



BIOGRAPHY

Awkwafina

“Chessy the Cat”

AWKWAFINA is an award-winning actress, writer, and producer from Queens, New York. She grew up with her given name, Nora Lum, and has since used her trademark comedic style and signature flair to become a breakout talent in the entertainment industry. Lum can most recently be seen in an episode of Netflix’s “Black Mirror” titled *Hotel Reverie* alongside Issa Rae. She will next be seen in Peacock’s “Poker Face” Season 2 and “The Bad Guys 2” in 2025.

Recently, Lum starred alongside John Cena in Amazon Studios' action-comedy “Jackpot,” directed by Paul Feig. She starred in the Hulu film “Quiz Lady,” a dysfunctional family comedy in which she also produced and starred alongside Sandra Oh, which won a 2024 Critics' Choice Award for Best Movie Made for Television. She can also be heard in Universal’s “Kung Fu Panda 4” alongside Jack Black and Illumination’s “Migration,” voicing a pigeon alongside a family of ducks voiced by Elizabeth Banks, Keegan-Michael Key, Carol Kane, Danny DeVito, and Kumail Nanjiani.

Past credits include the voice of Scuttle in the live-action remake of Disney’s “The Little Mermaid” and seen in the two seasons of her Comedy Central Show, “Awkwafina is Nora From Queens,” which she created and stars in. Lum can be seen in hit films such as, Disney’s “Shang Chi and The Legend of the Ten Rings”, Universal’s “The Bad Guys, Disney’s “Raya and the Last Dragon,” “Jumanji: The Next Level,” and MGM’s “Breaking News in Yuba County.” Lum received glowing reviews for her starring role in the indie darling “The Farewell,” where she won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress – Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy.

Lum brings an impressive range of talent to everything she does, most famously to Warner Bros' smash hit “Crazy Rich Asians,” opposite Constance Wu, Michelle Yeoh, Henry Golding, and Ken Jeong in which she starred as Peik Lin. The film opened on August 15, 2018, to rave reviews and four straight weekends of \$20+ million at the box office. Lum hosted “Saturday Night Live” that same year as part of the show's 44th season.



She starred in another Warner Bros feature, "Ocean's 8," directed by Gary Ross and alongside an impeccable ensemble cast including Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway, Mindy Kaling, Sarah Paulson, Rihanna and Helena Bonham Carter. Before that, she starred in the indie comedy "Dude," written and directed by Olivia Milch.

In 2016, Lum made her feature film debut in the comedy "Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising," with Seth Rogen, Zac Efron and Rose Byrne, and was heard as the voice of Quail in the animated adventure "Storks."

She currently resides in Los Angeles.

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