



# **Dorota Kolak-Michalska**

theatre, film and tv actress

**Dorota Kolak – Michalska** (born June 20th, 1957 in Kraków), a Polish theatre, film and tv actress, graduated from the State Higher Theater School in Kraków in 1980. Within the years 1980 – 1982 she worked as an actress at Wojciech Bogusławski Theatre in Kalisz, and since 1982 she has been connected with the Seaside Theatre in Gdańsk. In 1996 she was awarded with the medal: *Meritorious Culture Activist* and in the same year she was also awarded with the Silver Cross of Merit on the 50th anniversary of the Seaside Theatre. In 2004 she got an award for the title part in “Mother” by St. I. Witkiewicz at the Seaside Theatre during the Opole Theatre Confrontations “Polish Classics”, and in the same year she was honoured for the part in the performance of “Man and Wife” at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Festival of Comedy “Talia” in Tarnów. Ms Kolak – Michalska also works as a pedagogue. She conducts classes of acting, calisthenics of movement, forms and styles of stage movement at Stanisław Moniuszko Music Academy in Gdańsk. She was a member of the permanent cast of the TV serials: *Romance Radio* (1994-1995) and *The Rose Guesthouse* (2004 – 2006). At present, she has been acting in the serials: *Colours of Happiness* (since 2007) and *Recipe for Life*. On the strength of the decision of President of the Republic of Poland, dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1996, Ms Kolak – Michalska was awarded with the Silver Cross of Merit for the *exemplary, especially conscientious executing professional duties*. On 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2008, Ms Kolak-Michalska was awarded with the Silver Medal; “Meritorious for Culture Gloria Artis” handed to her by Tomasz Merta, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. Two times has Dorota Kolak-Michalska got the award for the best supporting actress at the Gdynia Film Festival: in 2009 (for the part in the film “I am yours”) and in 2016 (for the part in the film “The United States of Love”). Ms Kolak-Michalska is the wife of Igor Michalski, an actor, and the mother of Katarzyna Z. Michalska, an actress.

## List of Film and Serial Parts Played by Ms Kolak-Michalska

### Films

- *Somebody else's Happiness* (1997) – a receptionist
- *The other Bank* (1997) – Stmming's wife
- *Hairdresser* (2003) – Joanna Izydorowicz
- *Vinci* (2004) – Barbara Sykalska
- *Dragonflies* (2006) – a tourist
- *Strike* (Die Heldin von Danzig, 2006) – Kamiński's wife
- *What is the Weight of the Trojan Horse?* (2008) – the Manager of the House of Creative Work in Sopot
- *I am yours* (2009) – Irena
- *Fear of Heights* (2011)
- *Birthday* ( 2011) – Szymon's mother
- *Women's Day* (2012) – Maryla, Motylek's employee
- *One wants to live* (2013) – Zofia Rosińska, Mateusz's (the protagonist's) mother
- *Carte Blanche* (2014) – the Manager
- *The United States of Love* (2016)

### Serials

- *Romance Radio* (1994 – 1995) – Wanda Kreft
- *Dreams to be Fulfilled* (2001 – 2002) – Lucyna Pałucka
- *For Good and for Bad* (2003) - Zuzanna's mother (episode 134)
- *The Rose Guesthouse* (2004 – 2006) – Bożena Górka

- *Colours of Happiness* (since 2007) – Anna Marczak, Julia and Malwina’s mother, the wife of Jerzy
- *Londoners* (2008) Wojtek’s mother (episode 11)
- *Mouth to Mouth* (2010) – Irena, Anka’s mother (episodes 14 - 16)
- *Hotel 52* (2010 – 2011) – Maria Górska, Artur’s mother (episodes 22-26, 41)
- *Recipe for Life* (2011 – 2013) – Irena, Anka’s mother
- *Paradox* (2012) - - Maria Zawadowa (episode 10)
- *Lady Friends* (since 2013) – Stefa Mackiewicz, Zuza’s mother
- *Deep Water* (2013) – Kamila (episode 22)
- *It’s not the End of the World* (2013) – Paweł’s mother
- *Public Prosecutor* (2015) – Janina Chorko, The Head of the Public Prosecutor’s Office

## **Awards and Nominations**

- Laureate of the City of Gdańsk Award in the Field of Culture (1998)
- Laureate of the City of Gdańsk Award in the Field of Culture (2003)
- 2006 – Award for the part in the TV performance entitled „Get down!” at the o Polish Radio and TV Festival “Two Theatres”
- 2005, 2013 Laureate of the City of Gdańsk Award in the Field of Culture
- 2009 – Award for the supporting part in the film „I am yours” at the 34th Festival of Polish Feature Films in Gdynia
- 2015 – Laureate of President of the City of Gdańsk - “Neptunes”
- Award for the supporting part in the film “The United States of Love” at the 41<sup>st</sup> Film Festival in Gdynia
- 2017 Nomination for the Polish Film Award - “Eagle” in the category “the best main part in the film “The United States of Love”



