



### **Katherine McNamara, Actress, Girl Up Ambassador**

A Missouri native, is an up-and-coming young starlet who can be seen in the second installment of “The Maze Runner” trilogy, “Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials” alongside Dylan O’Brien, Kaya Scodelario and Thomas Brodie Sangster, in theaters September 2015. She recently wrapped production and is set to portray ‘Clary Fray’ in ABC Family soon to be Freeform’s highly anticipated book-to-screen adaptation of the bestselling “The Mortal Instruments” book series, “Shadowhunters,” (January 12, 2016) alongside Dom Sherwood. Katherine will be making her ABC Family debut as ‘Kat,’ a recurring character on their hit drama “The Fosters” this summer. She will also be seen as ‘Lilith’ in Universal’s film by R.L. Stine, “MONSTERVILLE: Cabinet of Souls” later this year.

McNamara began her career on Broadway at the age of 13 as ‘Fredrika’ in “A Little Night Music,” starring opposite Catherine Zeta-Jones and Angela Lansbury. Her other roles include ‘Esther Jane’ in the pre-Broadway world premiere of “A Christmas Story, the Musical!” as well as “To Kill a Mockingbird,” “The Crucible,” “Inherit the Wind” and “Galileo.” She has also been cast in a number of Equity workshops/readings, including “PAN” with Laura Osnes, which was created by the “In the Heights” creative team.

McNamara now divides her acting talents between television and film. Notable television credits include “CSI,” “Unforgettable,” “Law & Order: SVU,” “Drop Dead Diva,” “30 Rock,” “Late Night with David Letterman,” “Good Morning America” and PBS’s “Sondheim! The Birthday Concert.” Most recently she starred in the MTV series “Happyland” (fall 2014), a dramedy, alongside Shane Harper, Josh Groban and Bianco Santos.

McNamara made her big screen debut in Warner Bros.’ “New Years Eve,” where she portrays Lily. She also starred in the Disney Channel Original Movie “Girl Vs. Monster” opposite Olivia Holt, which attracted over 5 million viewers, as well as the independent film “Contest” as ‘Sarah O’Malley’ opposite Kenton Duty. The film dives into the dark world of high school bullying and found a home on Cartoon Network as part of their anti-bullying initiative. Upcoming projects include “Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn” (2014) opposite Joel Courtney and Jake T. Austin and “Little Savages.” Most recently she kept busy in 2014 wrapping production on “A Sort of Homecoming” opposite Laura Marano, “Is That a Gun in Your Pocket?” with Cloris Leachman, “Natural Selection” with Anthony Michael Hall, “A Wife’s Nightmare” with Jennifer Beals and “Indiscretion” with Mira Sorvino and Cary Elwes.

The triple threat has added music to her resume. Katherine plays the guitar and piano and enjoys singing and songwriting. She is sharing her passion for music with the world this year and is working on recording her original pop songs. In addition, she has several songs featured in films, including her original song “Chatter” on the “Contest” soundtrack.

At the age of 14, McNamara graduated with honors from high school and graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Business with an emphasis in Finance from Drexel University’s Le Bow School of

Business at the age of 17. She is now pursuing a Master of Science in Applied Economics at the John Hopkins University as part of their advanced academics graduate degree program.

McNamara has a passion for all forms of dance including ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, waltz and hula. She is a member of the Actors Equity Young Performers Committee and a reader for the Blank Theater's New Play Development Reading Committee. Katherine is committed to giving back to the community and is an ambassador for the United Nation's girl empowerment organization, Girl Up, a spokesperson for Stomp Out Bullying, an avid supporter of the MS Society and The Lollipop Theater Network, a lifetime Girl Scout and a volunteer for the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. She currently resides in Los Angeles.