

= Mila Kunis =

Milena Markovna " Mila " Kunis (/ ˈmiːl? ˈkuːn?s / ; born August 14 , 1983) is an American actress . In 1991 , at the age of seven , she moved from the Ukrainian SSR to Los Angeles with her family . After being enrolled in acting classes as an after @-@ school activity , she was soon discovered by an agent . She appeared in several television series and commercials , before acquiring her first significant role prior to her 15th birthday , playing Jackie Burkhart on the television series That ' 70s Show . Since 1999 , she has voiced Meg Griffin on the animated series Family Guy .

Her breakout film role came in 2008 , playing Rachel in the romantic comedy @-@ drama Forgetting Sarah Marshall . Her other films include the neo @-@ noir action film Max Payne (2008) , the post @-@ apocalyptic action film The Book of Eli (2010) , the romantic comedy Friends with Benefits (2011) , the comedy Ted (2012) , the fantasy Oz the Great and Powerful (2013) as the Wicked Witch of the West , and the drama Black Swan (2010) , in which her performance gained her worldwide accolades , including the Premio Marcello Mastroianni for Best Young Actor or Actress , and nominations for the Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actress and Screen Actors Guild Award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role .

= = Early life and education = =

Kunis was born in Chernivtsi , in the Ukrainian SSR (now Ukraine) . Her mother , Elvira , is a physics teacher who runs a pharmacy , and her father , Mark Kunis , is a mechanical engineer who works as a cab driver . Kunis has an elder brother named Michael (born c . 1976) . She stated in 2011 that her parents had " amazing jobs " , and that the family was " very lucky " and " not poor " ; they had decided to leave the USSR because they saw " no future " there for Kunis and her brother . In 1991 , when she was seven years old , her family moved to Los Angeles , California , with \$ 250 . " That was all we were allowed to take with us . My parents had given up good jobs and degrees , which were not transferable . We arrived in New York on a Wednesday and by Friday morning my brother and I were at school in LA . "

Kunis comes from a Jewish family and has cited antisemitism in the former Soviet Union as one of several reasons for her family 's move to the United States . She has stated that her parents " raised [her] Jewish as much as they could , " although religion was suppressed in the Soviet Union . On her second day in Los Angeles , Kunis was enrolled at Rosewood Elementary School , not knowing a word of English . She later recalled : " I blocked out second grade completely . I have no recollection of it . I always talk to my mom and my grandma about it . It was because I cried every day . I didn 't understand the culture . I didn 't understand the people . I didn 't understand the language . My first sentence of my essay to get into college was like , ' Imagine being blind and deaf at age seven . ' And that 's kind of what it felt like moving to the States . "

In Los Angeles , she attended Hubert Howe Bancroft Middle School . She used an on @-@ set tutor for most of her high school years while filming That ' 70s Show . She briefly attended Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES) , but when that school proved to be insufficiently flexible about her acting commitments , she transferred to Fairfax High School , from which she graduated in 2001 . She briefly attended UCLA and Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles .

= = Career = =

= = 1994 ? 2000 : Career beginnings and television work = = =

At age nine , Kunis was enrolled by her father in acting classes after school at the Beverly Hills Studios , where she met Susan Curtis , who would become her manager . On her first audition she landed the role for a Barbie commercial . Shortly after , she did a commercial for the Lisa Frank product line . Her first television roles took place in 1994 , first appearing on Days of Our Lives , and

a few months later doing her first of two appearances on Baywatch . She had a minor role on 7th Heaven and supporting roles in Santa with Muscles , Honey , We Shrunk Ourselves , and the Angelina Jolie film Gia , as the young Gia Carangi .

At the age of 10 , Kunis auditioned for but failed to get the role of a Russian Jewish girl who moves to America in the film Make a Wish , Molly . Instead , she was cast in the secondary role of a Mexican girl . In 1998 , Kunis was cast as Jackie Burkhart in the Fox sitcom That ' 70s Show . All who auditioned were required to be at least 18 years old ; Kunis , who was 14 at the time , told the casting directors she would be 18 but did not say when . Though they eventually figured it out , the producers still thought Kunis was the best fit for the role . That ' 70s Show ran for eight seasons . She won two consecutive Young Star Awards as Best Young Actress in a Comedy TV Series in 1999 and 2000 for her performances .

