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## ERIKA CHRISTENSEN

Angie Polaski on ABC's "Will Trent"

Erika Christensen is of the most talented actresses of her generation, working steadily and compellingly since she first stunned audiences with her performance in Steven Soderberg's film "Traffic" as Michael Douglas drug-addicted daughter. The film's cast won a SAG Award for Best Cast, a Golden Globe® Award and several Academy Awards®. Christensen also won an MTV Movie Award for Breakthrough Performance for her role.

Christensen is currently starring in the hit ABC drama "Will Trent," playing Detective Angie Polaski, Trent's close friend and on-again, off-again lover. Detective Polaski is navigating life as a cop and wrestling with her own traumatic past. "Will Trent" marks a return to the network for Christensen, having previously starred in ABC dramas "Ten Days in the Valley" opposite Kyra Sedgwick and "Wicked City" opposite Ed Westwick.

She has starred in multiple critically acclaimed films, such as Robert Schwentke's "Flight Plan" opposite Jodie Foster, Brian Robbins' "The Perfect Score" opposite Scarlett Johansson, Bob Dolmans' "The Banger Sisters" opposite Susan Sarandon and Goldie Hawn, and cult-favorite thriller "Swimfan" opposite Jesse Bradford.

Recently, Christensen appeared in the successful Disney+ reboot of family drama "Cheaper by the Dozen," also starring Gabrielle Union and Zach Braff. She also played a lead role in the well-received "The Case for Christ," based on the Lee Strobel's bestselling book. She notably appeared in the HBO film "Confirmation," detailing the Senate hearings that preceded the confirmation of Justice Clarence Thomas, and the testimony and allegations of sexual harassment submitted by law professor Anita Hill. Christensen portrays Shirley Wiegand, fellow law professor and close friend of Hill.

For six seasons on NBC's critic favorite "Parenthood," Christensen portrayed Julia Braverman-Graham opposite screen-husband Joel, played by Sam Jaeger. Joel and Julia's love story developed a fervently dedicated fan following who admired and aspired to their relationship. Prior to "Parenthood," Christensen starred in J.J. Abrams' television series "Six Degrees."

Christensen has been recognized with many nominations, including most recently for "Will Trent," and an Astra Award nomination as well as won several awards in addition to the SAG and MTV Awards, including a Gracie Award, which honors actors' portrayals of characters which support women in entertainment, for her performance on "Parenthood"; the Spirit Award at the Annual Diversity Awards, an honor bestowed upon an actor who has demonstrated diversity in role choices during their career.

Christensen is based in Los Angeles where she resides with her family.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

HOMETOWN: Seattle, Washington

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