

Alumni Achievement Monica Horan Rosenthal

Monica Horan Rosenthal graduated from Hofstra University in 1984 with a degree in theater performance, then moved to New York City. As a founding member of Actors Initiative, she performed plays by playwright Tom Donaghy. As a sketch comedy performer with the group Artificial Intelligence, she created the role of Madilyn Monroe in *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*. She also performed both Off-Broadway and then in Los Angeles with Charles Busch in *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*.



After a two-month stint performing onstage in *B.F.'s*, directed by her husband, *Everybody Loves Raymond* creator and Executive Producer Phil Rosenthal (Hofstra Class of 1981), with her co-writer and best friend, Judy Toll,

Monica Horan Rosenthal fired her agent and “quit the business.” A week later, her husband asked her to play the small part of “Robert’s date” on *Everybody Loves Raymond*. Apparently, the date went well, and after five years of on-again/off-again romance, the characters of Robert and Amy got married, and a year later she became a series regular.

Television credits include: a recurring role on *General Hospital* and guest spots on *L.A. Law*, *In Living Color*, *Down the Shore*, *In the House* and *Coach*.

Monica Horan Rosenthal was born in Darby, Pennsylvania, and lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two children. Her birth date is January 29.