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## Press Kit



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## INTRODUCTION

Perhaps you remember her as the “I’m worth it” spokeswoman for L’Oreal or as the Maxi spokeswoman for Max Factor, or was it for Bloomingdale’s? ... For ten years her well-known face and distinctive voice told the world that Bloomingdale’s was “like no other store in the world.” And it was! During her tenure, sales increased by 40%.

Since then Erin has become a motivational speaker and spokeswoman for numerous organizations such as the United Parcel Service, Lady Remington, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Athletes & Entertainers for Kids, Mothers Against Sexual Abuse, the YWCA, and Haven House, the oldest battered woman’s shelter in the US where is also on the Board of Directors. And, she is the recipient of nine community service awards, giving back to society and to the larger community which has been generous to her, sharing her awareness and making responsible use of her powerful media presence.

You may remember her as the star of “Silver Spoons” and of Buck Rogers in the 25<sup>th</sup> Century”. She was the first science fiction woman to achieve the status of Colonel. The first in sit-coms to be both step mom & corporate CEO. Providing a role model for two generations of women and breaking the glass ceiling in network television.

Now see Erin starring in nine new independent feature films-- “ Woman’s Story”, opposite Kent McCord & Gary Conway, “The Last Producer”, opposite Burt Reynolds, “Social Misfits”, “Touched By A Killer”, “Delicate Instruments”, “Serial Intentions”, “Special Weapons and Tactics”, “ManFast” & “Clover Bend” with Robert Urich. Year before last Erin guest starred in a recurring role on ABC’s “Port Charles”, and NBC’s night time drama “Profiler”.

You may remember her as the co-star of more than twenty television movies, always a professional, always the first choice of producers, directors and colleagues.

Now read about her techniques, secrets & stories in “Act Right”. The new book she co-authored with fellow actress-producer Mara Purl. Already on sale at Samuel French, and online at amazon.com, Barnes & Noble.com, Erin & Mara are doing book tours, book signings, and teaching the seminar based on their book.

You may also remember her on the cover of such sports/health magazines as “Shape”, “Fit”, “Runners World”, “Let’s Live”. An actress & model who always took her health seriously.

Now hear about her teaching her Tai Chi Classes, privately, at UCLA and at the renowned Spa at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Encino Acupuncture Center and more in upcoming issues of Kung Fu & Black Belt Magazine. All in preparation for the Tai Chi video she and her cinematographer husband are producing.

*[Erin Gray - A Woman for the New Millennium...](#)*



## BIOGRAPHY

For five years on nightly network NBC TV, Erin Gray was the American public's image of the ideal woman. Her "Kate" in "Silver Spoons" managed to have it all-- marriage, family, and business career. And for the two years before that she had redefined our public image of the beauty with brains, when "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century" became a hit series, her sleek, sophisticated "Colonel Wilma" became a role model, and Erin Gray became a household word.

Erin's success as the face that launched some of America's most glamorous beauty products was already legendary before she made the dramatic career change from model to actress. She was the original "I'm Worth It" woman for L'Oreal, one of the first Sports Illustrated models, the Maxi Girl for Max Factor, and the Bloomingdale's spokeswoman for ten years. So it was no surprise that she made her acting debut in a starring role, in the critically acclaimed television mini-series "Evening in Byzantium". Ms. Gray continued to develop her style in starring roles in many Movies-Of-The-Week, including "Born Beautiful", "Starman", "Laker Girls", "Coach of the Year", "Police Story", and "Code of Vengeance", as well as, starring opposite Kenny Rogers in the Feature Film "Six Pack".

All of this was perfect preparation for "Silver Spoons", in which Ms. Gray met and mastered the triple-challenge of the television sitcom-- comedy, television, and live audiences-- and at the same time broke every previous "type casting" stereotype. She further honed her "live audience" skills by doing theater, performing leading roles in "California Suite" and "Six Rooms River View", and not only achieving critical success with "Social Security", but bringing audiences to their feet with standing ovations. In the summer of '97 Erin starred in the play "La Moure N.D. 58458" at The Bitter Truth Theater in Los Angeles, as part of the cutting edge NoHo Arts Festival. And her on-line interview appears at <http://www.tv-now.com>.