In 1999 , Kunis replaced Lacey Chabert in the role of Meg Griffin on the animated sitcom Family Guy , created by Seth MacFarlane for Fox . Kunis won the role after auditions and a slight rewrite of the character , in part due to her performance on That ' 70s Show . MacFarlane called Kunis back after her first audition , instructing her to speak slower , and then told her to come back another time and enunciate more . Upon claiming that she had mastered these speech particulars , MacFarlane hired her . MacFarlane added : " What Mila Kunis brought to it was in a lot of ways , I thought , almost more right for the character . I say that Lacey did a phenomenal job , but there was something about Mila ? something very natural about Mila . She was 15 when she started , so you were listening to a 15 @-@ year @-@ old . Oftentimes with animation they 'll have adult actors doing the voices of teenagers and they always sound like Saturday morning voices . They sound oftentimes very forced . She had a very natural quality to Meg that really made what we did with that character kind of really work . " Kunis was nominated for an Annie Award in the category of Voice Acting in an Animated Television Production in 2007 . She also voiced Meg in the Family Guy Video Game ! . Kunis described her character as " the scapegoat . "

= = = 2001 ? 08 : Transition to film = = =

In 2001 , she appeared in Get Over It opposite Kirsten Dunst . She followed that up in 2002 , by starring in the straight @-@ to @-@ DVD horror film American Psycho 2 alongside William Shatner , a sequel to the 2000 film American Psycho . American Psycho 2 was panned by critics , and later , Kunis herself expressed embarrassment over the film . In 2004 , Kunis starred in the film adaptation Tony n ' Tina 's Wedding . Although the film was shot in 2004 , it did not have a theatrical release until 2007 . Most critics did not like the film , which mustered a 25 % approval from Rotten Tomatoes . DVD talk concluded that " fans would be much better off pretending the movie never happened in the first place " .

In 2005 , Kunis co @-@ starred with Jon Heder in Moving McAllister , which was not released theatrically until 2007 . The film received generally poor reviews and had a limited two @-@ week run in theaters . She followed up with After Sex starring alongside Zoe Saldana , who had also appeared in Get Over It . In October 2006 , she began filming Boot Camp (originally titled Straight Edge) . The film was not released in theatres in the United States , but was released on DVD on August 25 , 2009 .

Kunis starred as Rachel Jansen in the 2008 comedy film , Forgetting Sarah Marshall , co @-@ produced by Judd Apatow . The role , which she won after unsuccessfully auditioning for Knocked Up , entailed improvisation on her part . The film garnered positive reviews , and was a commercial success , grossing \$ 105 million worldwide . Kunis 's performance was well @-@ received ; Joe Morgenstern of The Wall Street Journal praised her " fresh beauty and focused energy " , while James Berardinelli wrote that she is " adept with her performance and understands the concept of comic timing " . She was nominated for a Teen Choice Award . In an interview , Kunis credited Apatow with helping her to expand her career from That ' 70s Show .

Also in 2008 , Kunis portrayed Mona Sax , an assassin , alongside Mark Wahlberg in the action film Max Payne , based on the video game of the same name . Kunis underwent training in guns , boxing , and martial arts for her role . Max Payne was relatively successful at the box office ,

grossing \$ 85 million worldwide but was panned by critics , with several reviewers calling Kunis miscast . Travis Estvold of Boise Weekly wrote that she was " horribly miscast as some sort of undersized , warble @-@ voiced crime boss " . Director John Moore defended his choice of Kunis saying , " Mila just bowled us over She wasn 't an obvious choice , but she just wears Mona so well . We needed someone who would not be just a fop or foil to Max ; we needed somebody who had to be that character and convey her own agenda . I think Mila just knocked it out of the park . " She was nominated for another Teen Choice Award for her role in the film .

