

HUNTER TYLO Biography

Hunter Tylo has a way of confounding expectations.

A former tomboy who broke horses, roped cattle and trained guard dogs, Tylo's series regular role on "The Bold & The Beautiful" was a much different turn of events than her parents could have foreseen.

Just as her character, Dr. Taylor Hayes, explores the deepest realms of psychiatry, the actress herself proves delightfully complex: the Texas native is a pre-Med student with a strong marriage, four children and an affinity for exotic animals and a mischievous sense of humor.

There is no denying the appeal of a woman who, as a child, once spent her allowance on a mail-order alligator. As an adult Tylo has been swamped by attention of the human kind - featured on the cover of TV Guide as one of the sexiest women in daytime and in People Magazine's 50 Most Beautiful issues of 1993 and 1998.

Her character on "The Bold & the Beautiful" breaks barriers in more ways than one as a successful psychiatrist supporting a fashion designer hubby and his child by a previous fling. Blessed with the gift of comic improvisation, Hunter Tylo has also brought a much-needed sense of levity to the soap opera domain.

Her values were first molded as a child of the Texas countryside; she raised a menagerie of animals including snakes, a red tail hawk and a real baby alligator; she broke horses and considered becoming a veterinarian.

But giving up a scholarship to raise a child, she moved to Dallas to pursue modeling and commercial work, gaining theatrical experience in the plays of Neil Simon and others. Tylo earned a role in her first movie, ABC's movie of the week "License To Kill," and made guest appearances on such television shows as "Dallas" and The Family Channel's adventure series "Zorro."

In 1985 Hunter Tylo became a street waif for three years, portraying Robin McCall on ABC's "All My Children." The show brought her to New York, where she met her husband Michael, and began pre-Med studies at Fordham University. Commercial work continued to be plentiful for Tylo, who fronted for such companies as Canada Dry, Nissan, Naturalizer and Cover Girl.

A role on NBC's "Days of Our Lives" followed, with Tylo as the wicked Marina Toscano, before joining the cast of "The Bold & the Beautiful" in 1990. Still working towards completion of her pre-Med degree in Los Angeles, her collection of pets currently includes two 7-foot boa constrictors, a baby iguana and a rare African spurthighed tortoise.

Tylo is also the spokesperson for Pantene. Together with husband Michael and two sons Christopher and Mickey, and daughters Izabella and Katya, Hunter Tylo finds herself at home with nature amid the trappings of Hollywood.