

Dreams to Reality



The Road through Hollywood for some actors can be confusing and sometimes filled with potholes, but for one up and coming actor, he seems to have been able to navigate his way around the bumps in the road to find himself on the path for future success.

Actor **ERIC DARNELL REDDING** is one of four children born to Virgil and Lucille Redding. Eric's father was active military, the family traveled frequently throughout the United States and Europe.

His first acting debut came at the age of nine when while in Europe his mother entered him and his sister in a local talent show, where they performed the skit "There's a Hole in the Bucket" his mother dressed him and his sister in old farm clothes

"I recall the audiences seemed to enjoy the performance, throughout the skit there was lots of laughter...I remember thinking, this might be something I'd like to do"

His family soon returned to the United States where they settled in Colorado. Artistic from an early age Eric's parents began

to encourage him to draw after recognizing that he was truly talented and creative. Involved in all aspects of art during his high school years including painting a wall mural for the drama department and his own "one-man" art show which was featured in the regional news paper. Eric feels his artistic talent may have come from his mother who is also a local painter and artist in Colorado Springs.

"Being an artist has always come natural for me, being able to express myself through some type of medium whether its drawing or an acting role is just what I've always been interested in pursuing"

Later that year the 6'2" high school junior was asked to model sportswear for the Olympic Training Center catalog in Colorado Springs, honored and also excited to be part of the photo shoot, he realized during the shoot that he enjoyed being in front of the camera as a modeling and thus began the spark that would eventually lead him down the road to acting,

...but first, his love for art would steer him towards the Graphic Design program at the University of Denver. working part time at the movie theater and on occasion being booked as a local runway model he received his degree in computer art and design it was then time for him to revisit his interest in acting. Eric did extensive studies in San Francisco to develop his acting skills. "I knew I would end up in Hollywood, since about the time I entered college. I used to work at a movie theater just so I could watch all the movies and my favorite actors for free, it has always been a dream of mine to come here and work in the film industry it was just a matter of time before I made it. I plan on being in this business for many years to come"

After arriving in California, Eric quickly began to immerse himself in the acting culture while holding down a full time job as a graphic designer. His first major mile stone was receiving his Taft Hartley into the Screen Actors Guild, now a member of S.A.G., he began to navigate his way through Hollywood landing film and acting roles all the while attending acting workshops and classes.

"I'm constantly learning about the craft of acting in class or on set, someone always has something to share with me, that's the beauty of acting, I get to work with so many different types of people other actors, directors and crew who are good at what they do, which intern inspires me to be a better actor"

Eric is extremely focused on acting and is currently involved in bigger acting projects coming up in the near future. He continues his acting career and honing his acting skills a consummate professional with the acting talent to match, we look forward to following his journey to success, with dreams as big as his, definitely expect to see a lot more roles from up and coming actor **ERIC DARNELL REDDING** as the bright lights of Hollywood shine on his future acting career.