



**Acclaimed Actress LISA DATZ Soars
on CBS Drama Series 'FBI: MOST WANTED'**

Also Igniting Festival Circuit with Film Directorial Debut 'LIFE OF RILEY'

NEW YORK (May 6, 2022) – Critically acclaimed actress Lisa Datz soars onto the scene guns blazing as 'Detective Carmen Schmidt' opposite Dylan McDermott in the high-stakes CBS drama series, **FBI: MOST WANTED**, airing Tuesday, May 10th. Also hitting the festival circuit soon, writer-producer Datz makes her film directorial debut with the short film and proof of concept, **LIFE OF RILEY**, a multicultural love story in a complicated modern world.

FBI: MOST WANTED follows the Fugitive Task Force, which relentlessly tracks and captures the notorious criminals on the Bureau's Most Wanted list. In the episode "Greatest Hits," the team searches for a murderer recreating the chilling killings of a notorious '80s mobster. With everyone focused on the past, Supervisory Special Agent Remy Scott (McDermott) enlists the audacious Detective Carmen Schmidt (Datz) for her help with the case.

Datz was excited to work on this compelling show, adding "Rarely does a role come along that you connect with in a way that it feels like it was written for you. Getting to play this character, with superb fellow actors, an esteemed director like Ken Girotti, on a Dick Wolf show, was truly a thrill."

Emerging next on the festival circuit, Datz makes her directorial debut with the short film tale, *LIFE OF RILEY*, a modern love story with a surprising twist. Riley, an American woman haunted by her past, falls in love with a successful Dominican architect where a seemingly innocent event threatens to pull apart the very foundation of their lives. The project marks a film directorial debut for Datz, who also wrote, produced and stars in the title role, with plans to develop this sexy thriller with a sense of humor and hope into a television series.

Up next, Datz heads back to the stage, starring as M'Lynn Eatenton in the fan-favorite, *STEEL MAGNOLIAS*. Directed by Alan Souza, the production will run at Casa Mañana Theatre in Dallas, Texas from July 23-31st.

Originally from Highland Park, Illinois, Datz has created a diverse career spanning film, television, and theatre. Among the highlights are appearances on several TV network drama series, including *Elementary* (CBS) opposite Lucy Liu, *Bones* (FOX), and *Castle* (ABC). Her notable film credits include *Time Out of Mind*, directed by Oscar nominee Oren Moverman and starring Richard Gere, the live action feature *Sponge Bob 2* (Paramount), and *The Perfect Holiday* opposite Gabrielle Union. Avid gamers will know Datz as the powerful, Southern Belle 'Jessica LeClerk,' one of the female leads in the massively successful video game, *Red Dead Redemption 2* from Rockstar Games.

Datz has an extensive history in theatre, making her Broadway debut in the Tony winning original cast of *Titanic*, as well as starring in *The Full Monty* opposite Patrick Wilson, Off Broadway as 'Yitzhak' opposite John Cameron Mitchell and Michael Cerveris in the cult favorite, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, and receiving raves and a Jeff Award nomination as the title role in *Violet*. She also earned critical attention for her complex and passionate performance, starring in the Pulitzer Prize nominated play, *Three Days of Rain*, opposite Silas Weir Mitchell and Sasha Roiz from *Grimm* (NBC), and played leading roles in the critically acclaimed *For the Record* series in both Los Angeles and at the SXSW Film Festival in *FTR: Tarantino* and *FTR: Paul Thomas Anderson*.

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