Yangzom Brauen

Director, Producer, Author

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Yangzom (pronounced YANG-zom) was born and raised in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. Her Swiss anthropologist father and Tibetan artist mother ignited her passion for the arts but also contributed to her appreciation and understanding of her Tibetan roots, not just from a cultural but a very deep personal perspective. Completing her studies in Europe’s prestigious University of Theater and Music in Bern, she started working in independent theater projects in Switzerland and Germany. Shortly thereafter, she was cast and guest-starred in a well-known Swiss sitcom ‘Manne Zimmer’ for National Swiss Television Network. Yangzom’s career would take off establishing her as a well-known actress

starring in many Swiss and German TV Shows as well as in movies such as ‘Cargo’, the first Swiss sci-fi movie and ‘Länger Leben’, a Swiss Comedy and the German- Swiss co-produced film ‘Escape from Tibet’. She received her Hollywood breakthrough when she won the role of “Inari” in the Sci Fi film, Aeon Flux, starring Charlize Theron. She then decided to move to Los Angeles to pursue her acting career in the States.Yangzom’s acting vocation aside; she has always been extremely active and vocal in the Tibetan Freedom movement. The press have called her ‘The Dalai Lama’s Angel’, ‘Mother Courage’, ‘Rebel Queen’, ‘A strong woman with lots of history’ and so on.

In 2008 she wrote her first book, which became an instant bestseller in Germany and Switzerland 2009-10. ‘Across Many Mountains’ is a memoir about three generations of Tibetan women: Yangzom’s grandmother, her mother and her own story. The book has sold over 400,000 copies in Germany and Switzerland, and was on Europe’s Spiegel Bestseller list for over 40 weeks as well as The Focus Bestseller list. ‘Across Many Mountains’ got published in March 2011 in England and Australia with Random House UK. The North American publishers of the book are St.Martin’s Press in New York and in France, Press de la cite. Her book has also been published in Holland, Italy, Finland, Spain, Estonia, Taiwan and will be released throughout the world as 2015 progresses.

She did her directorial debut with the award winning Comedy ‘Who Killed Johnny’ and just finished shooting a German TV-Series ‘The Last Cop’ for SAT1.

2013 she directed the short film ‘Ruprecht’. The film won the audience award at the Los Angeles, Swiss Film Festival and was shown at over 20 Film Festivals. She just finished shooting the short film about Child Soldiers called ‘Born in Battle’.

Filmography

2015 Born in Battle

*Short Film, Director, Writer, Producer, USA*

*Post-Production*

2014 Ruprecht

*Short Film, Director, USA*

***Winner******at Moab International Filmfestival***

***Winner******at Los Angeles, Swiss Short Film Long Night Filmfestival***

2013 Who Killed Johnny

*Feature Film, Director, Writer, Producer, USA*

*Theatrical release in Switzerland*

***Winner******at Chicago Comedy Festival 2013***

***Winner at Trindie Film Festival 2013***

***Winner at Costa Rica International Filmfestival 2013***

2010 Las Vegas

*TV-Pilot, Co Director, Writer, Producer, USA*

2008 Hallo Hollywood

*Web-Series, Co-Director, Writer, Producer, USA*

2001 Pilgrimage in Exile – Tibetans on the path of Buddha

*Documentary, Director, Writer, Producer, Switzerland- India*