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Biography

Dorka Gryllus **Actress**

Dorka Gryllus was born into a family of artists in Budapest. Her father is a well-known musician, her mother a renowned theater director who warned her daughter early on of the demanding work of an actress. Following this advice, Dorka Gryllus first enrolled in the Department of Evangelical Theology at the Evangélikus Hittudományi Egyetem University in Budapest. At the age of 22, when she accompanied a friend to a film shoot of the director Bela Tarr, she got an initial spark and immediately afterward applied to the Színház és Filmművészeti Egyetem University for Theater and Film in Budapest, and was accepted. In the very first year, she was discovered and promoted by her teacher and mentor, director Tamás Ascher. After she completed her studies, he took her on into the ensemble of the renowned Csiky Gergely Theater in Kaposvár. During her education, but also long after completing her studies, she continues to follow the precision of her teacher in the preparation of her roles for the theater. She has made his detailed character studies and research her own.

Time and again Dorka Gryllus strives to accurately understand the backgrounds and motives of the characters she portrays. This has led to her development of an energetic naturalness in her work with which she easily moves between genres. The renowned Hungarian online portal Origo writes of her performances: 'Dorka Gryllus proves again and again that she can carry an entire film on her shoulders. She performs effortlessly, is full of energy with a natural assertiveness. She also convincingly portrays the loathsome, unsympathetic sides of her characters, though without betraying their humanity.' With her deeply human aspirations and her multifaceted talents, she has become one of the most daring protagonists of European film and theater.

Dorka Gryllus works in Austria, Germany, Hungary, the United Kingdom and the USA in a wide variety of major film and theater productions. The range of her acting talents and her distinctive choice of roles have made her a much sought-after actress. She continues to seek artistic collaborations with directors who have shaped contemporary European film and theater such as Attila Szász, Catalina Molina, Damir Lukacevic, Fatih Akin, János Szász, Jay Scheib, Lancelot von Naso, Robert Pejo, RP Kahl, Sam Gabarski, Stephan Komandarev, Sven Taddicken, Thomas Napper, Torsten C. Fischer, Viktor Bodo and Wolfgang Murnberger.

Dorka Gryllus works internationally as an actress and lives in Berlin and Budapest.

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Press Reviews | Selection

'Dorka Gryllus is fantastic as the beautiful and mysterious leading woman.'
Broadway World, USA

'Dorka Gryllus attracts attention with her appearances in films such as Irina Palm, Soul Kitchen or Demimonde.'
Cineurope, Belgium

'Dorka Gryllus is a multitalent.'
Gala, Germany

'Dorka Gryllus gives everything to lend authenticity to her characters. In doing so, she can effortlessly change from a haggard chambermaid to an unashamedly calculating vamp.'
Index, Hungary

'The uninhibited, erotic charisma and beauty of the actress Dorka Gryllus are revealed on film in a unique light.'
Müpa, Hungary

'Dorka Gryllus proves again and again that she can carry an entire film on her shoulders. She performs effortlessly, is full of energy with a natural assertiveness. She also convincingly portrays the loathsome, unsympathetic sides of her characters, though without betraying their humanity.'
Origo, Hungary

'With her distinctive choice of roles, Dorka Gryllus has made a name for herself in European film.'
RTV, Germany

'A film star: Dorka Gryllus.'
Tagesspiegel, Germany

'Dorka Gryllus is a wonderful performer.'
Tittelbach, Germany

'Dorka Gryllus' intensive and soulful performances have a long afterglow.'
Variety, USA

'Even with very little dramatic means, she can convincingly portray a character's suppressed storms of emotions.'
Vox, Hungary

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Film

(Cinema | Television)

2025

Charlie - Tatort
Lancelot von Naso | Germany

Doppelhaushälfte | 'Semi-Detached House'
Merle Grimme | Germany

Wechselwirkungen - Der Bergdoktor | 'Interactions - The Mountain Doctor'
Kerstin Ahlrichs | Germany