= = = 2009 ? 12 : Film breakthrough and acclaim = = =

In 2009 , she appeared in the comedy film *Extract* with Ben Affleck and Jason Bateman . The film received mostly positive reviews , and grossed \$ 10 @. @ 8 million at the box office . Roger Ebert , while critical of the film itself , wrote that Kunis " brings her role to within shouting distance of credibility . " Director Mike Judge commented that part of what was surprising to learn about Kunis was her ability to make references to the cult animation film *Rejected* . Judge said : " As beautiful as Mila is , you could believe that maybe she would cross paths with you in the real world . " After seeing Kunis perform in *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* , Judge wanted to cast her in the role of Cindy in *Extract* : " I just thought , ' Wow , this girl 's perfect . ' And she really wanted to do it , which was fantastic . " Kunis herself stated that " I 'm a huge fan of Mike Judge 's from *Office Space* , so I was , like , ' Okay , this is a very easy decision . ' I told them I would do anything needed to be in this production ? like craft service , or , say , acting . "

In 2010 , she starred alongside Denzel Washington in the action film *The Book of Eli* . Although the film received mixed reviews , it performed well at the box office , grossing over \$ 157 million worldwide . Film critic Richard Roeper praised Kunis 's performance , calling it a " particularly strong piece of work " . Several other reviews were equally positive , including that of Pete Hammond of *Boxoffice* magazine , who wrote that she 's " ideally cast in the key female role " Even reviewers who didn 't necessarily like the film complimented her performance , such as James Berardinelli , who wrote that " the demands of the role prove to be within her range , which is perhaps surprising considering she has been thus far pigeonholed into more lightweight parts " , and Colin Covert of the *Star Tribune* , who wrote that she " generated a spark and brought a degree of determination to her character , developing an independent female character who 's not always in need of rescuing . " Other critics , such as Claudia Puig of *USA Today* felt she was miscast , noting that " she looked as if she dropped in from a Ray @-@ Ban commercial " . Kunis received another Teen Choice Award nomination for her performance . Kunis was also cast in a minor role in the 2010 comedy film *Date Night* , starring Tina Fey and Steve Carell . She garnered several positive reviews for her performance . Michael Phillips of the *Chicago Tribune* concluded her performance with James Franco helped save the film and gave it " a shot in the arm . "

Kunis was nominated for multiple awards , including her first Golden Globe , for the 2010 film *Black Swan* . She played a rival ballet dancer to the main character , played by Natalie Portman . Director Darren Aronofsky cast Kunis in the film based on her performance in *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* , and on the recommendation of co @-@ star and close friend Natalie Portman . She underwent a training regimen that included cardiovascular exercise , a 1 @, @ 200 @-@ calorie a day diet (she lost 20 pounds that she regained after filming ended) , and ballet classes for four hours a day , seven days a week . During the demanding production , she suffered injuries including a torn ligament and a dislocated shoulder . *Black Swan* received widespread acclaim from critics and was nominated for five Academy Awards , including Best Picture . The film grossed over \$ 106 @. @ 9 million in the United States and Canada while grossing over \$ 329 million worldwide . Reviews of Kunis 's performance were positive , with Kirk Honeycutt of *The Hollywood Reporter* stating , " Kunis makes a perfect alternate to Portman , equally as lithe and dark but a smirk of self @-@ assurance in place of Portman 's wide @-@ eyed fearfulness . " Guy Lodge of *In Contention* also praised Kunis , saying , " it 's the cool , throaty @-@ voiced Kunis who is the surprise package here , intelligently watching and reflecting her co @-@ star in such a manner that we 're as uncertain as Nina of her ingenuousness . " Kunis 's performance won her the Marcello Mastroianni Award for Best Young

Actor or Actress at the 67th Venice International Film Festival , and earned her Golden Globe Award and Screen Actors Guild Award nominations for Best Supporting Actress . At the 37th annual Saturn Awards , she was also honored with the Best Supporting Actress award for her performance .

Kunis was cast alongside Justin Timberlake in the 2011 romantic comedy Friends with Benefits . Director Will Gluck stated that he wrote the story with Kunis and Timberlake in mind . Friends with Benefits achieved success at the box office , grossing over \$ 149 million worldwide , and received mostly positive reviews with critics praising the chemistry between Kunis and Timberlake . Manohla Dargis of The New York Times wrote that " Ms. Kunis is fast proving that she 's a gift that keeps giving to mainstream romantic comedy " and " her energy is so invigorating and expansive and her presence so vibrant that she fills the screen " .

