of the first actresses to audition . The film received positive critical reviews , and Stone 's performance was considered its prime asset . Anna Smith of *Time Out* commented : " Stone gives a terrific performance , her knowing drawl implying intellect and indifference with underlying warmth . " With a total box office of US \$ 75 million , the film was a commercial success . She was nominated for BAFTA Rising Star Award , and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy , and won the MTV Movie Award for Best Comedic Performance .

In October 2010 , Stone hosted an episode of NBC 's late @-@ night sketch comedy *Saturday Night Live* , describing it as " the greatest week of my life " . She hosted it again in 2011 , appeared in an episode in 2014 , and in its 40th anniversary special in 2015 . A brief appearance in the sex comedy *Friends with Benefits* (2011) reunited Stone with Gluck . She followed this with a supporting role in Glenn Ficarra and John Requa 's romantic comedy *Crazy , Stupid , Love* (2011) alongside Steve Carell and Ryan Gosling . The film features her as a law school graduate , and the love interest of Gosling 's character . Despite finding " some inevitable collapses into convention " in the film , Drew McWeeny of *HitFix* wrote that she " ties the whole film together " . At the 2012 Teen Choice Awards , she won the Choice Movie Actress ? Comedy award for her performance in the film . *Crazy , Stupid , Love* was a box office success , grossing US \$ 142 @. @ 9 million worldwide with a production budget of US \$ 50 million .

Disillusioned at being typecast as the " sarcastic interest of the guy " , Stone co @-@ starred with Viola Davis in Tate Taylor 's period drama *The Help* (2011) , a film she found to be challenging . The film is based on Kathryn Stockett 's 2009 novel of the same name and is set in 1960s Jackson , Mississippi . She met with Taylor to express a desire to work in the film . Taylor said : " Emma was completely awkward and dorky , with her raspy voice , and she sat down and we got a little intoxicated and had a blast , and I just thought , ' God ! God ! This is Skeeter . " He cast her in the role . She portrayed Eugenia " Skeeter " Phelan , an aspiring writer learning about the lives of the African @-@ American maids . In preparation for the part , she trained to speak in a Southern dialect ; in addition , she educated herself on the civil rights movements through literature and film . With a worldwide gross of US \$ 216 million against a budget of US \$ 25 million , *The Help* became Stone 's most commercially successful film at that point . The film , and her performance , received positive reviews from critics . Writing for *Empire* , Anna Smith thought that Stone was " well @-@ meaning and hugely likable " despite finding " flaws " in her character . The film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture , and won Best Ensemble Cast from the Women Film Critics Circle and the Broadcast Film Critics Association .

= = = 2012 ? present : Mainstream and critical success = = =

Stone declined a role in the action comedy film *21 Jump Street* after signing on to *The Amazing Spider-Man* as her sole release in 2012. The Marc Webb directed superhero film was a reboot of the eponymous film series; she portrayed Gwen Stacy, Peter Parker's (played by Andrew Garfield) love interest. She went back to blond from her previous red hair color for the role. In an interview with the *The Vancouver Sun* newspaper, Stone stated that she felt a responsibility to educate herself about *Spider-Man* and admitted that she had not read the comic book. She said: "my experience was with the Sam Raimi movies ... I always assumed that Mary Jane was his first love," concluding that she was only familiar with Stacy's character from her *The Help* co-star Bryce Dallas Howard's portrayal in *Spider-Man 3*. *The Amazing Spider-Man* was a commercial success and was the seventh highest grossing film of 2012 with global revenues of US \$ 757 million. *Entertainment Weekly*'s Lisa Schwarzbaum found Stone "irresistible", and Ian Freer of *Empire* magazine was particularly impressed with Stone's and Garfield's "great" and "strong" performances. At the annual *People's Choice Awards* ceremony, she was nominated for three awards, including *Favorite Movie Actress*. Later that year, Stone voiced a role in the crime based video game, *Sleeping Dogs*, which earned her a *Spike Video Game Award* for *Best Performance by a Human Female* nomination.

Stone began 2013 with a voice role in *DreamWorks' The Croods*, an animated feature nominated for an *Academy Award* for *Best Animated Feature*. She then appeared in the anthology film *Movie 43*, which consists of sixteen short stories; she played the title role in the segment entitled *Veronica*. Stone collaborated with Ryan Gosling and Sean Penn in *Ruben Fleischer's Gangster Squad* (2013), a crime thriller set in Los Angeles during the 1940s. *The New York Times*' A. O. Scott dismissed the film as "a hectic jumble of fedoras and zoot suits", but praised her pairing with Gosling. Stone expressed a desire to work with Gosling on more projects.

