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Sandra Oh

Sandra—who speaks Korean, English, French and Spanish—may be best known for her portrayal of Dr. Cristina Yang on ABC's medical drama *Grey's Anatomy*, for which she has won a Golden Globe, two Screen Actors Guild awards, and five nominations for Primetime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Drama Series.

Born to Korean parents in the Ottawa suburb of Nepean (1971), she began her career as a ballet dancer before attending Montreal's National Theatre School. She has also starred in a stage production of David Mamet's *Oleanna* and appeared as the title character in *The Diary of Evelyn Lau* (1994), beating out over 1,000 applicants. The FIPA d'Or for Best Actress at the 1994 Festival International de Programmes Audiovisuels at Cannes, two Genies, and a Screen Actors Guild Award are among her laurels.

“Actors,” says Sandra, are “a fragile bunch, and yet we need to be strong because 90% of our lives is rejection. You have to figure out what really is important. ..On a Canadian set, everybody is equal. You get paid the same. You live together in barracks. You have a communal kitchen. You buy and cook your own food.”

