



## Maria Canals-Barrera "Sunset Boulevardez"

Multitalented actress Maria Canals-Barrera reprises her role as Sunset Boulevardez in Disney+'s "The Proud Family: Louder and Prouder," the long-anticipated revival of the groundbreaking animated series "The Proud Family."

Canals-Barrera is best known for her starring role as the mortal mother of three teenage wizards in the three-time Emmy Award-winning series Disney Channel's "Wizards of Waverly Place." She reprised her role in the Emmy Award-winning Disney Channel Original Movie "Wizards of Waverly Place: The Movie," for which she won an Imagen award for Best Supporting Actress – Television. Additionally, she starred as Mitchie's mom, Connie Torres, in the Disney Channel Original Movies "Camp Rock" and "Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam."

A 2002 Alma Award-winner for her role in "The Brothers Garcia," Canals-Barrera also starred in the ABC comedy "Cristela," alongside Cristela Alonzo; "The Tony Danza Show;" "Marielena;" and "Corte tropical." Currently recurring on "Kenan," her additional television appearances include "The Big Bang Theory," "Last Man Standing," "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "Fuller House," "George Lopez," and "American Family." She is also the voice of Hawkgirl in the animated series "Justice League" and voices a recurring role in "Madagascar: A Little Wild".

On the big screen, Canals-Barrera starred in "Sweet Inspirations" and appeared in "Larry Crowne," directed by Tom Hanks and starring Hanks and Julia Roberts. She can also be seen in "The Master of Disguise" and "My Family, Mi Familia." On stage, she received an Ovation Award-nomination for her performance in "Changes of Heart" at the Mark Taper Forum. Her additional stage work includes roles in "Chilean Holiday," "Hedda Gabler," "A Touch of the Poet," "Mixed Blessings," "The House of Blue Leaves" and "The Glass Menagerie."

Canals-Barrera hosted the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Imagen Awards, illuminating the audience with her charismatic charm. Shortly after, she took home the 2011 NCLR Alma Award for Favorite TV Actress in a Supporting Role. The NCLR ALMA Awards have also honored her as one of the "ALMA's 15/Los Quinces," recognizing her as one of the leading Latinos, celebrating diversity and the inclusion in American entertainment and media.

Born and raised in Miami, Canals-Barrera is a graduate of University of Miami where she majored in Theatre Arts and received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She currently resides in Los Angeles with her husband and two children.