In 2014, Stone reprised the role of Gwen Stacy in *The Amazing Spider-Man 2*. In an interview with *Total Film*, Stone explained that her character was not dependent on the film's protagonist. "She saves him more than he saves her. She's incredibly helpful to *Spider-Man* ... He's the muscle, she's the brains." Her performance was well received by critics; an *Empire* reviewer praised her for standing out in the film: "Stone is the Heath Ledger of this series, doing something unexpected with an easily dismissed supporting character." The role earned her the *Favorite Movie Actress* award at the 2015 *Kids' Choice Awards*. Later that year, Stone took on a role in Woody Allen's romantic comedy *Magic in the Moonlight*, a modest commercial success. A. O. Scott criticized her role, and pairing with Colin Firth, describing it as "the kind of pedantic nonsense that is meant to signify superior intellect".

The black comedy @-@ drama *Birdman*, from director Alejandro González Iñárritu, was Stone's final film release in 2014. Co-@- starring Michael Keaton and Edward Norton, the film features her in the role of Sam Thomson, the recovering @-@ addict daughter of actor Riggan Thomson (Keaton), who becomes his assistant. In an interview with *Interview* magazine, Iñárritu said that he wrote Stone's character based on his experience with his daughter. *Birdman* was critically acclaimed, and was the most successful film at the 87th *Academy Awards*; it was nominated for nine awards, winning four, including *Best Picture*. The *Movie Network* considered it one of Stone's best performances to date and Robbie Collin of *The Daily Telegraph* was impressed with a monologue she delivers, which he thought was "like a knitting needle to the gut". She received numerous accolades for her portrayal, including nominations for an *Academy*, a *BAFTA*, a *Golden Globe*, a *Screen Actors Guild*, and a *Critics' Choice Movie* award for *Best Supporting Actress*.

From November 2014 to February 2015, Stone appeared in the Broadway musical *Cabaret* as Sally Bowles, taking over the role from Michelle Williams. Considering it to be "the most nerve @-@ racking thing ever", Stone told the *Entertainment Weekly* magazine that she listened to a French radio station to mentally prepare herself for the role. *Variety*'s Marilyn Stasio was critical of her singing and found her performance "a bit narrow as an emotional platform, but a smart choice for her acting skills, the perfect fit for her sharp intelligence and kinetic energy." Both of Stone's 2015 films ??? the romantic comedy @-@ drama *Aloha*, and the mystery drama *Irrational Man* ??

? were critical and commercial failures , and her roles were panned by critics . In Cameron Crowes 's Aloha , she took on the role of an Asian @-@ American air force pilot alongside Bradley Cooper , and in the Woody Allen @-@ directed Irrational Man , she portrayed the romantic interest of Joaquin Phoenix 's character , a philosophy professor . The former was controversial for whitewashing the cast ; Stone later regretted the project , acknowledging whitewashing as a widespread problem in Hollywood . Despite the criticism , she was nominated for Choice Movie Actress ? Comedy at the 2015 Teen Choice Awards .

As of April 2016 , Stone is filming her third film with Ryan Gosling ? ? ? Damien Chazelle 's musical comedy @-@ drama La La Land , in which she plays an actress and the love interest of Gosling 's character . In addition , she has signed on to co @-@ star as Billie Jean King in Battle of the Sexes , a sports comedy @-@ drama based on the 1973 battle of the sexes match between tennis players King and Bobby Riggs . She is also set to star in the drama Love May Fail , based on Matthew Quick 's 2015 novel and Cruella de Vil in a live @-@ action spin @-@ off of One Hundred and One Dalmatians .

= = Personal life = =

Stone moved from Los Angeles to Greenwich Village , New York City in 2009 . In 2016 , she moved back to Los Angeles . Despite frequent media coverage , she has refused to speak about her private life . Concerned with living a " normal " life , she has said that she finds little value in media attention . She has expressed her fondness for her profession , and cited actress Diane Keaton as an influence who is , in her words , " one of the most covered @-@ up actresses of all time " . She has also named actress and singer @-@ songwriter Marion Cotillard as another of her inspirations .

Stone has a close relationship with her family ; she says : " I am blessed with a great family and great people around me that would be able to kick me in the shins if I ever for one minute got lost up in the clouds . " She maintains close friendships with Jennifer Lawrence and Taylor Swift . During the production of The Amazing Spider @-@ Man in 2010 , Stone dated co @-@ star Andrew Garfield . The nature of their relationship was well @-@ documented by the media , with frequent speculation about an impending engagement or a break @-@ up . She refused to talk about it publicly , though she made several appearances with him . In 2015 , the couple were reported to have broken up .

