

GOLDEN BROOKS

Cited by Time Magazine as one of “the most watchable women in the world,” **Golden Brooks** has firmly established herself as an impressive and respected actress. Her portrayal of the much-loved strong-minded single mother and “authoress” Maya Wilkes on the CW’s run of “**GIRLFRIENDS**” has garnered her much acclaim. The top series aired for nearly a decade, making it the most watched African American show in all demographics and multi cultural households.

The Show earned Brooks two *NAACP* Nominations for Outstanding actress in a comedy series. Brooks won the *BET AWARD* for Outstanding actress a comedy series for *GIRLFRIENDS*. Brooks also received the *Multi-Cultural Prism Award* for Best Actress in a Comedy Series.

The plethora of recognition didn’t stop there. Upon finishing her run on the small screen, Brooks went on to broaden her creative palate to the independent film world. Brooks’ shot two films with Sundance darling/Producer Effie Brown (Real Women have Curves and HBO’s Stranger Inside). *The Inheritance*, (a modern day Rosemary’s Baby, a psychological thriller). Brooks lands the lead and grabs another prestigious award for her work in this film. Brooks was nominated for Outstanding Actress and won an *ABFF AWARD* for her work in *The Inheritance*. The other much anticipated film *Polish Bar* (starring Meatloaf, Richard Belzar, Judd Hirsch, James Badge dale) hit the Chicago Film Festival.

Brooks’ work in TV continues to impress. Brooks took her training to a whole new level working on the Emmy caliber TNT mini-series **I AM THE NIGHT**. (Produced and directed by **Wonder Woman’s Patty Jenkins and Chris Pine**) Her portrayal of this true-life character Jimmy Lee may garner Brooks an Emmy nomination. Brooks also worked alongside the likes of Sir Patrick Stewart on **STARZ** single camera dark comedy **BLUNT TALK**. (Creator Jonathan Ames, Producer Seth McFarland) Brooks plays Stewart’s fiery, yet very pulled together ex wife who mothers their only child. Brooks also wowed fans again on the highly viewed CW show **HART OF DIXIE** playing beauty entrepreneur/mogul Ruby Jefferies. (Rachel Bilson, Cress Williams).

Brooks has currently finished filming FOX’s YA dystopian drama **THE DARKEST MINDS**. Brooks will appear in all of three of this much highly anticipated trilogy directed by Jennifer Yuh Nelson (Kung Fu Panda) Brooks plays the distraught mother Molly Daly to her daughter played by Amandla Stenberg.

Brooks’ other film credits include Focus Feature’s dramedy *Something New* starring Sanna Lathan and Simon Baker. She can also be seen in the MGM all- star ensemble comedy hit *Beauty Shop*. Brooks shines opposite Queen Latifah (Executive Producer) Alicia Silver Stone and Kevin Bacon. Her work on the small screen includes recent guest start work on TV LAND’S *The EXE’S*, starring Donald Faison and Kristin Johnston. Brooks has appeared in other guest starring roles on CBS’ top series *CSI Miami*, an arc

on the late *Star Trek Enterprise*, and the critically acclaimed, yet short lived, Showtime series *Linc's*. The show lasted for only two seasons, but the sharp, edgy dramedy was about a politician who owned a bar in Washington, DC. Brooks is also active onstage alongside Danny Glover for the Roby Theater Company, a non-profit dedicated to developing plays about the Black experience, as well as, interpreting established works.

The San Francisco native holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology with a minor in Theater from the University of California at Berkeley. The classically trained actress, who has performed in a broad variety role from Chekhov to Shakespeare, is also a talented writer, boasting a Master's Degree in Creative Writing from the very prestigious Sarah Lawrence College. Brooks is also a classical trained dancer, both studying and teaching ballet, jazz and Modern dance. In her spare time, she dedicates time to The Pediatric AIDS foundations and AIDS Project Los Angeles.