

EN INTERVJU MED BONDBRUDEN LANA WOOD, AUGUSTI 2012

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[FSWL:] How did you get into the business?

[Lana Wood:] I don't think I ever had a chance of doing anything else! At the age of eight, I was taken to meet John Wayne and Ford to see if they would hire me as the young Debbie in *The Searchers*...fait accomplis!

What advice would you give to anyone getting into the business?

One must really love acting...the business is filled with disappointments and you have a tendency to lead a very secluded life...advice? Don't try unless you are prepared to love each pitfall!

Describe an underrated and/or often neglected part of your profession.

I don't believe that acting is underrated anymore. When I was a young woman? Most directors and producers on television felt that what you see is what you get! Not true, but it pigeonholed a great many actresses, myself most certainly included.

Which are your favourite films of all time?

Bringing Up Baby! All the Thin Man films, ooh! Too many to list!

What were the biggest challenges of your involvement with Bond?

My involvement with Bond! That's kidding!

What are your memories of Harry Saltzman and Cubby Broccoli?

Cubby was a warm and very clever man! I was told by **Tom Mankiewicz** never to even attempt to introduce myself to **Harry Saltzman**! I was told he is a quite angry man!

What are your memories of Guy Hamilton?

Guy is beyond adorable! He let me do whatever I wanted with my character, was fun to be around...and I recall he and his wife were robbed in Las Vegas while they slept!

What are your memories of Sean Connery?

Only the nicest memories, from the time we first met at dinner in his home in Putney, to the last time I saw him which was at Natalie's house for Thanksgiving! We have spoken many times since, and I hold him dear.

Can you tell us an anecdote, a special memory of your time on Diamonds?

I was horribly embarrassed when I had to film the scene where Sean and I are kissing in his room! I was trying so hard to be blasé that I am afraid I came off as simply nervous! I was so afraid people would guess we were having an affair...

How do you feel about your involvement with the Bond film series today? Why do you think they have lasted for 50 years?

I am terribly proud and thoroughly delighted to have been a part of a series of films that have yet to be diminished by time! They are quite amazing in their ability to continue...and continue..

What do you think about the current Bond films with Daniel Craig?

I really feel, that at last, Bond is current with the times! **Daniel Craig** is a wonderful actor and brings so much more intensity and authority to the character, than anyone since Sean. He makes it real! Very moving...his performances!

Did you ever read any of Ian Fleming's original novels?

Every single one when I was a teen! Adored and worshipped those books!

Have you ever visited Sweden and/or any of the other Scandinavian countries?

I would adore visiting Sweden! Get someone to invite me!

You've had a long career, have you ever worked with any Swedish actors?

No, but I consider Maud Adams a dear friend!

The 'Millenium Trilogy', written by the late Swedish author Stieg Larsson, has been very successful around the world. Have you read them or seen any of the films?

I read Stieg's books before he became so popular! I remember waiting at the bookstore to be able to purchase the last one! He spoiled other writers and books for me for quite some time. No one could match him. I would start another author...become bored, put the book away! Obviously, he is a favourite!

What do you think about the 'From Sweden with Love' website?

The website is a complete delight, as you are my dear!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ANSWERS, LANA!

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