

# ASH VS EVIL DEAD

## -SEASON TWO- CAST BIOGRAPHIES

### BRUCE CAMPBELL (ASHLEY "ASH" WILLIAMS)

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In 1979 with his Detroit friends, Sam Raimi and Rob Tapert, Campbell raised \$350,000 for a low-budget film, *Evil Dead*, in which he starred and co-executively produced. Completed piecemeal over four years, the film first gained notoriety in England where it became the best-selling video of 1983, beating out *Poltergeist*. After its appearance at Cannes, where Stephen King dubbed it "the most ferociously original horror film of the year," New Line Cinema stepped forward to release *Evil Dead* in the U.S.

After co-producing *Crimewave*, a cross-genre comedy, Campbell moved to Los Angeles and quickly gained a foothold producing or starring in genre films such as the *Maniac Cop* series, *Lunatics: A Love Story*, *Moontrap* and *Mindwarp*, a post-apocalyptic Jeremiah Johnson, during which he met his wife-to-be, filmmaker, Ida Gearon.

Campbell then rejoined his Detroit colleagues to star and co-produce the second and third films in the *Evil Dead* trilogy, completing 12 years of work on the cult favorite. This rough-and-tumble background was a plus as Campbell made his foray into television, first starring in the highly touted Fox series "The Adventures of Brisco County Jr.," then as a recurring guest-star on the hit show "Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman." With these under his belt, Campbell easily made the transition to director, helming numerous episodes and recurring as the King of Thieves in the #1 syndicated "Hercules: The Legendary Journeys," and its follow-up phenomenon, "Xena: Warrior Princess."

Bruce has since expanded his range on television, with appearances in Disney's TV movies *Gold Rush*, and their update of *The Love Bug*. He teamed up with Fox again for the hit TV film *Tornado!*, and starred in NBC's top-rated *In The Line of Duty: Blaze of Glory*. Following decidedly dramatic turns on the acclaimed series "Homicide: Life on the Street" and "The X-Files," he enjoyed a recurring role on Showtime's edgy TV industry comedy, "Beggars and Choosers" and showed his political prowess when he was cast as President Ronald Reagan in FX Network's Emmy award-winning crime drama " Fargo."

At the invitation of ABC, Campbell ventured into the world of sitcoms with a recurring role on ABC's Emmy-nominated "Ellen," participating in one of the three touted "out" episodes. But Campbell didn't abandon his film roots. During that time, he had featured roles in the blockbuster *Congo*, John Carpenter's *Escape from L.A.*, and the award-winning independent crime drama,

*Running Time*. He followed these up with roles in Paramount's romantic comedy, *Serving Sara*, Jim Carrey's *The Majestic*, and all three of Sam Raimi's blockbuster *Spider-Man* movies. After a return to episodic television in the swashbuckling series, "Jack of All Trades," Campbell took the title role in MGM's cult sleeper *Bubba Ho-Tepp*. His directorial debut, *Man with the Screaming Brain* premiered on the Syfy Channel, and Dark Horse Comics published the comic adaptation.

Campbell has since made the leap into other forms of entertainment, and is enjoying his role as an author with back-to-back New York Times bestsellers: a memoir entitled *If Chins Could Kill: Confessions of a B Movie Actor*, and his first novel, *Make Love the Bruce Campbell Way*.

In the multi-media industry, Campbell provided voices on cutting-edge video games for Activision, THQ and Nova Logic - and he also enjoyed voicing characters for Disney's animated TV series "Tarzan" and the Warner Brothers feature *The Ant Bully*. He also voiced the character of Mayor Shelbourne in the animated hit *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*. In 2011, Campbell voiced the role of Rod "Torque" Redline in *Cars 2*, the sequel to the smash Disney animated feature. Most recently, Campbell directed and starred as himself in *My Name is Bruce*, a spoof of his B-movie career, then re-teamed with Disney for their fun-filled hit, *Sky High*.