Ms. Gray co-starred in Movies of the Week "Breaking Home Ties" with Jason Robards, "The Avenging Ace", and "Addicted To His Love" opposite Barry Bostwick. In four fascinating roles Ms. Gray was again able to express her versatility and range. In an intriguing psychological episode of the USA cable mystery series "The Hitchhiker", she plays a psychotic killer. In another she plays the "evil duchess" opposite John Rhys Davies in Oscar Wilde's classic "The Princess and the Dwarf." In a third, she plays a brilliant and twisted femme fatal in "Dark Justice". And, in the fourth role, "Dancers of Mozambique", Erin's character, an American writer who is desperately tries to finish her latest novel while hiding out in a French Chateau, becomes involved in murder mystery in a hilariously funny farce starring opposite France's leading comedic actor Thierry Le Hermitte.

In the mid nineties Erin starred in three feature films, "Jason Goes To Hell", "Dangerous Place" and "T-Force", as well as, the first original movie for the USA/ Sci-Fi Networks, "Official Denial", and "Honor Thy Father and Mother", the controversial Fox-produced film of the Menendez trial, in which she played the intense prosecutor, Pam Bozanich. Recent guest-starring roles were in the CBS MOW "Crowfoot", the series "Heaven Help Us", and the very popular "Baywatch".

Year before last Erin guest starred in a recurring role as Congresswoman Karen Archer in NBC's highly acclaimed drama "Profiler", as well as, playing the coldhearted Nicole Devlin in ABC's "Port Charles".

Within the last 2 years Erin completed filming 9 independent feature films, "The Last Producer" with Burt Reynolds, "Woman 's Story", with Kent McCord, "Social Misfits", "Touched By A Killer", "Delicate Instruments" with Corbin Bernsen, "S.W.A.T.", "ManFast", "Serial Intentions", and "Clover Bend" with Robert Urich.

In addition to raising two children, Erin and partner Mara Purl have co-written "Act Right", a professional guide for actors. Erin and her husband the noted Director of Photography Richard Hissong, are currently producing a video on one of her favorite subjects, Chi Kung & Tai Chi.

Possessing a highly developed sense of public service, Ms. Gray, as spokesperson for the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence & board member for Haven House, the oldest battered women's shelter in the U.S., co-produced & wrote PSAs with Women In Film. For over a decade Erin has been speaking out against domestic violence, a topic that is close to her heart. She also takes time out of her busy schedule to host such programs as Lifetime Cable's "Drug & Alcohol Intervention Program", to give motivational speeches for "Athletes & Entertainers for Kids", to speak at seminars across the country regarding stress management, & how to find balance in a hectic world. Erin also teaches Chi Kung & Tai Chi classes at UCLA, the Encino Acupuncture Center & privately. Erin is the recipient of 9 community service awards, such as The Leadership Award by the County of LA & The Guardian Angel Award from Mothers Against Sexual Abuse, the YWCA's Women of Achievement Award of Distinction, the 1999 Women's Peace Power Media Award. & the 2002 Woman of the Year Award by the LA Commission For Women.



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## PERFORMANCE RESUME

### FILMS

DELICATE INSTRUMENTS- Independent  
TOUCHED BY A KILLER - WIN Prod  
WOMAN'S STORY - Independent  
THE LAST PRODUCER - Independent  
SOCIAL MISFITS - Independent  
BUCK ROGERS IN THE 25TH CENTURY - MCA  
SIX PACK - 20th Century Fox  
MANFAST- Independent  
SERIAL INTENTIONS - Independent  
CLOVER BEND- WIN Prod.  
T- FORCE- PM Entertainment  
SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS  
FRIDAY THE 13<sup>th</sup> : JASON GOES TO HELL  
DANGEROUS PLACE- PM Entertainment

### TELEVISION SERIES

BUCK ROGERS, NBC - 2 YEARS- Lead  
Sci-fi (Drama)  
SILVER SPOONS, NBC - 5 YEARS- Lead  
(Comedy)  
BAYWATCH - Recurring guest star '97-'98  
PORT CHARLES, ABC - '99 Recurring Guest Star  
PROFILER, NBC - 2000 Recurring Guest Star

### TELEVISION - MOVIES OF THE WEEK

HONOR THY FATHER AND MOTHER: True Story of The Menendez Brothers (Fox)  
CROWFOOT (CBS)  
OFFICIAL DENIAL (USA/SCI-FI)  
THE MYTH THAT WOULDN'T DIE - (Canadian-French Co-Prod)  
ADDICTED TO HIS LOVE (ABC)  
BREAKING HOME TIES (ABC)  
THE AVENGING ACE (NBC)  
COACH OF THE YEAR (NBC)  
BORN BEAUTIFUL (NBC)  
LAKER GIRLS (CBS)  
CODE OF VENGEANCE (NBC)  
STARMAN (ABC)  
EVENING IN BYZANTIUM -- (OPT) Mini Series  
THE ULTIMATE IMPOSTER etc...

