

TASHA SMITH BIO

Tasha Smith is a multifaceted actress whose work brings style and intensity to the subjects she plays on the big and small screens. She currently stars in the Tyler Perry television series, **“FOR BETTER OR WORSE,”** on OWN for which she earned an NAACP Image Award nomination as “Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series.” Smith’s memorable portrayal of ‘Angela,’ in Perry’s box office hits, **“WHY DID I GET MARRIED?”** and its sequel, **“WHY DID I GET MARRIED, TOO?”**, alongside Janet Jackson and Jill Scott, sparked the creation of the spin-off series which is focused around her relationship with onscreen husband, ‘Marcus,’ played by Michael Jai White. She will next be seen on the silver screen in Lionsgate’s upcoming feature, **“ADDICTED,”** with Sharon Leal and Boris Kodjoe. The film, adapted from the popular erotic fiction novel which follows trials and tribulations of a successful sex-addicted African-American businesswoman, is slated for an October 10, 2014 theatrical release. Additionally, Smith was just tapped for Fox’s Lee Daniels hip-hop drama pilot, **“EMPIRE,”** in a recurring role opposite Taraji P. Henson.

Smith’s other film credits include Tyler Perry’s **“DADDY’S LITTLE GIRLS”** (Lionsgate), as “Jennifer” opposite Idris Elba and Gabrielle Union. Her performance still resonates with audiences and critics alike. Smith went on to co-star in the #1 box office film, **“JUMPING THE BROOM”** (Columbia), starring Paula Patton, Laz Alonso and Angela Bassett. She also appeared in the romantic comedy, **“COUPLES RETREAT”** (Universal), starring opposite Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau, Jason Bateman and Faizon Love, adding to her already impressive box office resume which includes; **“ATL”** (Warner Bros.) with T.I. and Mykelti Williamson, **“THE GOOD MOTHER”** (Sony/Screen Gems) with Angie Harmon and Joel Gretsch, **“THE WHOLE TEN YARDS”** (Warner Bros.) with Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry, and the sports drama, **“THE LONGSHOTS”** (Dimension/The Weinstein Company) with Ice Cube and Keke Palmer.

Smith is also well-known for her extensive work on the small screen; most notably, her critically-acclaimed portrayal of the drug-addicted, ‘Ronnie Boyce,’ in HBO’s Emmy Award-winning mini-series, **“THE CORNER,”** directed by Charles S. Dutton. Smith has also guest starred on numerous popular television shows such as; **“NIP/TUCK,”** **“MEET THE BROWNS,”** **“THE GAME,”** **“GIRLFRIENDS,”** **“ALL OF US,”** **“WITHOUT A TRACE,”** and **“STRONG MEDICINE,”** among others.

On and off the big and small screen, Tasha Smith seems to naturally command attention. She takes time to share her inspirational life story through motivational speaking, as well as mentoring emerging actors through the Tasha Smith Actors Workshop (TSAW).

In her spare time, the Camden, New Jersey native loves to workout at the gym, cook gourmet meals, and entertain friends at her home.