

Debra McGrath



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On May 8, 2025, Debra McGrath will be presented with the ACTRA Toronto's 2025 Award of Excellence. What a career she has had and continues to have.

Born and raised in Scarborough, Debra McGrath's acting career was launched from *the* Second City Toronto stage after graduating from the theatre program at Ryerson in 1977.

In 1990, she took her considerable experience to Hollywood, where she created and co-wrote, along with Linda Kash, a television series called *My Talk Show*. The show successfully established McGrath as an actor and writer with bold and original ideas.

McGrath went on to an ambitious career in Canada with numerous roles in drama, comedy, and children's series, including *Street Legal*, *Due South*, *Termini Station*, and *Wind at My Back*.

In 2002, she played the lead in the Canadian feature film *Expecting*. The role earned her an ACTRA Award nomination and a Canadian Comedy Award. In late 2004, McGrath formed (along with Kathryn Greenwood, Robin Duke, Jayne Eastwood, and Teresa Pavlinek) a comedy troupe called *Women Fully Clothed*, which she performed with for several years. McGrath, along with her husband, Colin Mochrie, co-wrote *Getting Along Famously* (2006), a series for the CBC. It was for another CBC comedy series, however, that she gained international recognition. In *Little Mosque on the Prairie*, about the Muslim inhabitants of a fictional Saskatchewan town, McGrath plays the self-absorbed Mayor Ann Popowicz.