### TELEVISION - EPISODIC

SILK STOCKINGS  
RENEGADE  
EVENING SHADE  
HEAVEN HELP US  
BURKE'S LAW  
HITCHHIKER-Cable  
PRINCESS & THE DWARF  
ALMOST HOME  
DARK JUSTICE  
MURDER SHE WROTE  
L.A. LAW  
JAKE AND THE FATMAN  
HUNTER etc...

### VOICE

MILFORD-HAVEN - BBC Radio Drama  
BONKERS - Disney Animated Series

### THEATRE

LA MOURE N.D. 58458---The Bitter Truth Theatre, NoHo CA  
SOCIAL SECURITY-----Cherry County Playhouse, Michigan  
SIX ROOMS RIVER VIEW--Kansas City



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## TELEVISION HOST

### ENTERTAINMENT

BATTLE OF THE NETWORK STARS -- with Howard Cosell

"MISS ALL NATIONS" BEAUTY PAGEANT -- with Michael Jerrick

### EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS

HOUSECALLS FOR HEALTHY LIVING

HOW TO SUCCEED – Avon

THE BRECK GIRLS DOCUMENTARY – Dial Corp.

### INFOMERCIALS

THE ORIGINAL HOLLYWOOD CELEBRITY DIET

INSTANT WHITE - Emson Corp

SMOOTH & NATURAL SKIN CARE-DR. SHATKIN'S

CARNIVAL CRUISES

DIAMOND CLUB INTERNATIONAL

HOW TO MARRY THE MAN OF YOUR CHOICE -- W/ Margaret Kent

MERLE NORMAN COSMETICS

### TELEVISION SPOKESWOMAN

BLOOMINGDALES -- "Like No Other Store" Ten Year Campaign

BRUENNERS -- Three Year Campaign

MAC FACTOR – "Maxi" Two Year Campaign

L'OREAL – "I'm Worth it" -Campaign

MAYBELLINE- 3 yr Campaign

BRECK GIRL etc...

### WRITER

Co-Authored Book (with Mara Purl): Act Right: A Manual for the On Camera Actor

### EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, WRITER

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

"Step Forward " - Public Service Announcement on Domestic Violence

" Introduction to Haven House " - A Battered Women's Shelter in Pasadena, CA.