2024

A World Divided
Olga Chajdas | Germany, Austria, Poland and Czech Republic

Budapest Diaries Cinema
Rafael Kapelinski | Hungary and Poland

Die Ermittlung | 'The Investigation'
RP Kahl | Germany

Stranger Cinema
Mads Hedegaard | Denmark

La Chambre de Mariana | 'Mariana's Room'
Emmanuel Finkiel | France

2021

Baptiste - II. Season
Hong Khaou and Thomas Napper | Great Britain
Ein nasser Hund | 'A Wet Dog'
Damir Lukacevic | Germany

2020

Agapé
Márk Beleznai | Hungary

Ausnahmezustand | 'In the State of Emergency'
Jan Fehse | Germany

Reiterhof Wildenstein | 'Riding Stables Wildenstein'
Teresa Hoerl | Germany

Vater Tiger | 'Tiger Father'
Attila Herczeg | Hungary

Zuniverzum | 'Youniverse'
Dorka Gryllus, György Baráthy, Kata Oláh, Kornél Simon and
Sándor Csukás | Hungary

2019

À la Carte - I. Season
Fanni Szylágyi and Gábor Herendy | Hungary

Eine Möhre für Zwei | 'A Carrot For Two' - Sesame Street
Erik Polls | Germany

Glück allein | 'Happiness Alone' - Tatort
Catalina Molina | Austria

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- 2018 A Hentes, a Kurva és a Félszem | 'The Butcher, the Whore and the One-eyed Man' '
János Szász | Hungary
- Der Preis der Schönheit - Ein starkes Team | 'The Price Of Beauty - A Strong Team'
Ulrich Zrenner | Germany
- 2017 Brazilok | 'Brazilian'
Csaba M. Kiss und Gábor Rohonyi | Hungary
- CopStories - IV. Season
Umut Dag | Austria
- Honigfrauen | 'Honey Women'
Ben Verbong | Germany
- Sturm - Tatort | 'Storm - Crime Scene'
Richard Huber | Germany
- Tod im Internat | 'Death in the Boarding School'
Thorsten C. Fischer | Germany
- 2016 Emma nach Mitternacht | 'Emma after Midnight'
Torsten C. Fischer | Germany
- Tömény Történelem | 'Sketch History'
Dávid Spáh | Hungary
- Válótársak | 'Divorces'
Dániel Kovács | Hungary

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2015

Benutzt - Tatort | 'Used - Crime Scene'
Dagmar Seume | Germany

Das Wetter in geschlossenen Räumen | 'The Weather in Closed Spaces'
Isabelle Stever | Germany

Der Metzger geht fremd | 'The Butcher Goes Astray'
Andreas Herzog | Germany

Der Metzger und der Tote im Haifischbecken | 'The Butcher and the Corpse in the Shark Tank'
Andreas Herzog | Germany

Die Kleinen und die Bösen | 'The Small and the Evil'
Markus Sehr | Germany

En Passant
Kata Olah | Hungary

Félvilág | 'Demimonde'
Attila Szász | Hungary

Freund und Feind - Der Staatsanwalt | 'Friend and Enemy - The District Attorney'
Daniel Helfer | Germany

Sport ist Mord - Der Staatsanwalt | 'Sport is Murder - The District Attorney'
Jakob Schäuffelen | Germany

Tödlicher Ehrgeiz - Der Staatsanwalt | 'Deathly Ambition - The District Attorney'
Jakob Schäuffelen | Germany

Vikend | 'Weekend'
Áron Mátyássi | Hungary

2014

Auf eigene Gefahr - Alarm für Cobra 11 | 'At Your Own Risk - Alarm for Cobra 11'
Nico Zavelberg | Germany

Das Luder - Der Staatsanwalt | 'The Bitch - The District Attorney'
Daniel Helfer | Germany

Rex Solus - Der Kriminalist | 'Rex Solus - The Criminologist'
Stephan Rick | Germany

