

Alisha Mullally

Alisha's career is a combination of talent and luck – she always seems to be in the right place at the right time for her talent to pay off. She began dance lessons at two and quickly excelled in all areas of dance, winning awards at numerous events. When she was nine, her sister signed up for the Miss Junior America Pageant, and at the last moment, Alisha's parents, Heather & Bob, decided to sign her up too, just for fun. Alisha ended up winning both the talent segment and the California State Title! From there she went on to the Nationals and again she won both the talent segment and the National Title of Miss Junior America – the first time that had ever happened in 25 years. The Pageant judges were Los Angeles and New York based agents, who of course wanted to sign Alisha. Alisha asked her parents how soon she could become a professional actress. However Heather and Bob decided the best course of action was to start locally, and let their daughter try it out in San Francisco. Alisha immediately booked the first audition she went on – a national commercial for Toyota.

With Alisha chomping at the bit, her parents allowed her to go down to Los Angeles the next year to audition for commercials. She booked several national commercials and her first voice-over. Then she began to audition for theatrical parts, first booking a spot on the Nickelodeon network and then being chosen out of several hundred children to perform in a talent show for Disney Executives. Alisha performed a jazz routine with several of Disney's child stars and was then picked to be part of their Disney "Dance Along" series.

Producer/Manager Ken Kragen discovered Alisha Mullally when she was seated next to him on a plane from Oakland to Los Angeles as she was flying down to film another commercial. (Not quite the same as the counter stool at Schwabs - but still a great Hollywood story.) Knocked out by her intelligence and effervescent personality, Ken immediately realized Alisha's potential and set out to introduce the now 12-year-old (who looks much younger) to casting directors. Alisha almost at once landed a costarring role on the soap *Days of Our Lives*. Alisha has two films coming out this fall. She makes her feature film debut playing a young Juliet Binoche in *Bee Season*. Alisha also costars as "Miranda" - the smartest girl in school - in *The 12 Dogs of Christmas*.

Playing the smartest girl in school is not a stretch for Alisha, who has a GPA of 4.0 and, although still in middle school, is already taking courses in high school. Although she continues to do commercials and dance for the NBA Warriors basketball team in San Francisco, her parents pretty much made her take some time off after her two film roles so they could concentrate on getting her older sister to college. Now with her sister settled in college, Alisha is looking forward to getting back to Los Angeles and pilot season.

Alisha wants to be both an actress and a veterinarian when she grows up. If anyone can combine the two careers successfully, it will be Alisha Mullally.