"Surviving Domestic Violence " & " Take A Stand "- PSAs for Miami, Florida 2002



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## MOTIVATIONAL SPEECHES

<u>Year</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION &amp; EVENT</u>	<u>TOPICS</u>
2002	<b>SOUTH MIAMI EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR</b> Villa Hotel, Miami, Florida	“Surviving Through Inner Strength” Key note Speaker
2002	<b>LA POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATION</b> West Point Leadership Program	Commencement Address Resolving Conflicts w/ Integrity
2001	<b>UNITED PARCEL SERVICE</b> Annual Fundraising Conference	“No Longer Silent” Guest Speaker
2001	<b>AARP/CA. Department of Justice</b> The Essential of Elder Abuse Conference	Elder Abuse “It Touches Us All”
2001	<b>LADY REMINGTON</b> Annual Sales Conference Chicago, Ill.	“No Longer Silent” Domestic Violence
2001	<b>SANTA SUSANA HIGH SCHOOL</b> Career Day, Simi Valley, CA	Act Right Seminar & “What Have you got to Lose”
2001	<b>NATIOAL DOMESTIC HOTLINE/ LIFETIME TV</b> Washington D.C.	Keynote speaker “A Celebration of Hope”
2000	<b>THE SPRING OF TAMPA BAY</b> Tampa, Florida	Key note Speaker “A Gift Of Peace”
2000	<b>NCADV</b> Congressional Breakfast, Washington D.C.	Reauthorization of VAWA“ “No Longer Silent”
1999	<b>AUSTRALIAN GOLD &amp; NCADV MEDIA EVENT</b> Chicago, Ill.	Domestic Violence “No Longer Silent”
1999	<b>GLENVAR HIGH SCHOOL</b> Roanoke Valley, Virginia	Act Right Seminar & Into to Tai Chi & Chi Kung
1999	<b>THEATER OF HOPE FOR ABUSED WOMEN</b> No Ho, CA	Keynote Speaker “Healing through the Arts”
1999	<b>WOMEN’S PEACE POWER FUNDRAISER</b> Orlando, Florida	Sponsored by American Express “Social Investing”
1999	<b>CONFERENCE ON AGEISM</b> Hollywood, California	Women in Film / Screen Actors Guild Does Ageism Exist in Hollywood”
1999	<b>BEVERLY HILLS HIGH</b> Beverly Hills, California	Exploring Career Paths “What’ve You Got to Lose”
1998	<b>SHORE LEAVE CON</b> Huntsville, Maryland	“Intro to Chi Kung & Tai Chi”, & Act Right” Seminar,
1998	<b>COLORADO FILM COMMISSION’S</b> Host Event & Conduct Seminar (based on book )	The Golden Night of Oscars” & Act Right
1998	<b>BROADMOOR HOTEL &amp; SPA</b> Colorado Springs, CO	Intro to Chi Kung Tai Chi & Yang Style Long Form Tai Chi
1998	<b>L.A. TIMES CAREER CONFERENCE</b> Universal Towers, Universal City, CA	Guest Speaker Bringing Balance to Your Life”
1997	<b>MOTHERS AGAINST SEXUAL ABUSE</b> Annual Awards Dinner	Award Recipient, Guest Speaker “Protecting Our Children”
1996	<b>MOTHERS AGAINST SEXUAL ABUSE</b> First Annual Awards Dinner	Key Note Speaker Child Abuse & Domestic Violence
1995	<b>HAVEN HOUSE, LOS ANGELES</b> “Step Forward Awards Symposium”	Guest Speaker “No Longer Silent”
1995	<b>WOMEN AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE</b> San Antonio, Texas	Key Note Speaker “No Longer Silent”
1994	<b>COLORADO SPRINGS FILM COMMISSION</b> Career Event	Original Seminar (with Mara Purl) Hitting Your Mark”
1993	<b>ATHLETES &amp; ENTERTAINERS FOR KIDS</b> Annual Career Day	Guest Speaker & Symposium Host “Making Your Dreams Come True”
1992	<b>HAVEN HOUSE -</b>	Annual fundraiser Guest Speaker



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## CHARITIES & FOUNDATIONS & AWARDS

### NON-PROFIT

- '01-2002 - Advisory Board for National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- '99 - 2002 Advisory Committee for Women's Peacepower Foundation
- '97 - 2002 Member of the Board of Directors for Haven House
- '98 Advisory Board of Directors Member of Child Quest International
- '97 Member of the Board of Directors of the Multiple Sclerosis Association
- '97 - '98 Celebrity Advisory Broad Member for the Childhood Leukemia Foundation

### WRITING & PRODUCING

- '02 2 PSAs for South Miami, Florida Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- '01 Educational Video on Domestic Violence for MiLady
- '96 Co-produced, co-wrote a PSA on Domestic Violence & distributed it in nine states.
- Co-Wrote w/ Mara Purl ACT RIGHT: A Handbook for the Professional Actor '98
- Co-created web-site pages, educating the public about domestic violence

### PUBLIC RELATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

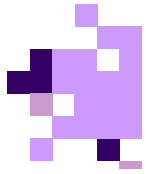
- Guest appeared on dozens of talk shows such as Johnny Carson, Leeza, Inside Edition, Vicki!
- 12 yrs. - Given speeches for numerous organizations, AEFK, Haven House, MASA Child Quest etc.
- Topics include : child abuse, alcoholism, goal setting, building self-esteem, stress management etc.
- Hosted numerous Seminars, TV shows, Educational videos & Commercials
- 20 years Interviewed by TV & Print media both for non-profit organizations & autobiographical
- Celebrity sponsor for the Annual Lady Footlockers 5k walk/run benefiting Haven House- 3 yrs

### TEACHING

- '97 - 2002 Tai Chi at UCLA, Encino Acupuncture Center, Privately
- '97 - '99 Tai Chi & Chi Kung for The Theater of Hope for Abused Women
- '98 Tai Chi at Sylmar Transitional housing for Battered Women
- '91 - 2002 ACT RIGHT- a Professional Seminar
- '95 - 2000 Acting classes The Huntington Beach Studio et al
- '91 Exercise classes for The Florence Crittenton Center

