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# DONNA MCKENNA

## CASTING DIRECTOR

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### BIO

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Donna McKenna is an established casting director and independent film producer. She has worked with many award winning actors from film, television and Broadway. Ms McKenna is well known for discovering unique new talent as well as recognizing the seasoned professional who has the desire to take risks and play against type.

Ms. McKenna has an excellent reputation in the entertainment industry witnessed by her ability to negotiate successfully with all industry professionals. She is respected for her critical and creative thinking, her problem solving ability and her recruiting skills. Donna is a team player and an asset to any production.

### FEATURE FILMS

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**THIS SHINING NIGHT** • 2011 • Director- Keith Oncale & Shawn Washburn

*Cast: Eric Roberts, Kevin Brown, Olivia Aupperlee, Erika Lin*

**LANDLOCKED** • 2011/2012 • Director: Steve Becker

*CASTING IN PROGRESS: Sandra Bernhard, Bob Balaban*

**EXCUSE ME FOR LIVING** • 2011 • Director: Ric Klass

*Cast: Tom Pelphrey, Jerry Stiller, Robert Vaughn, Christopher Lloyd, Wayne Knight, James McCaffrey, Dick Cavett, Melissa Archer, Ewa Da Cruz, Kevin Brown, Amy Stiller, David A. Gregory, Shenza Tresauray, Alyssa Joy Powell*

**UNDER 12 (AKA UNDER THE INFLUENCE)** • 2010 • Director: Chris Long

*Cast: Sandra Bernhard, Robin Givens, Sharon Wilkins, Joshua Burrows, Kevin Brown, Denice Sealy*

**THE ARRANGEMENT** • 2010 • Director: Ari Taub

*Cast: John Solo, Sharon Angela, Angelica Torn, Lou Martini Jr., Ryan O'Callaghan, Ernest Thomas*

**LAST KUNG FU MONK** • 2009 • Director: Peng Zhangh Li

**A MAN FROM SHAOLIN** • 2008 • Director: Richard Wong

*Cast: Brian Ames, Szu Ting Moy, Stass Klassen, Josephine Wan, Linda Johnson, Jasmine Galante*

**THE BIG SHOT CALLER** • 2007 • Director: Marlene Rhein

*Cast: Bobby Costanzo, Leslie Eva Glaser, Bob Adrian, Maria Soccor, Paul Borghese, Phil La Rocco, John Solo, Natasha Williams, Laneya Wiles, David Rhein and Marlene Rhein*

**PRICELESS** • 2007 • Director: Andre Joseph

*Cast: Anthony Mangano, Robert Clohessy, Alex Tyler, Lisa Regina, Aesha Waks, Brandon Hannan, Bernard Pretty Purdie, AJ Pero and Mad Dog Stone*

**A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS** • 2005 • Director: John Dowling Jr

*Cast: Adam Ferrara, Matt McCoy, Jane Sibbett, Anne Ramsey, Carol Alt, Evan Hart, Hunter Gomez, Krista B Allen, Robert Clohessy, John Bolger, Vinny Vella*

**\* Festival Winner: Best Actor, Adam Ferrara**

**HOME** • 2005 • Director: Matt Steiz

*Cast: Jason Liebrecht, Bradley Spinelli, Nicol Zanzarell*



**MATTIE FRESNO AND THE HOLOFLUX UNIVERSE** • 2005 • Director: Phil Gallo

*Cast: Carol Alt, Orson Bean, Ellen Cleghorne, Daniel Cosgrove, Charlie Murphy, Robert Clohessy, Catherine Hickland, Will Lyman, Robert Walden, Will Jankowitz*

**\* Festival Winner: Best Director and Best Supporting Actor (Orson Bean)**

**THE SIGNS OF THE CROSS** • 2004 • Director: John Reidy

*Cast: Dan Lauria, Carol Alt, Ilene Kristen, Frankie Gio, Tony Lipp, Eileen Fulton, Chuck Zito, Fran Capo, Eddie McGee*

**\* 2x Festival Winner: Best Feature Film**

**ROSE WOES AND JOE'S** • 2003 • Directors: Joseph Posa & Frank Fidilio

*Cast: Eileen Fulton, Tony Ray Rossi, Vinny Vella, Angel Salazar*

**\* Festival Audience Award Winner**

**THE DRUM BEATS TWICE** • 2003 • Director: Kenneth Del Vecchio

*Cast: Amy Redford, Eileen Fulton, Robert Clohessy, Susan Misner, Evan Hart, Justin Deas William DeMeo*