Szívradír | 'An Eraser for the Heart'
Kata Oláh und Sándor Csukás | Hungary

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- 2013 Geld her oder Autsch'n! | 'Hand Over the Money or Ouch!'
René Marik | Germany
- Krise | 'Crisis'
Benjamin Moritz Gronau | Germany
- Schwindelfrei - Tatort | 'Vertigo - Crime Scene'
Justus von Dohnanyi | Germany
- Unsere Mütter, unsere Väter | 'Our Mothers, Our Fathers'
Phillipp Kadelbach | Germany
- 2012 Das Geheimnis in Siebenbürgen | 'The Secret of Transylvania'
Martin Enlen | Germany
- Der knallrote Kuchen - Löwenzahn | 'The Bright Red Cake -
Dandelion'
Wolfgang Eißler | Germany
- Èn is téged, nagyon | 'Me Too, Very Much'
Gábor Zsigmond Papp | Hungary
- 2011 72 Stunden Angst - Alarm für Cobra 11 | '72 Hours of Fear -
Alarm for Cobra 11
Heinz Dietz | Germany
- Abgetaucht - Der Kriminalist | 'Disappeared - The Criminologist'
Züli Alada | Germany
- Blackout - Notruf Hafenkante | 'Blackout - SOS Harbor's Edge'
Oren Schmuckler | Germany
- Schicksalsjahre | 'Fateful Years'
Miguel Alexandre | Germany
- 2010 Das Schwein | 'The Pig'
Erzsébet Rácz | Germany
- Der Kameramörder | 'The Camera Murderer'
Robert Pejo | Austria, Hungary and Switzerland
- Entzauberungen | 'Disenchantments'
Andreas Pieper | Germany
- Igazából apa | 'The Real Father'
Emil Novák | Hungary
- 2009 Der Knochenmann | 'The Bone Man'
Wolfgang Murnberger | Austria
- Kinderwunsch - Tatort | 'The Desire to Have a Child - Tatort'
Walter Bannert | Austria
- Soul Kitchen
Fatih Akin | Germany

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- 2008 Braams - Kein Mord ohne Leiche | 'Braams - No Murder Without a Corpse'
Sven Taddicken | Germany
- Die Welt ist groß und Rettung lauert überall | 'The World is Big and Rescue Lurks Everywhere'
Stephan Komandarev | Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Serbia and Slovakia
- Nyugalom | 'The Calm'
Róbert Alföldi | Hungary
- 2007 Irina Palm
Sam Gabarski | Belgium, Germany, France, Great Britain and Luxembourg
- Mein alter Freund Fritz | 'My Old Friend Fritz'
Dieter Wedel | Germany
- Overnight
Ferenc Török | Germany and Hungary
Zuhanórepülés | 'Nosedive'
Erik Novák | Hungary
- 2006 Berlin Budapest
Rita Lengyel | Germany
- Game of Swords
Adrian Rudomin | Great Britain and Hungary
- 2005 Az igazi mikulás | 'The Real Santa Claus'
Péter Gárdos | Hungary
- Dallas Pashamende | 'Dallas Among Us'
Robert Pejo | Germany, Hungary and Romania
- Der Fürst und das Mädchen | 'The Prince and the Girl'
Axel de Roche | Germany
- Zeit der Wünsche | 'Time of Wishes'
Rolf Schübel | Germany
- 2004 Das Schwalbennest | 'The Swallow Nest'
Maris Pfeiffer | Germany
- Mix
Steven Lovy | Hungary and USA
- 2002 Kollaps | 'Collapse'
Rolf Schübel | Germany
- Refuge to Buda
Miloslav Luther | Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia
- Tiszta lap | 'A Clean Sheet'
János Szirtes | Hungary