In 2013, Bruce co-produced the hit remake of *Evil Dead*, joined his filmmaking pal Sam Raimi on *Oz The Great and Powerful*, and completed an impressive seven-year run on the spy show "Burn Notice," USA's #1 series on cable. Campbell continues to share his acting and filmmaking experiences by lecturing at universities, including Northwestern, Carnegie Mellon, and Stanford.

He currently resides with his wife, Ida Gearon, in Oregon.

#### LUCY LAWLESS (RUBY)

Lucy Lawless currently stars in the wildly popular Starz comedy horror "Ash vs Evil Dead," the *Evil Dead* spinoff, as Ruby, a mysterious figure that seeks out the source of the evil outbreaks. The series reunites Lawless with her "Xena: Warrior Princess" co-star Bruce Campbell, and the show's producer Sam Raimi, whom she also worked with on "Spartacus: Blood and Sand." She is currently working on Season Two of "Ash vs Evil Dead," with 10 half-hour episodes set to premiere in 2016.

Lucy has a variety of television credits under her belt, most recently including WGN America's supernatural drama, "Salem" where she played Countess Marburg, one of the last members of a line of powerful German witches. Lawless also recurred for two seasons on NBC's critically acclaimed comedy, "Parks and Recreation," as Diane, the wife of Ron Swanson, played by Nick Offerman and was seen in the Academy Award winning director Jane Campion's miniseries, "Top of the Lake." Lawless had a multi-episode arc on ABC's action filled dramedy, "No Ordinary Family," playing the mysterious "Mrs. X."

In 2012, Lawless reprised her pivotal role as Lucretia in the second season of the series, "Spartacus," appropriately titled, "Spartacus: Vengeance" where the story of the Thracian rebel Spartacus continued. Lawless made her first appearance as Lucretia on "Spartacus: Blood and Sand," a Starz original action-adventure drama series, and its prequel "Spartacus: Gods of the Arena."

Lawless, a New Zealander, rose to international fame through her groundbreaking performance as “Xena: Warrior Princess” in the cult hit series also executive produced by “Spartacus: Blood and Sand’s” Rob Tapert and Sam Raimi. Her other major television role was as D’Anna/Number Three in the critically acclaimed Syfy Channel series “Battlestar Galactica.”

Her other past television work includes, “Flight of the Conchords,” “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.,” “The Code,” and notable series as “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” “The L Word,” “CSI: Miami,” and “The X-Files.” In film, she played Aspen in Adam Sandler’s *Bedtime Stories*, Mother Superior in *Bitch Slap*, produced by “Xena” producer Eric Gruendemann and directed by “Spartacus: Blood and Sand’s” Rick Jacobson, and cameos in Raimi’s *Spider-Man*, and Tapert’s *Boogeyman*.

Lawless is a member of the board of the Starship Foundation, the fundraising body for the Starship Children’s Hospital in her hometown Auckland. She was made a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2004.

Lawless resides in Auckland, New Zealand, with her husband and three children.

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**RAY SANTIAGO  
(PABLO SIMON BOLIVAR)**

Ray Santiago has recurred on hit television shows “Bad Judge,” “Touch,” “Raising Hope,” and “Dexter.” Some of his feature film credits include *Suburban Gothic* alongside Kat Dennings, *Sex Ed* alongside Haley Joel Osment and George Eads, *In Time* alongside Justin Timberlake and Olivia Wilde, as well as *American Son*, *Meet the Fockers*, *Girlfight* and upcoming indie feature *Dynamite: A Cautionary Tale*.

The Nuyoricano Santiago, currently resides in Los Angeles, but originally hails from the Bronx in New York. He also attended the Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts, the “Fame” school, in New York City.

**DANA DELORENZO  
(KELLY MAXWELL)**

Dana DeLorenzo, an Ohio native, has had roles in films such as *A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas* and a leading role in *The Mad Ones*.

DeLorenzo’s television credits include “Barely Famous,” “Sullivan & Son,” “Workaholics,” “2 Broke Girls,” “Californication,” “Growing Up Fisher,” “Eagleheart,” and “Impress Me,” among others. She also appeared regularly on “The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson.” DeLorenzo is a graduate of DePaul University in Chicago and she currently resides in Los Angeles.

