

Angela Kinsey

Career, Motherhood and Getting Back to Her Roots

The giggles are infectious and Kinsey shared a few with me during our chat. She is articulate and comes across as genuinely delightful. Besides acting, she is passionate about motherhood, which she describes as a “buffet of great, wonderful moments that you could have never anticipated.” When I ask her about being a famous parent at her six-year-old daughter’s school, she explains that “the great thing about living in LA [is that] there is always someone a little fancier, a little shinier, a little bit more famous.” Kinsey also finds her daughter is too young to really be aware of her fame and is thankful for this respite. While on the subject of her daughter, Kinsey describes her as: “march[ing] to the tune of her own drum”. This independence works perfectly for her proud mother, who explains the best advice she could ever give her daughter would be to “be true to yourself...wear your own thing, be your own person.” She has experience in this department. Having moved from Indonesia to Texas as a young teenager, Kinsey “felt like a total outsider”, largely because she was a “beach kid” who was woefully behind on ‘80s fashions and pop culture. Ironic, given her current status as a fixture on the pop culture scene.

Though Kinsey hasn’t been back to Indonesia since her twenties, she would love to return with her daughter to show her Jakarta International School (which Kinsey attended), her former neighborhood and nearby destinations like Bali. Painting a charming picture of urban Jakarta, Kinsey explains that “the people there are so wonderful. In the evenings everyone...would be out on the street,” sitting on their porches or playing badminton. This down-to-earth reminiscence is characteristic



Angela Kinsey

© The Hendershots

of Kinsey, who calls herself a klutz and is quick to recount her most embarrassing moment. She recalls this was probably walking up to Kevin Spacey at the Golden Globes the first year of *The Office* and saying: “Hey, Kevin Spacey...I think you do good work.” She muses that Spacey had no idea who she was. She laughs this off, explaining: “I don’t have much of an edit button sometimes.” Other embarrassing moments include things like falling and tripping and walking into objects.

Kinsey comes across as a fun-loving actress and mom whose sense of humor and joie de vivre are apparent. And now she’s out of *The Office* and red carpet ready, with plenty of success to look forward to.

— REBA WILSON

Twitter: @Reba_Wilson