### AWARDS

- '02 The 2002 Entertainer Award at the 1st San Diego Film Festival
- '02 Woman of the Year Award given by The Los Angeles Commission for Women
- '01 Tahririh Award for Service in Domestic Violence, and Women's Rights from the Tahririh Association
- '00 Legacy of Women Award from The Women's Shelter, Arlington, Texas
- '99 YWCA Women of Achievement 's Award of Distinction
- '99 Angel of Hope Award from the Theater of Hope for Abused Women
- '99 Women's Peacepower Media Award
- '97 Guardian Angel Award from Mothers Against Sexual Abuse
- '97 Leadership Award by the County of Los Angeles for public service
- '96 Honored by The City of LA for dedication & commitment in promoting Domestic Violence Awareness



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## HEALTH AWARENESS

### CREATING HEALTH

My approach to health is that of a balancing act – the balancing of the mind, the spirit, and the body. Traditional Western belief tends to segment these aspects of life, as though they were separate. But in fact, as we now know – and as the ancients have always known – they're interlinked.

Being a professional actress and model has always been exciting and fulfilling...but in and of itself, it has never been enough. I am also a wife, a mother, a teacher, a speaker and a writer. And, my home is more than the four walls of a physical structure, it also embraces my community.

This has led me to become active in numerous different community affairs – from educating the public on the prevalence of domestic violence, to teaching kids to say no to drugs and alcohol, and from goal setting and self esteem issues, to how to live a healthful balanced life.

In this increasingly busy and complex lifestyle, the key to my happiness has been learning to create a structure with room for each of these aspects to grow and develop. Also essential has been learning how to focus and be in the moment, and learning how to let go and go with the flow.

My professional life as either a model or as an actress has necessitated keeping my body thin, strong and agile. For over twenty years I have studied a number of different exercise techniques, from Yoga to jazz, from gymnastics to fencing, from aerobics to Nautilus, from ballet to Tai Chi, from low impact to step classes, from free weights to even training for the L. A. Marathon.

All my life I've known that no matter how I was feeling, if I did something physical such as dancing, or going for a walk, or playing a sport I would feel better, and more able to embrace my life.

I have had many teachers and they have each shared a part of their wisdom and passion for which I will be forever grateful.

Opportunity, lifestyle, location, curiosity or seeking new challenges has dictated my choice of exercise. With each exercise has come advantages and disadvantages. Nautilus or free weights were wonderful for strengthening my muscles, but I lost flexibility and developed large veins on the back of my hands. Gymnastics was thrilling and helped me face certain fears, but I had to rely on having a gymnasium, a spotter, and very specific equipment. Running was great because I only needed a pair of tennis shoes, I burned a lot of calories, and it was terrific for developing my cardiovascular system, but because I am a woman, I was often uncomfortable running by myself or at night

In addition to many years of diversified physical pursuits, I have studied a number of philosophies, and psychology's. I took a very unstructured path primarily consisting of just being active. In an effort to come to an understanding of who I was, and what I could do about it I kept my questions alive, reading, studying and listening. I gleaned and gathered some truths depending on what I was able to understand at the moment.

When I discovered Tai Chi I found an exercise that satisfied not only my physical requirements but also my mental and some of my spiritual needs. Master T.T. Liang says in his book, Tai Chi Chuan, "Of all the exercises, I should say that Tai Chi is the best."

Tai chi is a moving meditation which is also a healing art, and a martial art. I still run, lift weights and stretch with yoga exercises, but tai chi is the cornerstone for keeping myself physically strong. Tai Chi Chuan contains within its structure principles that I feel are key to unlocking man's greatest potentials and understanding. I've studied Tai Chi for over 20 years and currently teach at UCLA and privately.





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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*"Everyone is still talking about what an inspiring speech you gave."*  
Sgt. Jerry Hallanger 2002

*"You did an outstanding job"... "Your speech was moving"*  
Ashlie Griswold 2001

*"I really enjoyed what you had to say yesterday. You're so dynamic and interesting. What a great communicator you are!"* James Miller 2.12 2000

***"Quite moved by what you talked about"***  
**Sashi Alexander '98**

*"Exactly what I've been seeking for so long."*

*"I honestly connected a great deal with many things you mentioned  
- especially the spiritual."*  
*Kett Kettering*

***"I'm motivated to try...Thanks!"***

*"I really enjoyed your presentation...the first that actually ever touched me"*

***"Moved to Tears..."***

***"Found you both educational & motivational."***

*" I think of your life experience as courageous "*

***"I really had a great time and look forward to attending another seminar."***  
***Melissa Williams***



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