

lily mariye

Director/Writer/Actress

For the past fifteen years, Lily had a regular role as nurse Lily Jarvik on the NBC television series ER, for which she has won the Screen Actors Guild Award for Best Ensemble in a Drama Series four times.

Born in Las Vegas, Nevada, she graduated from UCLA with a B.A. in Theatre Arts. She has since appeared in many films such as THE BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS, MIGHTY JOE YOUNG, THE SHADOW, THE NEW AGE, THE DOCTOR, and EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES. Lily has guest-starred in over 25 television shows including JUDGING AMY, ALLY MCBEAL, and CHICAGO HOPE.

She is also an award-winning theatre actress, performing in New York, Los Angeles and other regional theatres around the country.

She has written several full-length screenplays, two of which, "The Shangri-la Cafe" and "More Than This," were accepted into the second round of the application process for development in the Sundance Feature Film Labs.

The feature version of "The Shangri-la Café" has won Best Screenplay in the Ohio International Independent Film Festival, the GAFFERS Film Festival, and is the basis for her short film endeavor, which won her a grant from the American Film Institute's prestigious Directing Workshop for Women, 13th Cycle.

Lily has directed four short films for INSTANT FILMS (www.instantfilms.com), an independent film project held every two months in which eight short films are written, filmed, edited and screened in 48 hours.

A resident of Los Angeles, Mariye lives with husband, Grammy-nominated Concord recording artist, saxophonist Boney James, who also contributed to the soundtrack for "The Shangri-la Cafe."

