**AMY AQUINO Biography**

*Bosch*

(Grace Billets)

Born in New Jersey and raised in Philadelphia, veteran actress Amy Aquino currently stars as Lt. Grace Billets in the Amazon Original series *Bosch*, playing the title character’s immediate superior and close friend in the Homicide Department of the LAPD’s Hollywood Division. The series returns for its fifth season in spring 2019 and has already been renewed for a sixth.

Previous to Bosch, Aquino was a regular on the critically acclaimed *Brooklyn Bridge* and *Picket Fences*. She also recurred in countless television series, including *Glee*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *Being Human*, *ER*, *Judging Amy*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, *The Mentalist*, *Felicity*, and *Brothers and Sisters*. Her film work includes the current *Beautiful Boy* with Steve Carrell and Timothée Chalamet, as well as *Boys on the Side*, *The Singing Detective*, *White Oleander*, *A Lot Like Love*, *In Good Company* and the classics *Working Girl* and *Moonstruck*.

Graduating with a BA in Biology from Harvard University, she went on to earn her MFA in acting at the Yale School of Drama. Aquino then split her acting career between New York and LA, doing TV, film and her first love - theater. She did a stint on Broadway in the original production of Wendy Wasserstein’s *The Heidi Chronicles* with Tony Shalhoub, David Hyde Pierce and Christine Lahti and numerous other productions before moving to LA in 1991. Since then, she’s been seen onstage at NY’s Lincoln Center and 59 E59, LA’s Mark Taper Forum and Geffen, San Diego’s Old Globe, and three productions at Costa Mesa’s South Coast Rep*,* where last year she starred in Wasserstein’s *The Sisters Rosensweig*.

Aquino also spent over 20 years in union service. First elected in 1994, she served as a Screen Actors Guild officer for a decade, participating in contract negotiations, the revamping of its communications and several attempts to merge with sister union AFTRA. Elected SAG’s second highest-ranking national officer in 2009, Aquino was instrumental in finally achieving the merger in 2012, resulting in her appointment as founding Co-Secretary Treasurer of the newly formed SAG-AFTRA. She currently serves on the Boards of the SAG Pension and SAG-AFTRA Health Plans.

Aquino restored and lives in a landmarked 1915 Pagoda-style bungalow in Hollywood with her husband, financial advisor Drew McCoy. She is active in LA’s historic preservation movement, helping establish protections for her Sunset Square neighborhood and being appointed by LA’s mayor to its Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board. She’s also on the board of *Arts for LA*, the leading voice for the arts in LA County.

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