

Ms. Ashley Judd

An eighth generation Eastern Kentuckian, Ashley Judd has won major acting awards world wide. she has demonstrated her range in a variety of genres and is a proven box office draw.

Judd will next be seen on the big screen co-starring in the Weinstein Company film called "Crossing Over" written and directed by Wayne Kramer ("Running Scared"). The film also stars Harrison Ford, Ray Liotta, and Sean Penn. "Crossing Over" is a harrowing look at life amongst illegal immigrants and the immigration enforcement agents whose job it is to ensure that the U.S. borders remain secure.

On the small screen, Judd last appeared as the focus of the National Geographic documentary that featured Judd's travels to India in early 2007 on behalf of her ongoing commitment as Global Ambassador for YouthAIDS. The documentary aired on December 1st, World Aids Day. In 2006, a similar documentary aired on The Learning Channel that featured Judd's travels to Central America with her friend, colleague, actor, feminist, and human rights activist, Salma Hayek.

A Phi Beta Kappa nominee and Honors Program student of the University of Kentucky with a major in French and four minors, Judd studied the Meisner technique in acting when she first went to Hollywood.

Judd is also very proud to be the Global Ambassador for YouthAIDS, a global initiative that generates funding for grassroots programs in 65 countries and raises awareness to help fight the spread of HIV/AIDS among the world's youth and most vulnerable populations. Judd has traveled throughout Southeast Asia, Africa, Central America and India to visit orphanages, slums, brothels, hospices, medical clinics, youth and drop in centers. Her personal emphasis is on empowering girls and women, medically accurate sex education, and putting a stop to sex and human trafficking. To that end, she has been received by heads of state and religious leaders in all the countries she has visited, as well as having addressed the National Press Club and the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee here at home.

Judd resides in Tennessee and Scotland with her husband, international racing star Dario Franchitti. They have 8 beloved pets and enjoy a quiet, rural life.