

A portrait of Michelle Tomlinson, a woman with long, wavy brown hair and green eyes, wearing a black sleeveless top with lace detailing. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a bright, out-of-focus window.

Michelle Tomlinson

Woman of Action

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I'm going to tell you the story about how I met Michelle Tomlinson, who I now know as "the Mighty McT" (but I just call her McT....most of the time).

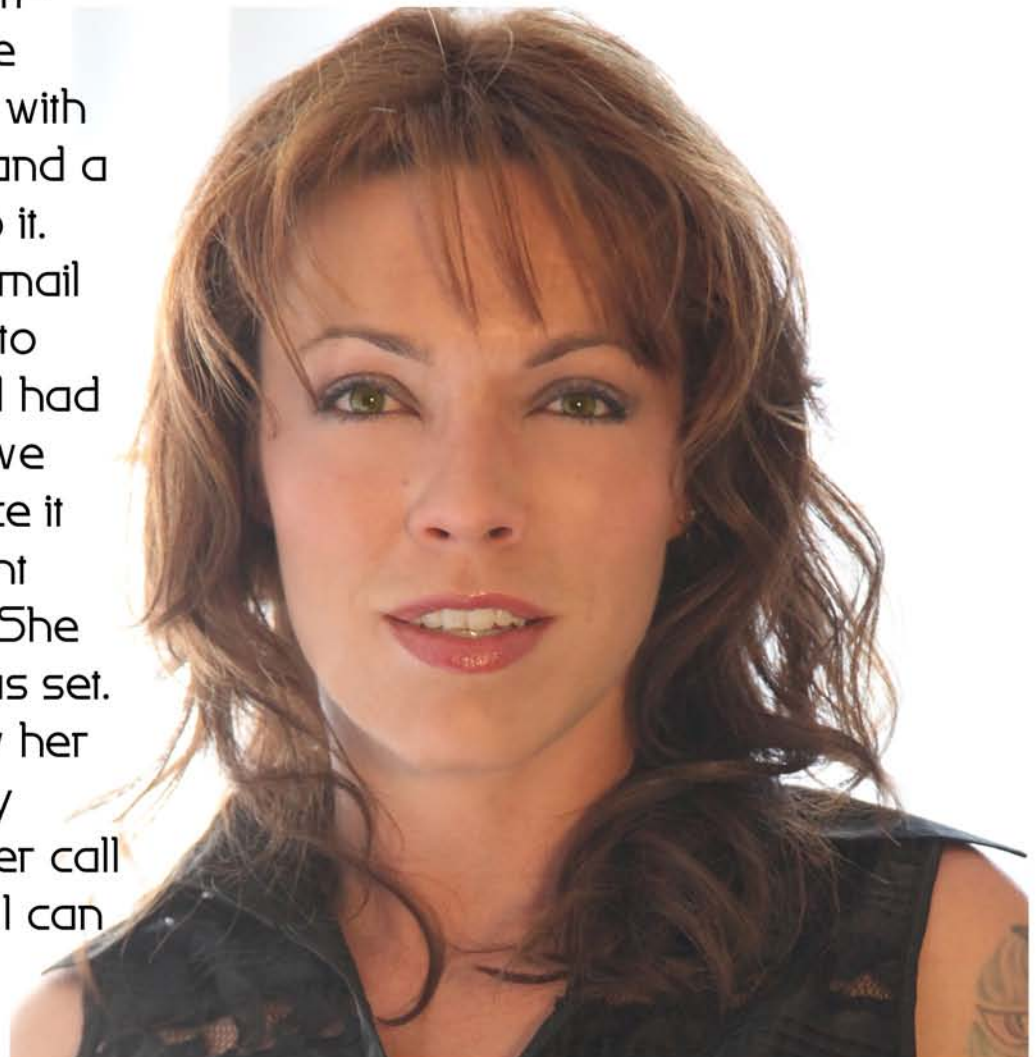
I was in San Francisco doing photos for a future issue of your favorite online magazine (this one. Humor me here) and the subject of that shoot was Beverly Van Pelt aka "The Gothic Gourmet". You'll be meeting her on these electronic pages in a few months as one of our "Women in Charge".

The shoot with Beverly went really well and it was fun, but I'll tell you about that later. The important thing is, since we drove from one location to another we had time to talk. She told me about this actress I HAD to meet named Michelle Tomlinson. I made note of the name and later that night checked her out online.