**\* DVD Distribution**

**LOVESICK** • 2003 • Director: Sam B. Lorn

*Cast: Charlie Murphy, Ruperto Vanderpool, Tana Sarntinoranont*

**\* DVD Distribution**

**TINSEL TOWN** • 2002 • Director: Kenneth Del Vecchio

*Cast: Eileen Fulton, Paul Taylor, John Palumbo, Conor Dubin, Johnny Williams, Chuck Zito, Catrina Ganey*

**WANNABES** • 2000 • Director: Charles Addressi & William DeMeo

*Cast: William DeMeo, Connor Dubin, Robert Costanzo, Joe Viterelli, Raymond Serra, Vinny Vella, Sasha Knopf, Joseph D'Onofrio*

**\* Theatrical and Artisan Home Video Distribution**

**\* 2x Festival winner: Best Director and Best Supporting Actor (Conor Dubin)**

**HOME INVADERS** • 1999 • Director: Gregory Wilson • Executive Producer: Spike Lee

*Cast: Yancey Arias, Luis Guzman, Keith David, Larry Gilliard Jr, Harry JLennox, Nelson Vasquez, Judy Reyes, Erik Jensen*

**A PACKING SUBURBIA** • 1998 • Director: Stephen Szlarski

*Cast: Thomas Brandise, Aesha Waks, Ed Kershen, Michael Ely*

**\*Theatrical and Video Distribution: Cinema Esperanca International**

## SHORT FILMS

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**RISE OF THE LIVING DEAD** • 2010 • Director: Brian Bazala

*Cast: Danny Trejo*

**CRACKERS** • 2010 • Director: Gregory Principato

*Cast: Dan Hedaya, Beth Ann Bonner, Brenda Vaccaro, Vincent D'Onofrio, Sal Richards*

**PINK** • 2010 • Director: Matt Bauer

*Cast: Kevin Brown, Justin Morcks*

**GUS** • 2010 • Director: Joe Pomarico

*Cast: Sal Richards, Michael La Marca, Anthony Perini*

**A BLOODY MESS** • 2009 • Director: Ryan O'Leary

*Cast: Sean Caldwell, Lori Hamilton, Allen Enlow, Robert Clohessy*

**HEART & SOUL (AKA EPIPHANY)** • 2009 • Director: Anthony Mangano

*Cast: Anthony Mangano, Jill Nicolin, Lou Martini Jr., Lenny Venito, Sal Richards, Vic Dibitto, Anna Stumpf*



**BREAK** • 2008 • Director: Keith Oncale  
*Cast: Annmarie Bendict, Lawrence Conde, Johanna Cox, Dean Nolan*

**DRAW** • 2007 • Director: Ryan Pearce  
*Cast: Rhys Corio, Mark Margolis, Anthony Mangano, Robert Clohessy, Nelson Vasquez*

**THE BAY RIDGE BOYS** • 2006 • Director: Fred LeBow  
*Cast: Louis Vanaria, Garry Pastore, Nick Raio, Randy Ryan, Michael Colby Jones, Lou Martini Jr.*

**SHADAYIM** • 2006 • Director: Richard Haber  
*Cast: Dariusz Uczkowski, Alex Tyler, Charles Dinstuhl*

## MISCELLANEOUS CREDITS

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**LOU DUVA DOCUMENTARY** • 2010  
*Cast: Tony Danza (narrator)*

**UNDERGROUND** • 2010 • Webseries  
*Cast: Tawny Cypress*

**EPD DENTAL** • 2010 • Infomercial/Web  
*Cast: Bill Boggs*

**LISA MATASSA MUSIC VIDEO** • 2010

**DODGE RAM** • 2010 • Webisode

**GERMAN BUSINESS** • 2010 • Webisode

**HEALTHY LIVING** • 2010 • Web Series

**PRO IMAGE STUDIO GROUP** • Casting Director • 2008 to Present  
*Responsible for casting Hosts for numerous commercials, infomercials, industrials and webisodes*

**QUE PRODUCTIONS** • Casting Director • 2008 to Present

**RONNY MORRIS MUSIC VIDEO** • 2009

**ELDER MISTREATMENT DOCUMENTARY** • 2008 • NYU

**PRIMP MY POOCH** • 2008 • Lifetime Television

## COMMERCIALS

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**TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES**  
**HUNTIK**  
**MEADOW BROOK POINT SPA**  
**FURSPAN PLUMBING**  
**SHARON'S SORBE**  
**AMAP COLLISION REPAIR**

**MATH MADE EASY**  
**TUTORIAL CHANNEL**  
**ACURA**  
**SHARON'S SORBRE**  
**DIVORCE MEDIA CENTER**

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

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**Board Member of the Nassau County Film and Television Foundation**

**Honored in 2004 with the Long Island Film Makers achievement award**

**Host of the Long Island Film Makers Connection**

**Teaches film audition technique workshops**

**Frequent Guest Speaker at SAG NYCAP Workshops**