



# Alexie Gilmore's

## New Amsterdam

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**"N**ever miss an audition for a day job" demands actress Alexie Gilmore. For many rising stars, the journey from supporting conception to leading lady is often a long, hard road. For some, however, it seems a natural progression. Gilmore is an actress with more than a few tricks up her sleeve. She's beautiful, she's charismatic, she's intelligent, but most of all, she doesn't take herself too seriously. "I never wanted to be a doctor but now I play one on TV," she jokes. The truth is, she's definitely got something infectious: That greatly desired but ever-elusive "it" factor.

Gilmore stars in the upcoming Fox drama *New Amsterdam*, a crime-solving series with a supernatural twist, led by three-time Oscar nominated director Lasse Hallstrom. She plays Dr. Sara Dillane, the soon-to-be love interest of detective John Amsterdam, played by Danish actor Nikolaj Coster-Waldau. While homicide investigations and workplace romances are nothing new for prime time television, this little pilot, screening March 4th in the highly coveted slot following *American Idol*, offers a very new take on an overly-syndicated tale.

Amsterdam is no ordinary man. He is immortal, destined to roam the Earth until he finds the "one." That's where Gilmore comes in. Trouble is, she declares him dead before he disappears from the morgue, and he's never actually seen her. This is the kind of unpredictable, fantasy-driven melodrama currently lacking in this season's stagnant production schedule! Though she only appears briefly in the pilot episode, the journey of these star-crossed lovers is bound to be a tumultuous one.

In order to work out the technicalities of playing an M.D., the actress didn't have to stray far from home. "My brother is a doctor. I always joked that one day I'd get a part and have to go to him for advice," she explains. "I actually got to shadow him in the ER for a night, which was really cool," said Gilmore, "even though I did spend most my time stitching up oranges."

The leading lady also stars in the upcoming film *Surfer Dude*, opposite Matthew McConaughey. On playing the love interest of the Hollywood heartthrob, she admits, "It was one of those fairytale moments where you're like, 'Oh my God, I can't believe this is really happening.'"

Gilmore has come a long way in a relatively short period of time, at least by Hollywood standards. "It's really about persistence," she advises. "I was just out of school, I had student loans, rent to pay, and I wanted to be an actor. But I never worried about money and I never thought that I wouldn't make it. I just always knew I would." ■

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