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2000	En Niño Tibor Klöpfler Hungary
1999	Én, Rippl-Rónai 'I, Rippl-Rónai' András Kroó Hungary
	Europa Express Csaba Horváth Hungary
	Gloomy Sunday Rolf Schübel Germany und Hungary
	Kalózok 'Pirates' Tamás Sas Hungary
	Roach Daniel Young Hungary
1999 - 1998	Showbálvány 'The History Show' Péter Gárdos Hungary
1998	Lègyfogó 'Flycatcher' Árpád Sopsits Hungary
1997	Romani Kris-Cigánytörvény 'Gypsy Law' Bence Gyöngyössy Hungary
1996	Érzékek Iskolája 'School of Senses' András Solyom Hungary
	Honfoglalás 'Conquest' Gábor Koltay Hungary
1995	Angst 'Fear' Attila Mispál Hungary
	Csajok 'Babes' Ildikó Szabó Hungary
	Istálló 'Horse Stable' Ádám Rozgonyi Hungary

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Theater

- * - 2024 Four Minutes Twelve Seconds - James Fritz
as Di
János Anta Horváth | Loupe Színházi Társulás Budapest | Hungary
- * - 2023 SX_MCHN, Or The Torture Of Our Desires -
Dorka Gryllus and Peter Závada
Dorka Gryllus | Alter Ego Club in Budapest | Hungary
- * - 2022 Glas Wall - Sarolta Dobray
as Lena
Soós Attila | Gólem Színház Theatre Company in Budapest | Hungary
- * - 2018 Anna Karenina - Leo Tolstoy
as Anna Karenina and Ligijja Ivanovna
Soós Attila | Trojka Színházi Társulás Theatre Company in Budapest | Hungary
- * - 2018 Oh my God! - Anat Gov
as Ella
András Borgula | Gólem Színház Theatre Company in Budapest | Hungary
- 2022 - 2020 Me, Iphigénia - Peter Závada
Dorka Gryllus | Radnóti Theater in Budapest | Hungary
- 2020 - 2019 The Cherry Orchard - Anton Chekhov
as Ljubov Andrejevna and Ranyevszkaja
Soós Attila | Trojka Színházi Társulás Theatre Company in Budapest | Hungary
- 2020 Decameron 2020 - Giovanni Boccaccio
as Giulietta and Lisetta
Soós Attila | Trojka Színházi Társulás Theatre Company in Budapest | Hungary
- 2019 Peer Gynt - Henrik Ibsen
as Anitra and Ingrid
Viktor Bodó | Volkstheater Wien | Austria
- 2019 - 2017 Frida - Dániel Dinyés, Éva Duda, György Hegyi and
Sára Oláh-Horváth
as Frida Kahlo
Éva Duda | Átrium Theater Budapest | Hungary
- 2019 - 2016 Így szerettek ôk | 'They Loved Like This' - Krisztián Nyári
as Woman
Katalin Kőváry | Városmajori Szabadtéri Színpad Budapest | Hungary
- 2018 - 2011 NőNyugat | 'The Women of the West' - Kriszta Bíró
as Woman
Pál Mácsai | Örkény Theater and Thália Theater Budapest | Hungary

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2015	Ganymed Dreaming - Martin Crimp as Woman Jacqueline Kornmüller Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna Austria
2014 - 2013	Ganymed goes Europe - Darvasi László as Woman Jacqueline Kornmüller Szépművészeti Múzeum Budapest Hungary
2013 - 2010	Warschauer Melodie 'Warsaw Melody' - Leonid Genrichovi Zorin as Helga Katalin Kőváry Pince Theater Budapest Hungary
2008 - 2006	Pizzicato - Viktor Bodó and Andras Vinnai as Woman Viktor Bodó Deutsches Theater Berlin Germany
2008	Untitled Mars: This Title May Change - based on Philip K. Dick as Doreen Jay Scheib PS122 New York USA
2007 - 2006	A Woman - Péter Esterházy as Woman Erzsébet Rácz Collegium Hungaricum Berlin Germany
2007	Erlebnis Ministerium 'Ministry of Experience' as Mother Viktor Bodó Hebbel Theater Berlin Germany
2006 - 2002	The Vagina Monologues - Eve Ensler as Woman Yvette Bozsik Thália Theater Budapest Hungary
2004 - 2002	The Holiday Trilogy - Carlo Goldoni as Giacinta Gábor Rusznyák Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
2004 - 2001	Mi újság múlt század? 'What's New, Last Century?' - Pál Mácsai and Sándor Guelmino as Woman Pál Mácsai Örkény Theater Budapest Hungary
2003 - 2002	Heart of a Dog - Michail Bulgakow as Zina István Znamenák Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
2003 - 2002	Cabaret - John Kander as Sally Bowles László Keszég Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary

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2003 - 2001	Family Stories - Biljana Srbljanovi as Nadesda Gábor Rusznyák Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
2003 - 2000	Relatively Speaking - Alan Ayckbourn as Ginny István Kovács Budaörsi Játékszín Budaörs Hungary
2002 - 2001	My Fair Lady - Frederick Loewe as Elisa Doolittle Babarczy László Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
2002 - 2001	The Forest - Alexander N. Ostrowski as Akszjusa Tamás Asher Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
2001 - 2000	Operetta - Witold Gombrowicz as Albertinka László Keszég Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
2001 - 2000	Don Juan - Molière as Sári László Babarczy Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
2001	Leading Ladies - Ken Ludwig as Kate László Babarczy Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
2000	Das Käthchen von Heilbronn 'Katie of Heilbronn' - Heinrich von Kleist as Kunigande von Thurneck Attila Réthly Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
2000 - 1999	L'Ilusion Comique 'The Comic Illusion' - Pierre Corneille as Isabelle András Almási-Tóth Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
2000 - 1999	Sweeney Todd - Hugh Wheeler and Stephen Sondheim as Volk Tamás Asher Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
2000 - 1999	Rokonok - Móricz Zsigmond as Magdalénai Szentkálnay László Babarczy Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary

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1999	Der Marquis von Keith 'The Marquis of Keith' - Frank Wedekind as Molly Griesinger László Keszég Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
1999 - 1998	Hó 'Snow' - Romain Weingarten as Cafat Kristóf Kovács Éjszakai Theater Budapest Hungary
1999 - 1998	George Dandin - Molière as Claudine Tamás Asher Kaposvári Csiki Gergely Theater Kaposvár Hungary
1998 - 1997	'The Sisters-In-Law' - Michel Tremblay as Ginette Ménard Géza D. Hegedűs Pesti Theater Budapest Hungary
1998 - 1997	The Crucible - Arthur Miller as Abigail Williams Péter Rudolf Víg Theater Budapest Hungary
1998 - 1997	The Misanthrope - Molière as Célimène Andor Lukáts Thália Theater Budapest Hungary
1998 - 1997	A Phaedra Story - based on Euripides, Graves, Racine and Seneca as Young Woman Róbert Alföldi Pesti Theater Budapest Hungary
1997	Cyrano de Bergerac - Edmond Rostand as Roxane János Szikora Szegedi Szabadtéri Játékok Szeged Hungary
1998 - 1996	Švejk - György Spiró based on Jaroslav Hašek as Maid Pinczés István Víg Theater Budapest Hungary
1998 - 1996	Dobar Dan 'Good Day' - György Spiró as Junge Woman Pinczés István Víg Theater Budapest Hungary

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Music

2011	Visa Free Rotfront Essay Recordings
2009	Emigratski Raggamuffin Rotfront Essay Recordings

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Awards

2016	Best Actress of the Hungarian Film Festival Los Angeles for 'Demimonde' Best Actress of the Nashville Film Festival for 'Demimonde' Best Actress of the Zoom Festival in Barcelona for 'Demimonde'
2011	Best Actress (Nomination) from the Austrian Film Prize for 'Der Kameramörder' 'The Camera Murderer'
2006	Fellowship of the International Forum of the Berlin Theatertreffen Theater Festival
2005	Best Actress of the Hungarian Film Festival for 'Dallas Among Us' European Shooting Star of the Berlinale for 'Dallas Among Us' Best Actress of the Faces of Love International Film Festival in Socci for 'Dallas Among Us'
2003	Best Actress of the Sterijino Theater Festival for 'Family Stories. Belgrade'