

# IMTA ALUM JILL WAGNER RETURNS TO “WIPEOUT”

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“Wipeout” returns Thursday, May 9 on ABC at 8pm E/7pm C

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*“I enjoy the different aspects of this industry, whether it be hosting a wacky game show, playing a vampire, hunting werewolves, leading a race of aliens, or punking Katie Holmes. I love it all and genuinely have fun on every project I work on. I believe life is too short to live it any other way.”*

– Jill Wagner

Whether you love it or hate it...it’s back. The sixth season of “Wipeout” premieres tonight, a season which marks the show’s 100<sup>th</sup> episode, the celebration of its second consecutive Nickelodeon Kids Choice Award for Best Reality Show, and the return of LA01 IMTA alum Jill Wagner as co-host of the show. Wagner had taken a break from the show to accept a guest-starring role on MTV’s hit show “Teen Wolf.” “I’m excited to be back,” said Wagner. “I had a great experience filming ‘Teen Wolf’ when I was off and coming back to the show felt like coming back home.”



Wagner, who came to IMTA with Barbizon-Avanti in Raleigh, NC, made her mark in Hollywood as the first female regular sketch performer on MTV's hit television series "Punk'd" opposite fellow IMTA alum Ashton Kutcher (NY97). She became a spokesperson for Lincoln Mercury and starred in the series “Blade” on Spike TV before landing the hosting gig on the popular “Wipeout.” On the big screen she made

a sensational horror debut in the award-winning feature *Splinter*, and recently completed filming the independent thriller *Road to Palombo*.

When not filming or pursuing new career aspirations, Wagner is actively involved with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, a charitable cause which is near and dear to her heart, as both her cousin and a good friend were stricken with Leukemia at an early age. “Nothing compares to the feeling you get when a child with cancer thanks you for helping raise money for the research that ultimately saved his or her life,” said Wagner. “That is why we are here on this earth: to help one another. I always feel I can and should do more. I think many people feel this way. The important thing is that you find a cause that touches your heart and gets you passionate about helping.”

Wagner recently made a trip to Afghanistan to visit military bases as part of the USO’s Hollywood Ambassadors program. “This experience is one that I will never forget,” Wagner told the troops. She said she really appreciates what the military stands for and what they do. “It’s so heartwarming to meet all of you guys and hear your experiences.” During the visit, Wagner signed autographs, posed for pictures, and even accepted an invitation to attend a brigade ball at Fort Hood, TX, with a young soldier after his unit returns to the US. “This is something I will take with me for the rest of my life,” said Wagner.