I knew the name was familiar. I had looked into Michelle last year when I read about her and was thinking about putting her in the magazine.

Her resume was pretty impressive and since, at the time, I didn't have an "in" with her I figured we didn't stand a chance of talking her into it. Now, though, I had her email from Beverly and wrote to her. A few minutes later I had her phone number and we were making plans. Since it was a spur of the moment shoot I had no location. She provided one and all was set. I enjoyed getting to know her and count her among my friends now. I even let her call me "Liquori", as long as I can call her McT.

Onto the interview!



CGM: Here is the standard question: What got you started in acting? Did you know from a young age you wanted to be other people in front of a camera?

McT: I first fell in love with acting when I was about six years old. The Missoula Children's Theatre Touring Company was in my town to do Wizard of Oz. I wanted to be the Lion so bad! Alas, I was put with the other little kids in various parts and a girl who was in high school got to be the Lion. Nevertheless, I wasn't swayed, although I did a ton of work behind the scenes in high school.

CGM: Z. Did you find that parents having different backgrounds (Marine and artist) gave you a unique outlook on life?

McT: I like to think so! I was raised with rough, gruff and genius-level book smarts mixed with right brain creativity, nature, animals and spiritual wisdom. Throw all that in a pot with a lot of love from both of them and you have a family that's best friends. Thanks to my parents, I have been around every single walk of life you can imagine from the time I was a baby to the present day. It's because of them that I can socialize anywhere or choose to blend in anywhere, depending on my mood

CGM: You've got a long resume, so we'll only be able to touch on a few projects in these pages. Let's start with "The Cellar Door", since it was the first movie I saw you in. Your character in that helped gain you the status of this issue, "Women of Action". She's tough, and compelled to survive whatever it takes. In what ways did you relate to the character?

McT: Rudy was an awesome role for me to tackle. Like Rudy, I've found myself locked in a couple proverbial "cages" and have made my way out and much stronger on the other side. It's a fight or flight mentality and how I was raised.

I also know what it's like to only have my wits to rely on in order to not set off a maniacal person I dated a long time ago and Rudy had to use very wise tactics as to not upset Herman too much, for fear how he might react.

And lastly, like Rudy, I love to go out and have a good time with friends and not have a care in the world!! :)

NAME : MICHELLE TOMLINSONS

GODDESS OF: ACTION, MAYHEM, AND MANY FACES

QUALIFICATIONS: SEVERAL AWARD WINNING FILMS, CO-PRODUCER OF HER OWN SHOW, T.V. PILOTS, AND A LOYAL GROWING FANBASE.

STATUS: MADE A QUICK CLIMB TO THE TOP THE MOUNT OLYMPUS AND IS POISED TO BECOME A HOUSEHOLD NAME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.



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CGM: You also starred in a drama, "Indelible", (which I admit I haven't seen yet). How does drama differ from horror as far as how you approach it as an actor?

McT: The approach stays the same as far as the homework on a character is concerned. I still do the autobiography and research necessary to build who I'm playing, it's simply a different genre.

CGM: Are horror sets very different from other types of indie movie sets? Is there a vibe? Are the cast and crew more "free" to express themselves?

McT: Every set is different. The mood and tone are set not only by the style and genre in which you're shooting, but also the Director and main Actors. I've been really fortunate to experience an awesome time on 99% of the projects I've worked on. However, I have never laughed harder or more on a set than I did when I just shot the Comedy Feature Film "PATHETICALLY CHEAP ADVENTURES OF XTRA-MAN." Not a heavy moment to be had!

CGM: Tell us about "Mighty McT Productions"!

McT: Mighty McT was a nickname given to me by Kimberly Amato. When time came that I wanted to start my venture into the world of Production, it just seemed a perfect fit for a name. My goal is to have Mighty McT Productions known for Producing quality Feature Films and Events to benefit various organizations.

CGM: You're a nature girl at heart. I know for a fact that you like wolves. What lessons can we learn from our furry companions on this planet called Earth?

Animals are the most honest beings on the planet. They're not manipulative or volatile. They're beautiful... We can learn to not judge each other, treat those around us with respect, use our natural resources only as we need them rather than wastefully and when we love--do so unconditionally. Not to mention: honesty.



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CGM: In addition to movies you've worked on T.V. Pilots and recently did some acting on "Worst Week". How is T.V. shooting different from movies?

