



It wasn't until the end of season 5 when Livia/Eve appeared in *Xena: Warrior Princess*. By then you must have realized the power the show had over its fans. How did you feel knowing you were about to plunge head first into the Xenaverse?

I wasn't really aware of the Xenaverse at that point. Of course I knew about the show and knew it was a strong pop culture reference, but I hadn't really watched the show at that point and I was totally unaware of the fan community that supported it. So it was all new to me. It was a wonderful surprise to discover the amazing loyalty and support the fans gave to the show and everyone associated with it.

What was it like working on *Xena Warrior Princess*?

It was one of the best adventures of my life. Wonderful people, amazing locations, cool costumes, epic stories... It was such a wonderful experience. It was great to get to play a character who had such a vast story arc, and also one that let me show various sides to her character. I had so much fun on set. I loved the cast, loved the crew and loved the stories we were telling. The only bad thing was shooting outside for hours when it was absolutely freezing.

***XWP* is well known for its lesbian subtext. Have you ever done any lesbian roles or would consider them?**

I've played a lesbian several times in theatre roles and in a couple of short films and wouldn't hesitate to again. The sexuality of a character makes no difference to me. I decide what jobs to take based on many other criteria — for instance, the story being told, who I'm getting the chance to work with and how the role will challenge me.

The highly anticipated video game, *Star Wars: The Force Unleashed* has taken off across the globe with you playing the role of Jedi gone bad, Maris Brood. Just how much fun is it to work on a voice-over project like this?

This was more than a voice-over project. What you see on screen is really us. We filmed the entire project in motion capture, and on film and using other technologies. These various pieces were then all melded together to make a new form of animation that captured the tiniest detail of our performance. A blend between film and animation. It's unlike any videogame that is out there. I loved working on this project. I was able to work with a great group of inspiring, creative people that made every day a blast. It was also an introduction to a whole new world of fans in the *Star Wars* community.

And to top it off, you've become an action figure! When you first dreamt of becoming an actor, could you ever have imagined that happening?

I missed having an action figure for Livia/Eve by only about four months as they stopped making them for *Xena* characters by the time I was hired. So it was nice to have that experience through *Star Wars*.



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You're producing the film *Seconds*, chronicling the story of a young woman struggling with self injury and depression. What's it like working on a dark themed film?

It's a very touchy subject matter, so I think it has challenged all of those involved in different ways and at different times. We all came to the material with different life experiences and with different goals and opinions of the outcome and intention of what message the material should get across. That fact has added an extra layer of emotion on top of the seemingly endless details to attend to and attention it takes, to finish a film. I hope to see this film makes a difference to those suffering with self injury and to those trying to understand it.

What would be your dream project?

There are a handful of amazing women in history that I am dying to play, and doubling as a producer would be ideal. Their stories are incredible and deserve to make it onto the big screen and I'm eager to help make their stories move forward into films. I'm generally just in love with good writing, so I would love to

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be part of nearly any project that had brilliant characters, an interesting story and beautiful writing.

What's on the 'lifelong to-do' list for Adrienne Wilkinson?

It's a never ending list. I'm incredibly curious and my imagination is sparked by so many things. On a professional and a personal level I'm always trying to learn more, see new things and to lead the fullest life I can. I'd love to look back in 30 years and find that my career has had the diversity to bounce back and forth between small indie projects and more mainstream material. And between projects of all types from sweeping epic dramas to comedies to modern edgy material and getting the chance to dip my toes into all categories and all types of characters in between. ❖