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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 Filmmüvészeti 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 | Demark

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 | Ungarn

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

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

Vater Tiger | 'Tiger Father'
Attila Herczeg | Ungarn

Zuniverzum | 'Youniverse'
Dorka Gryllus, György Baràthy, Kata Olàh, Kornél Simon and Sàndor Csukàs | 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 Späh | 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

Félvilàg | `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 Mátyássy | 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 Oláhm 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 Novàk | 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' Jànos 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' Tamàs 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' Gàbor Koltay | Hungary
1995	Angst | 'Fear' Attila Mispal | Hungary
	Csajok | 'Babes' Ildikó Szabó | Hungary
	Istàllò | 'Horse Stable' Ádám Rozgonyi | Hungary

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Theater

* - 2025	I Have Come To Say That I Am Leaving - Anne Haug Dorka Gryllus | Jurányi Társulás Budapest | Hungary
* - 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 Ligyija 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 Kôváry | Városmajori Szabadtéri Színpad Budapest | Hungary

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2018 - 2011	NôNyugat | 'The Women of the West' - Kriszta Bíró as Woman Pál Mácsai | Örkény Theater and Thália Theater Budapest | Hungary
2015	Ganymed Dreaming - Martin Crimp as Woman Jacqueline Kornmüller | Kunsthistorsches Museum Vienna | Austria
2014 - 2013	Ganymed goes Europe - Darvasi László as Woman JacquelineKornmüller | SzépmvészetiMúzeumBudapest | Hungary
2013 - 2010	Warschauer Melodie | 'Warsaw Melody' - Leonid Genrichovi Zorin as Helga Katalin Kôváry | 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
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 | Budaôrsi Játékszín Budaôrs | Hungary
2002 - 2001	My Fair Lady - Frederick Loewe as Elisa Doolitle 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'Illusion 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
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. Hegedûs | 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 Céliméne 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

Awards

2026	Glamour Woman of the Year (Nomination) for Best Actress
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'