

VADA Alumni News

Alex Barima lands big role on *Resident Alien*

VADA Alumni Alex Barima has been unstoppable since he completed our Dramatic Arts Diploma program in March 2012. His first professional credit was a wireless phone commercial followed by smaller roles on *Once Upon a Time*, *Continuum*, *The Flash*, *Tomorrowland*, *iZombie*, *DC Legends of Tomorrow*. He landed his first recurring roles on *The Returned* and *Supernatural*, then came his big break, a recurring role on *The Exorcist*.



The opportunity took his career to a whole new level and led to additional recurring roles on *Riverdale* and his first Hallmark production, *Roux the Day: A Gourmet Detective Mystery*.

And now comes his biggest role to date, acting alongside *Terminator* star **Linda Hamilton**, **Mandell Maughan** and **Alan Tudyk** in Syfy's *Resident Alien*. The series is based on the Dark Horse comics series by Peter Hogan and Steve Parkhouse and hails from Universal Content Productions, Dark Horse Entertainment and Amblin TV. Break-a-leg, Alex!

Look Who's Booking!



Natalie Harris
"Zoey's
Extraordinary
Playlist"
NBC



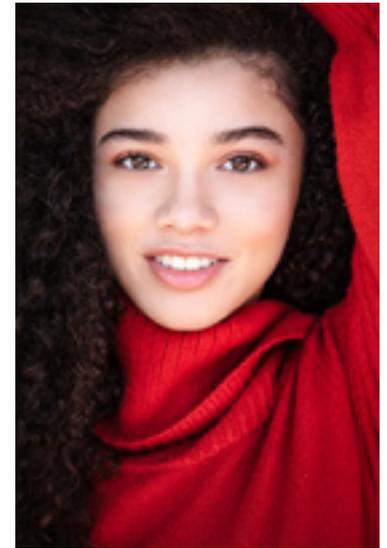
Spencer Lord
"Riverdale"
Netflix

Malia Baker lands *The Baby-Sitters Club!*

Youth On Camera Acting Alumni books recurring role

Recently Netflix introduced Malia Baker to the world as their casting choice to play the beloved character, Mary Anne Spier, in the streamer's highly anticipated remake of *The Baby-Sitters Club*. The big reveal of the five young actors selected to play the iconic baby-sitters doubled as an introduction to a new talent. Baker, African-born & Canadian-raised, had only begun acting classes one year prior to winning her series regular role through Netflix's North American-wide search. Only one year in the business and yet she's already performed in several theatrical productions and appeared in the ABC's *A Million Little Things*, CW's *The Flash*, as well as Hallmark's TV movie, *Hope at Christmas*.

-Courtesy IMDB Bio



Alumni Aren Buchholz returns for Season 7 of *When Calls the Heart*

Currently a series regular on Hallmark Channel's *When Calls the Heart*, VADA Alumni Aren Buchholz can be seen on six episodes this season. Aren's other credits include a supporting lead role alongside Christian Slater in *Way of the Wicked* and guest star roles in CW's *Supernatural* and Syfy's *Lost Girl*.



Alumni "Jeremy Hernandez" books "Run This Town"

Jeremy is a Toronto-based actor whose credits also include *Kim's Convenience*, *Orphan Black* and *Headcase*. Good luck, Jeremy!

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Alumni DARREN MANN in CBC's "Fortunate Son"

Darren Mann is one of the industry's brightest emerging stars with an extraordinary list of accomplishments already under his belt. Inspired by his actress/director mother, Mann started acting in Vancouver at the age of 8. He quickly landed roles on stage and in film. However, it was his passion for hockey that made Mann take a break from acting. Mann quickly climbed the ranks becoming a junior-level star, before turning professional. Eventually injuries would force him to retire which would lead him to return to acting.



Mann next booked a starring role in *Stanley's Game Seven 3D* from Network Entertainment where he combined his two passions of acting and hockey. Since then he has been working non-stop in film and television. Most recently, Mann starred in *Giant Little Ones* earlier this year, which premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2018. He received much critical acclaim for his performance as "Ballas Kohl" and won **Best Actor at the 2019 Leo Awards**. He also made a splash with his starring role in the hockey feature film *Hello Destroyer*, which premiered at TIFF in 2016. Additionally, he has wrapped production on *Embattled*, an indie film in which he plays a high school judo prodigy who steps into the MMA cage to fight his rival and father, played by Stephen Dorff. He has also completed the horror film *The Wiccan* and the romantic comedy *Twisted Blues*. On the television side, Mann stars as 'Luke' in Netflix's hit series *Chilling Adventures of Sabrina* opposite of Kiernan Shipka. He also guest starred on A&E's *Let the Right One In*, as well as recurred on Fox's *Wayward Pines*, SyFy's *Van Helsing*, and CW's *The 100*. Other television credits include Bravo's *Girlfriend's Guide to Divorce*, CW's *Supernatural*, CW's *iZombie*, and Bravo's *Imposters*.

Keen to showcase his range, Mann also went on to book guest star roles in comedies such as the Canadian Screen Award-nominated series *Package Deal*, as well as the award-winning Netflix series *Some Assembly Required*.

- Courtesy CBC