According to Stone , she suffers from asthma , which she discovered after having difficulty breathing while filming Easy A. Her mother was diagnosed with triple @-@ negative breast cancer and was cured in 2008 . Stone and her mother celebrated by getting tattoos , of birds feet , designed by Paul McCartney , a reference to the Beatles ' " Blackbird " , which is a song she and her mother love . She appeared in a Revlon campaign that promoted breast cancer awareness . In 2011 , she featured in a collaborative video between Star Wars and Stand Up to Cancer , which aimed to raise funds for cancer research . Two years later , she attended an event by Gilda 's Club , an organization working for a similar purpose . From 2012 to 2014 , she hosted the Entertainment Industry Foundation 's Revlon Run / Walk , which helps fight women 's cancer .

Stone , alongside three other celebrities , was present at the 2012 Nickelodeon HALO Awards , a television special that profiled five teenagers who are " Helping And Leading Others " (HALO) . In 2014 , On an occasion in New York , Stone and Garfield encouraged paparazzi to visit websites , which spread awareness of causes , such as autism . She attended the 2014 Earth Hour , a worldwide movement for the planet organized by the World Wide Fund for Nature . In 2015 , she was part of a fundraising event in support of the Motion Picture & Television Fund , which helps people in the television and film industry with limited or no resources .

= = Media image = =

Several media publications consider Stone one of her generation 's most talented actresses . Commenting on her performance in The Help , Kirk Honeycutt of The Hollywood Reporter called her " one of our very best young actresses " . She is known for starring in both high @-@ profile ,

mainstream productions and low @-@ budget independent films . Time 's Daniel D 'Addario describes the latter as " substantive risk " and adds that taking on a role in them provides her an opportunity to " try something new and to get credibility " . Analyzing her on @-@ screen persona , Jessica Kiang of Indiewire noted that Stone " usually [plays] the approachable , down @-@ to @-@ earth , girl @-@ next @-@ door type , [and] in person she demonstrates many of those qualities too , along with an absolute refusal to take herself too seriously . "

As her career in Hollywood films has developed , Stone has become a successful and popular actress . In 2008 , she topped Saturday Night Magazine 's Top 20 Rising Stars Under 30 and was included in a similar list compiled by Moviefone . LoveFilm placed her on their list of 2010 Top 20 Actresses Under 30 , and her performance in Easy A was included in Time 's Top 10 Everything of 2010 . She appeared in the 2013 Celebrity 100 , a compilation of the 100 most powerful people in the world , as selected annually by Forbes . The magazine reported that she had earned US \$ 16 million from June 2012 to June 2013 . That same year , she was ranked first in the magazine 's Top 10 Best Value Stars . In 2015 , Forbes published that she had become one of the highest @-@ paid actresses with earnings of US \$ 6 @.@ 5 million .

Stone is considered a style icon ? ? ? the media cites her hair , eyes , and husky voice as her trademarks . Vogue credits Stone for her " sophisticated , perfectly put @-@ together looks " , writing that " her charisma , both on @-@ screen and off- , has charmed many . " In 2009 , she featured in AskMen 's Top 99 Women , FHM 's 100 Sexiest Women in the World , and Maxim magazine 's Hot 100 ; the latter also placed her on the list on three other occasions ? ? ? 2010 , 2011 , and 2014 . She continued to be featured in AskMen 's annual beauty lists from 2010 to 2015 , ranking among the top forty each year . In 2011 , she appeared in Victoria 's Secret 's list of What is Sexy ? as the Sexiest Actress . She was mentioned in several other media outlet lists that year , including People magazine 's 100 Most Beautiful Women , each of FHM 's and FHM Australia 's 100 Sexiest Women in the World , and Men 's Health magazine 's 100 Hottest Women . Stone was named the best dressed woman of 2012 by Vogue magazine and was featured in a similar listing by Glamour in 2013 and 2015 .

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= = Awards and nominations = =

Stone has been nominated for an Academy Award , two British Academy Film Awards and two Golden Globe Awards . She has also won an MTV Movie Award , a People 's Choice Award , two Screen Actors Guild Awards and three Teen Choice Awards . She was recognized for her roles in Superbad , Zombieland , Easy A , Crazy , Stupid , Love , The Help , The Amazing Spider @-@ Man and Birdman .

