



SHERYL LEE RALPH

Barbara Howard on ABC's "Abbott Elementary"

In 2022, Sheryl Ralph won the Emmy® Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for her portrayal of Barbara Howard, Abbott's veteran kindergarten teacher, on ABC's hit comedy series "Abbott Elementary." She was nominated again for the series' second season. On stage, she is well known for her award-winning work and creating the role of Deena Jones in the legendary Broadway musical "Dreamgirls," which earned her Best Actress nods for Tony® and Drama Desk Awards.

Ralph made her feature film debut at 20 years old opposite Academy Award® winner Sidney Poitier in Warner Bros. "A Piece of the Action," which Poitier also directed. Other notable roles include "Mistress" with Robert De Niro, "To Sleep with Anger" with Danny Glover, and "The Distinguished Gentlemen" with Eddie Murphy, "Sister Act 2" with Whoopi Goldberg, "Moesha" and "Ray Donovan." She will next be seen in the Bleecker Street comedy "The Fabulous Four" alongside Susan Sarandon, Bette Midler and Megan Mullaly. The film follows three lifelong friends (Sarandon, Mullally, Ralph) who travel to Key West, Florida, to be bridesmaids in a surprise wedding for their college friend (Midler) will be released on July 26, 2024.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

HOMETOWN: Waterbury, Connecticut

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