

Amy Russ

Actress Amy Russ thrives on the power of storytelling and has been building a solid resume that proves it. Most recently, Amy appeared as Carol Gordon, sister-in-law to Josh Radnor, on NBC's new hit drama-musical series, *Rise*. She can also be seen alongside acting veteran Paul Giamatti in the upcoming Netflix film, *Private Life*, directed by Tamara Jenkins.

Audiences will remember Amy for her numerous film and television appearances, most notably as Dawn in *Crazy Eyes*' backstory on the acclaimed Netflix original series, *Orange is the New Black*, and for sporting a black eye opposite Sarah Jessica Parker and Thomas Hayden Church on HBO's fan favorite series, *Divorce*. Her credits also include roles on *The Blacklist*, *Royal Pains* and the series finale of HBO's mega-hit, *The Sopranos*, directed by series creator David Chase. She emerged in A&E's digital release feature film thriller, *Till Proven Innocent*, and had the opportunity to work opposite the legendary Meryl Streep in the Oscar-nominated Steven Spielberg film, *The Post*.

Amy has brought juicy roles to life on-stage as well. She starred as the brilliant scientist Sonia in Boston's New Repertory Theatre's production of David Rambo's climatology tale, *The Ice-Breaker*, as part of the National New Play Network Rolling World Premiere. Amy also co-starred in the leading role of Mary Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* at the Music Theatre of Connecticut, which earned a Moss Hart Award. Additionally, she has frequented many other well-respected theaters, including Atlantic Stage, Soho Rep, New World Stages and The Belt Theatre among others.

Amy is proud to have been a part of the USO, singing for veterans and active military at Walter Reed and the Bob Hope Center. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio but now based in New York City, Amy first honed her craft at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, before studying with renowned teachers Matt Newton, Tim Phillips, Caryn West, Ted Sluberski, and the late Gene Frankel.

A self-confessed computer geek, Amy not only taught herself how to code HTML by hand, but she turned it into a thriving side-business. Today, she is the founder of the web design company ActorWebs.com, and shares tips with fellow actors as an Expert Contributor at BackStage.com.



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