In 2012 , Kunis co -@-@ starred with Mark Wahlberg in Ted , her most commercially successful film to date . The film was directed and co -@-@ written by Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane . Kunis played the girlfriend of Wahlberg 's character . When MacFarlane first conceived the project , he considered Kunis too young for the role . However , the film remained in development for several years and when it was finally ready to begin production , he ended up casting her . Ted has received generally positive reviews from critics and was a commercial success , grossing \$ 549 million worldwide . Drew McWeeny of HitFix wrote that Kunis " brings some lovely subtle grace notes to a role that easily could have just been ' the pushy girlfriend ' " .

= = = 2013 ? present : Future projects = = =

In 2013 , Kunis played Theodora , the youngest of three witches , opposite James Franco , in the Walt Disney Pictures ' prequel , Oz the Great and Powerful . She dedicated her performance in the film to Margaret Hamilton , the original Wicked Witch of the West in the 1939 film . The film , and Kunis 's performance , received mixed reviews from critics . Kim Newman of Empire Magazine wrote that Kunis " walks away with the honours as the wavering witch Theodora , whose heartbreak brings another , less @-@ expected depth to this 3D spectacle " . In contrast , Todd McCarthy of The Hollywood Reporter found Kunis 's performance to be uncertain as her character seemed to be in a state of limbo . Oz the Great and Powerful was a commercial success , grossing over \$ 493 million worldwide .

Also in 2013 Kunis co -@-@ starred in the crime thriller Blood Ties with Clive Owen , Billy Crudup , and Marion Cotillard . The film premiered at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival and had a limited release in the United States in 2014 . Blood Ties received mixed reviews . Kunis was also cast in the comedy The Angriest Man in Brooklyn , alongside Robin Williams and Peter Dinklage . The film had a limited theatrical and VOD release and received poor reviews . The Paul Haggis @-@ directed film Third Person co -@-@ starring with Liam Neeson , Olivia Wilde and James Franco premiered at the 2013 Toronto Film Festival and had a limited release in 2014 , but also received mostly negative reviews . Kunis ' performance was praised by some critics ; Deborah Young of The Hollywood Reporter wrote that her role gives her " enormous room to express her talent " and she " gives her story a shot of raw intensity " .

Kunis is set to be an executive producer for a feminist @-@ themed TV series for the CW network . Meridian Hills , is a drama about the women 's liberation movement in the 1970s . She will not appear on @-@ screen . In October 2014 it was announced Kunis , along with her partners , had launched a new production company called Orchard Farm Productions . The company has a first @-@ look deal with ABC Studios , where the company is based . Under the agreement , the team will develop and produce TV projects for broadcast and cable .

In 2015 , Kunis co -@-@ starred with Channing Tatum in the science fiction film Jupiter Ascending , directed by the Wachowskis . The film received mostly negative reviews .

Kunis will be co -@-@ starring with Kristen Bell and Christina Applegate in the comedy Bad Moms . The film is scheduled to be released July 29 , 2016 .

= = In the media = =

In 2007 , Kunis participated in a video for the website Funny or Die appearing alongside James Franco . The video was a parody of the MTV show The Hills and was a huge success for the website , with well over one million views . Shawn Levy , director of Date Night , stated that part of what made him decide to cast Kunis with James Franco in the film was the chemistry he felt they had in the Funny or Die video . In December 2008 , Kunis was featured in Gap 's " Shine Your Own Star " Christmas campaign .

In 2010 , she was featured in the " Women We Love " segment in Esquire with an accompanied video . Kunis was among several female stars photographed by Canadian singer / songwriter Bryan Adams in conjunction with the Calvin Klein Collections for a feature titled American Women 2010 , with the proceeds from the photographs donated to the NYC AIDS foundation . During the summer of 2010 Kunis served with Randy Jackson as the Master of Ceremonies for the 9th Annual Chrysalis Foundation Benefit . The Chrysalis Foundation is a Los Angeles @-@ based non @-@ profit organization formed to help economically disadvantaged and homeless individuals to become self @-@ sufficient through employment opportunities .