**LEE MAJORS  
(BROCK WILLIAMS)**

Majors started his television career in “The Big Valley”, going on to star in “The Men From Shiloh,” “Owen Marshall Counselor at Law,” “The Six Million Dollar Man,” “The Fall Guy,” “Tour of Duty,” “Raven” and countless appearances on television series, specials, award shows and movies.

He began his film career with *Will Penny* starring Charlton Heston. Majors recently completed filming two feature films *Almosting It* and *Do You Believe*. He will start production on two feature films this summer, plus he has a lineup of several other movies and television shows to be filmed in 2016.

Majors was an avid athlete while in college, along with performing most of his own stunts on his television shows. He is married to Faith Majors, the love of his life.

**MICHELLE HURD  
(LINDA B.)**

Michelle Hurd is set to begin production on the second season of "Ash vs Evil Dead." She recently joined the Marvel Universe as D.A. Samantha Reyes, in Netflix's hit series "Daredevil" and "Jessica Jones," and can currently be seen in her recurring role of Renee Grover on "Hawaii Five-0."

In addition to her tenure as Colleen Manus on A&E's cult summer series, "The Glades," other recent television credits include: "Devious Maids," "90210," "Witches of East End," "How to Get Away With Murder," "Bosch," "Mysteries of Laura," "Pretty Little Liars," "Raising Hope," "The Good Wife," "Law & Order: SVU," "Gossip Girl," "ER," "Bones," "According To Jim," "Law & Order," "Smith," "Skin," "Leap Years," "Charmed," "The O.C.," "Kevin Hill," "The Practice," and "Another World."

Film credits include the upcoming *We Don't Belong Here* alongside Catherine Keener and Maya Rudolph, *Search Engines*, *Within the Dark*, *Girl Most Likely* with Kristen Wiig, *Random Hearts*, *Personals*, *Double Parked*, *Wolf*, and *King of New York*.

Theatre credits include: *The Dog in the Manger* (Shakespeare Theatre Company), *AMI* (MCC), *Getting Away with Murder* (Broadway), *The Violet Hour* (Off-Broadway), *Looking for the Pony* (Off-Broadway), and *900 Oneonta* (Off-Broadway).

Hurd is a proud alumnus of NYC's premiere artist community at Westbeth.

**TED RAIMI  
(CHET KAMINSKI)**

Cult horror movie favorite, Ted Raimi has appeared in all three original *Evil Dead* movies. His additional feature film credits include *Midnight Meat Train*, *Shocker*, *Born Yesterday*, *Patriot Games*, *Clear and Present Danger*, *The Grudge*, *Oz the Great and Powerful*, as well as the *Spider-Man* series of films. Television credits include "Supernatural", "Twin Peaks," "CSI: NY," "Xena: Warrior Princess," as well as "seaQuest DSV" among many others.

**PEPI SONUGA  
(LACEY)**

Rising star, Pepi Sonuga, has landed strong roles on three highly acclaimed series in the past six months including a heavily recurring guest star role on STARZ's "Ash vs Evil Dead," a recurring role on Freeform's "The Fosters," and a series regular role in the new pilot "Famous in Love" from the creative team behind "Pretty Little Liars." In addition to this great work, Pepi booked the lead in

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The CW's 2015 pilot, "Cheerleader Death Squad" and filmed *Life of a King* opposite Cuba Gooding Jr., among many others in a great cast.

Pepi, born in Lagos, Nigeria, dreamt of pursuing acting since age nine. Her parents come from rival tribes and their marriage represents a rebellion from their respective upbringings, as well as a distinct commitment to each other. Pepi is a product of this defiance, which imbued in her a keen awareness and openness to all cultures and people. She hopes to return to Nigeria one day and build new schools with western-educated teachers who can educate and empower a generation of new leaders.

A passion for reading and writing sits at the core of Pepi's love for storytelling as an actor. She hopes to bring this lust for narrative and truth to the screen someday as one of Africa's most power female rulers in history, Queen Amina. She admires actors Idris Elba and Meryl Streep and is grateful most of all to her family for nurturing and supporting her while she pursues her dreams.

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