

Angela Kinsey

Out of The Office

We're all a little different away from the office. So it should come as no surprise that *The Office*'s uptight cat-lady cum accountant, Angela Martin, is very unlike her real life counterpart, petite blonde actress Angela Kinsey, who played the role for nine years.

Born in Louisiana and raised in Jakarta, Indonesia, Kinsey is a delightful comedy actress who knew she "wanted to be Carol Burnett" from the time she was four. At that time her sister wanted to be a truck driver, so her parents didn't really take Kinsey's vocational aspiration seriously. Throughout her childhood, they always stressed the importance of education first, something Kinsey says resulted in her pre-Hollywood pit stop at Baylor University and subsequently entering the industry "more grounded."

After graduating from Baylor, Kinsey worked as an intern for *Late Night with Conan O'Brien* because she "specifically wanted to be around comedy and comedians." As a true lover of comedy, two of her favorite experiences were watching the show's writers pitch jokes and seeing sketches being rehearsed. Throughout, Kinsey retained the dream of becoming a fulltime actress. When asked her ultimate goal, Kinsey prepares me by gushing this is "so ridiculous," but she'd love to play a "sassy, kind of weird girl that works in the morgue on one of these really serious hour-long dramas."

These days, Kinsey is working on an upcoming Hulu series called *The Hotwives of Orlando*. She is also on the hit FOX show *New Girl*, where she plays Rose, a coworker of Zooey Deschanel's character. Kinsey describes Rose as a "kooky gal" and admits the role is a pleasant departure from



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her last stint as an "uptight accountant." "It's nice for me to play someone a little wackier," she shares. On the experience itself, Kinsey dishes: "That cast is wonderful...so welcoming and funny and warm and kind," and their camaraderie is similar to that which she experienced on the set of *The Office*. As a fan of both shows, that was lovely to hear.

Kinsey tells me one of her *New Girl* highlights was filming her standoff with Deschanel. (Readers of this magazine will already have seen this, but when we talked, Kinsey added: "I hope I can share this.") She explains that while filming these scenes of hilarity, she has difficulty not laughing. They often have to first "get the giggles out...and then [they] can try one for real."

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