McT: Television is shot at a much faster clip than Feature Film. It's an awesome medium and I'd love to do more of it. But it is a completely different style of shooting and you best be ON IT when shooting TV!

CGM: If you could guest star on any series on T.V. from any time period and any country, which one would you choose? (This can be a tough one, so feel free to pick two or three if you can't narrow it down)

McT: FRINGE is my top choice. That show is solid and interesting and FUN.

CGM: Favorite movie monster?

McT: Freddie. All the way. He scared the hell outta' me as a kid!

CGM: You are always working and adding to your resume. How can fans keep up with what's going on in the world of Michelle Tomlinson?

McT: You can always keep up with me either through my personal website: <http://www.michelletomlinson.net> or facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/mightymct> They're both updated regularly!

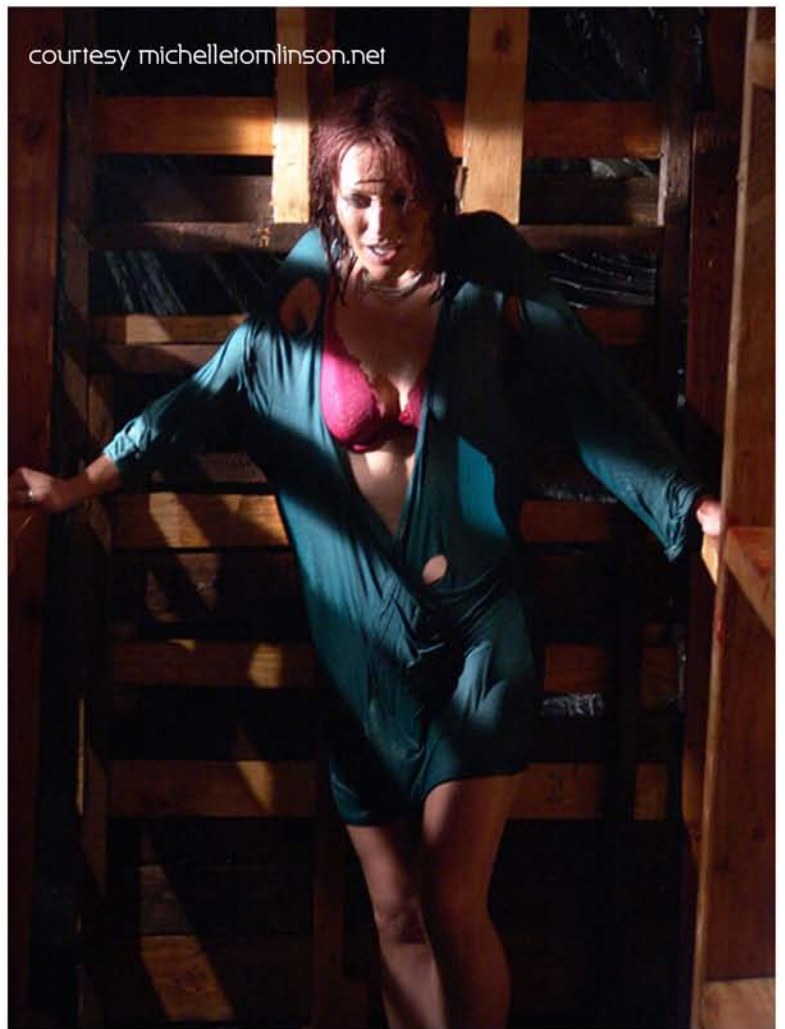


CGM: Before we let you go, any exciting and new projects just around the corner that you can give us the scoop on?

McT: Lots of good stuff is going on. The sequel to THE CELLAR DOOR is in Pre-Production. The script is AMAZING and totally different from the first one; it's not just a chick locked in a box part 2. It's cool.

My Business Partner, Kimberly Amato, and I are working on a few things together. We just created THE MIS-ADVENTURES of McT & A, a very tongue in cheek spoofy Web Series that we're catering to what our fans on our facebook page would like to see. The first episode can be seen here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XclmoZVe5bU>.

It's silly fun and light, but we're keeping a tiny horror theme in each episode.



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We've optioned a Feature Film called TOUCH, written by my good friend Patrick Julian. It's a gritty, dirt under your nails Indie Drama that we'll be shooting in New Mexico.

We're also working together on an Event that will raise money for a certain Battered Women's Shelter here in LA. The Event is slated to take place in Mid-April. Details will be posted not only on our sites, but on the site for the event, TBA.



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