GQ magazine named Kunis the Knockout of the Year for 2011 , with Men 's Health naming her one of the " 100 Hottest Women of All @-@ Time " . FHM magazine ranked her number 9 on its 2012 Hot 100 list , but she reached number 1 on their 2013 " 100 Sexiest Women in the World " list , which brought to an end a four @-@ year run by British women .

Prior to this in 2008 Kunis stated , " You 've got to base your career on something other than being FHM 's top 100 number one girl . Your looks are going to die out , and then what 's going to be left ? " Maxim has consistently ranked Kunis on its Hot 100 list , reaching a ranking of number 5 in both 2009 and 2011 and number 3 in 2012 . Esquire magazine named her 2012 's Sexiest Woman Alive . She ranked # 2 on AskMen 's list of Top 99 Women for 2013 , behind only Jennifer Lawrence . In 2013 , she responded to those lists : " All I can say is , I feel honored to be considered sexy . "

Christian Dior signed Kunis in 2012 to be the face of its Spring fashion campaign . In February 2013 , she was named Gemfields global brand ambassador and the face of their advertising campaign . Gemfields is a luxury company that produces emeralds , rubies , and amethysts . She visited Gemfields ' mine in Zambia . Kunis appeared wearing Gemfields 's Rubies for the world premiere of Jupiter Ascending .

In 2013 , she appeared in Forbes list of 100 powerful celebrities , ranking # 89 on the basis of five criteria (Money , TV / Radio , Press , Social , and Marketability) , with her highest ranking as # 14 in marketability . She earned \$ 11 million for the year ending in June 2013 .

In 2014 , Kunis appeared in a range of global advertising for Beam , Inc . (makers of Jim Beam bourbon) .

= = Personal life = =

On September 14 , 2011 , the FBI announced it was investigating the alleged hacking of Kunis 's cellphone and email accounts , along with those of other celebrities . Christopher Chaney from Jacksonville , Florida , later pleaded guilty in federal court to nine counts of computer hacking .

In November 2011 , Kunis was escorted by Sgt. Scott Moore to a United States Marine Corps Ball in Greenville , North Carolina . Kunis had accepted Moore 's invitation in July after he posted it as a YouTube video while serving with the 3rd Battalion , 2nd Marine Regiment , in Afghanistan 's Helmand province . The event celebrated the Marine Corps ' 236th anniversary .

Kunis supports the Democratic Party and Barack Obama . In a 2012 interview , she criticized the Republican Party , saying : " The way that Republicans attack women is so offensive to me . And the way they talk about religion is offensive . I may not be a practicing Jew , but why we gotta talk about Jesus all the time ? "

= = = Health = = =

In January 2011 , she revealed her struggle with chronic iritis that had caused temporary blindness in one eye . Some months earlier she had surgery that had corrected the problem . Kunis also has

heterochromia iridum , a condition in which the irises are different colors . One eye (left) is brown , and the other (right) is green .

= = = Relationships = = =

Kunis began dating actor Macaulay Culkin in 2002 . During their relationship , there were rumors of the couple getting married , but Kunis denied them . In an interview with BlackBook magazine , Kunis stated that marriage is " not something that 's important to me " . Kunis said she tried her best to protect her and Culkin 's privacy , noting that " We don 't talk about it to the press . It 's already more high profile than I want it to be . " When asked if it was difficult to stay out of the tabloids and press , Kunis responded : " I keep my personal life as personal as I physically , mentally , possibly can . " Asked if that is difficult she said , " I don 't care . I will go to my grave trying . It is hard , but I 'll end up going to a bar that 's a hole in the wall . I won 't go to the ' it 's @-@ happening ' place . " On January 3 , 2011 , Kunis ' publicist confirmed reports that Kunis and Culkin had ended their relationship , saying " The split was amicable , and they remain close friends . "

Kunis began dating her former That ' 70s Show co @-@ star Ashton Kutcher in April 2012 , and they became engaged in February 2014 . She gave birth to their daughter Wyatt Isabelle in October 2014 . Kunis married Kutcher during the first weekend of July 2015 , in Oak Glen , California . In June 2016 , their representative confirmed they are expecting their second child .

= = Filmography = =

= = Awards and nominations = =