

Ingeborga Dapkunaite

Personal Details

Place of Birth	Vilnius, Lithuania
Nationality	Lithuanian
Marital status	Married

Career

A diminutive, green-eyed, beauty, Ingeborga Dapkunaite is both supremely elegant and charming. Born in Vilnius, Lithuania, when the country was still part of the Soviet Union, she grew up fascinated by film and theater, and chose to study acting at the Lithuanian State Conservatory, where she graduated with a degree in Theatre Arts.

Her work on the stage and screen earned her an international reputation as one of the Soviet Union's most beautiful, charming and talented performers.

Ingeborga's 1992 appearance in *The Cynics* and the stylish 1994 film noir *Katia Ismailova/Moscow Nights* (*Best Actress Award at Geneva IFF, Russian Film Academy Award NIKA for Best Actress*) caught the eye of international critics, and her role in Nikita Mikhalkov's remarkable *Burnt by the Sun* (1994, Oscar, Best Foreign Film; Grand Prix de Jury, Cannes) earned her international critical acclaim. The following years brought high-profile appearances in major international productions, including Brian de Palma's *Mission Impossible* (1996) and Jean-Jacques Annaud's *Seven Years in Tibet* (1997).

More recently, Ingeborga appeared in Emily Young's *Kiss of Life* (2003), which premiered at the Film Festival in Cannes, where she also served as a member of the Festival's Cinéfondation and Short Films Jury that year. She also played with Helen Mirren in *Prime Suspect* for the British TV. Ingeborga has since appeared in films of notable success such as *25 Degrees of Winter*, which won the Audience Award at the 2004 edition of the Berlin International Film Festival, *Hannibal Rising* in 2005. She also served as a member of the Jury at Berlin International Film Festival the same year. In 2006, Ingeborga highly succeeded in *Stars on Ice*. She is now filming *The Nurse* in Russia.

While pursuing her successful career on screen, Ingeborga has continued to develop a very active career on the international stage. Among many noteworthy performances have been those starring opposite John Malkovich in *Slip of the Tongue*, which opened in Chicago at the Steppenwolf Theater and subsequently moved to London West End, in *Libra at the Steppenwolf Theatre* directed by John Malkovich. Most recently she appeared in the first Kevin Spacey's theatre production as a director *Cloaca* in The Old Vic Theatre.

She continues to appear frequently in film and television productions and on the London stage.

Filmography

Award-winning film and theatre actress Ingeborga Dapkunaita has played a wide variety of roles in feature films and films for television. Below is a selection of the more well-known productions in which she has appeared.

1992	The Cynics
1994	Katia Ismailova
1994	Burnt by the Sun
1995	Letters from the East
1996	Mission Impossible
1997	Seven Years in Tibet
2000	Moscow
2002	The War
2003	Kiss of Life
2003	Prime Suspect 6
2004	25 Degrees of Winter
2006	In Transit
2007	Hannibal Rising
2008	Anna Karenina