

Krista DeMille, Biography

Funny, sexy, devout... these are the qualities Krista seeks in the acting roles she chooses. She's been described as 'most likely to pick up a ukulele and start singing around the campfire while simultaneously being cast in the leading role of a Fatal Attraction reboot.

In 2019 Krista won Best Actress in a Leading Role at both Southampton International Film Festival and the International Independent Film Awards for her starring role as Kate in the award-winning feature film *Black Flowers* by writer/director Martin Gooch with whom she produced the film. Critics wrote: "The real strength of the film is in its heroine (DeMille is terrific)" (Kim Newman). "DeMille's performance as Kate anchors the film" (Mark Cole). "We really never have seen a heroine quite like this" (Anton Bitel).

Krista's freshman feature film as both lead actress and producer, *Black Flowers* is touring festivals worldwide into 2020 with 13 award wins and nominations since its World Premiere at Sitges International Film Festival de Catalunya. High Octane Pictures will release *Black Flowers* in North America during winter 2020.

This past year Krista also produced two Martin Gooch shorts, currently touring film festivals: she choreographed and starred in *A Midwinter Night's Dream* which won Best Fantasy Short at London Independent Film Awards; and *The Cheap End* starring comedy legend Barry Cryer screening at Raindance, LA Comedy Festival, and the Virginia Film Festival. Gooch and DeMille have a number of new Gooch projects in pre production as well as a few Krista is leading development on through her company Eddy Out Productions, and it's non-profit beneficiary PoolDrop Productions.

Eddy Out Productions is creating *Out & About* with Krista DeMille, a documentary episodic for TV co-created with producer Bill Timoney exploring wild places of interest around the world by foot, board, bike, or boat. She is an eight-time grant recipient, including a recent Big Sky Film Grant from the Montana Film Office for the *Black Flowers* team. Other recent acting roles include recurring as cryptozoologists in both *The Dragon Detective* and *Blue Line Bigfoot* web series, and joining the cast of *21st Century Demon Hunter* on Amazon Prime.

Past credits include *Romance* by Neil LaBute, playing devoted daughter and scientist Amelia Fish in *The Terrible Experiment* of Jonathan Fish, the heartbreaker *Bride* in the Adrenaline film *I Do* winning an Audience Award at the Virginia Film Festival, playing the sweet and snarky Snoopy in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and her favorite... starring in the politically incorrect four-man musical comedy *50 Shades of F****d Up!* at Sophie's Broadway – written and directed by Tricia Brouk, with music by Andrew David Sotomayor. NYC Critic David Gordon of Theatermania wrote "Krista DeMille provides solid comic support!"

DeMille is a graduate of Montclair State University (mcl), the Tom Todoroff Acting Conservatory, and has studied extensively in NYC with John Dapolito, Kathleen McNenny, and The Barrow Group. But long before that she began her performing arts career as a classically trained dancer, and has worked with acclaimed directors Lucinda Childs, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Ralph Lemon, and many others – performing at BAM Harvey Theater, Vienna Opera House, The Joyce Theater, and venues and festivals throughout NYC, the U.S., Europe, South America, and Korea. She translated that experience into bringing dance and theater to under-served populations in Northern California through her choreography, for which she won the JEDI Innovative Microenterprise Award.

A conservationist and avid adventurer, Krista assistant-directed, river guided the film crew, and co-produced a 300 mile exploration at the source of the Amazon River in Peru to film the documentary *Serpent of Gold* (in Post). She doesn't have time to guide all the time but keeps her whitewater skills sharp with periodic trips through the historic Hudson River Gorge in the Adirondacks as well as the crown jewel of river trips... all 280 miles of the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River, every few years. In her spare time she teaches sailing in the NY Harbor and in the Caribbean with the Manhattan Yacht Club.