

ALF TV Interview with Nicole Debuc (June 4, 2012)

Q: Were you a fan of the show before or after you guest starred?

A: I was a big fan before I appeared -- I even had the talking stuffed animal ALF! I did what I thought was a pretty great impression of "Ha! I kill me!" So I was very excited to be offered the role of Hannah.

Q: How did you get the role?

A: One of my fellow cast members on "Our House," Jerry S. O'Loughlin, was an old friend of the casting director on "ALF," Meryl. He recommended me to her, and she watched me work and decided to bring me in for a guest spot.

Q: Do you have any fond memories of your time spent on the set?

A: Many wonderful memories! The cast and crew were very kind. I remember getting along great with Benji Gregory -- we talked a lot about Garbage Pail Kids. You have to remember, when you're a child actor, your perspective is from a kid's point of view. So the thing I associate most with my week of work on "ALF" is not the acting, or Paul, or even the lines... It's that I spent all of my school-on-the-set time working on my California missions project! Lots of tiny clay bricks were involved...

Q: Who did you like working with?

A: Everyone was very welcoming, but I especially enjoyed meeting Anne Ramsey. As a huge "Goonies" fan, I was a little scared of her at first (you don't mess with Mama Fratelli!), but she was incredibly kind. She was battling throat cancer, but it didn't slow down her spirit or will to work at all. She even gave me a souvenir from our time together -- an autographed tee-shirt from the production of "Throw Mama From the Train."

Q: Do you have any souvenirs from your time on the show?

A: (see above)

Q: Did you get to meet ALF and/or Paul Fusco (creator and voice of ALF)?

A: I did, but since we didn't have any scenes together, I didn't get much time to interact with ALF. I remember Paul being especially hilarious at the table read.

Q: What did your friends say after the episode aired?

A: Everyone I went to school with DEMANDED to know how ALF worked -- was he a puppet, or a robot, or a person in costume, or even a real alien? I felt it was my duty to keep the mystery of the show alive, and I told them all that I was sworn to secrecy. Which only made them even more curious to know!

Q: What are you up to now?

A: Now most of my work is behind the camera. I've been a writer for ten years, and I'm currently story editing a show I helped develop, "Transformers: Rescue Bots." You can still catch me voice acting as Iris West-Allen on the show, "Young Justice."

Q: Did you know that there may be an ALF movie coming to the big screen?

A: I did not know that! But I would definitely go see it. Hmm, sounds like it's time for a cast reunion!

Q: (A little less serious of a question) Do you like dogs?

A: As a proud supporter of (and adopter from) Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue, I can say I LOVE dogs! In fact, I wanted to spend most of my free time on the set with Francesca. Fortunately, the animal wrangler on "ALF" was very patient. I suppose you'd have to be, with all those cats going missing... *wink*

Thanks again for the opportunity! It's so wonderful to hear that there's still a strong community of ALF fans out there!

All the best,
Nicole