



## JILLIAN SHEA SPAEDER







Jillian Shea Spaeder is an actress and singer-songwriter. The young starlet can currently be seen playing a lead role alongside Jillian Bell and Isla Fisher in the newly released Disney+ original film "Godmothered". She has two singles included within the film's soundtrack: "Rise Up (Joy to the World)" and "Hero". Jillian is best known for her series regular role as 'Bailey' on the Disney XD series "Walk the Prank". Jillian also recently appeared as a guest star on Netflix's "No Good Nick" (with Sean Astin and Melissa Joan Hart), on Disney Channel's "Just Roll with It," and in a supporting role in the film "To the Beat!: Back 2 School."

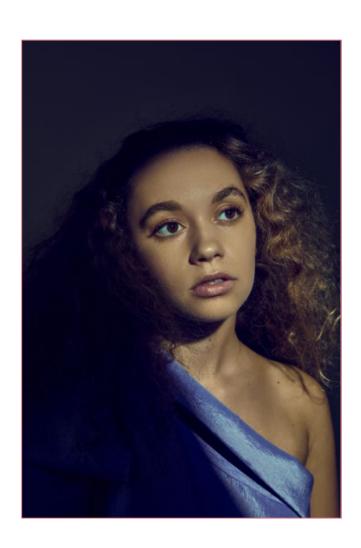
In addition to her acting career, the 18-year old is also a talented singer-songwriter. Jillian got her start singing and playing the piano when she was five years old, discovered her love of guitar/ukulele at 12, and is currently writing and recording her original music. Her first two singles, "Story" (July 2018) and "Barely Changed" (Jan 2019) were produced by music director and producer Mike Avenaim and mastered at Capitol Records. Jillian then released "Talk Too Loud" (June 2019) and "Something Better" (Sept 2019) while working with acclaimed producer Mikal Blue (Colbie Caillat, Jason Mraz, Five for Fighting, One Republic). Tapping into her film expertise, Jillian co-wrote, directed, and produced her music video for "Something Better" (Sept 2019). Following this record, Jillian released "Runaway" (Nov 2019) which she co-composed as the theme song for the Brat TV show Crazy Fast. She has since written and released several songs in the past few months, including "3:43 am" (produced by Blue), "i don't know," (produced by Bill Spaeder) and "Worth My Time" (produced by Avenaim). Jillian has several more songs in the works for release in the next few months and continues to write when she is not in the recording booth.

As a Philadelphia-area native who primarily resides in Los Angeles, Jillian started her acting career with several roles in regional musical theater. It was a trip to Hollywood that changed Jillian's life through a chance encounter with her manager, who encouraged her to consider moving to California to enter the film and television industry. In her first three months in Hollywood, she appeared in the digital DreamWorksTV series "OMG!," had a guest starring role on Nickelodeon's "Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn," and booked a series regular role on Disney XD's "Walk the Prank." This year and beyond, Jillian's career will continue to blossom with her leading role in the Disney+ film "Godmothered" and with more original music on the way.

Aside from music and acting, Jillian enjoys being able to utilize her voice for change in the world. She has dedicated her time to both the **National Multiple Sclerosis Society** a cause she became active in after her Aunt received an MS diagnosis, and **Children International** through which her family sponsors kids in need. She also actively uses her platform to promote Equality and Inclusivity.



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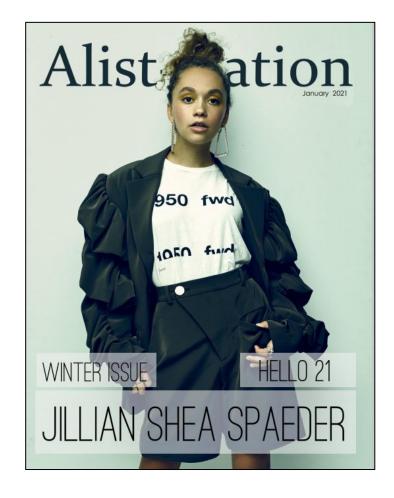




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Jillian Shea Spaeder – director, singer, actress, songwriter, producer. Whatever you need, she has it! Growing up in the Disney family has exercised her talents for acting and songwriting that's scored her leads in Godmothered and Walk the Prank. Her new single "A Little Conversation" along with her latest releases "3:34 am." "I Don't Know." and "Worth My Time" are true tells to her unfading talent. Check out

#### WHEREDID YOUR PASSION FOR THE TRIFECTA OF CREATIVE

Allian: "I grew up in a musical family. As a child, I was always putting on shows in the basement, where I was emceel My parents have a band, and when I was about nine. I started gaing up to sing a few songs. I was also interested in acting, so I took classes and had private coaching, and I was in some regional theatre shows before coming out to California."

TELL US ABOUT YOUR DISNEY JOURNEY!HOW DID YOU START, WHAT DID YOUL EARN, AND HOW YOU GOT TO WHERE

in Hollywood the summer I was 11. She signed me and encouraged me to come out there for pilot season the following February. My mom and I went out for nine Bailey on Disney XD's Walk the Prank - and baoked the role! It ran for three seasons, so I learned so much about life on set, both in front of and behind the camera. Just spot on Disney Channel's Just Roll With It, which is produced by the same producers. So it was fun to see a lot of the same people who worked on our show. Then came my role on Godmathered, so my journey with the Disney family continues!"

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#### PRODUCING MORE THAN ACTING AND SINGING, OR THE OTHER do that."

I: "Twe never had to do just one job behind the camera, so I really enjoy the creativity of producing and the challenge of directing for the same project. It will be interesting the first time I have to do just one or the different roles on both sides of the comern, and I'm fortunate that I get the opportunities to do them all."

#### HOW HAVE YOU SEEN YOUNG VOTERS COME TO GETHER AFTERRELEASING YOUR SHORTFILM "IT COUNTS"?

invested in voting and using their voices for good. Their enthusiasm was evident all over social media."

#### WHAT TYPEOF MUSIC INSPIRES YOU THE MOST? INDIE, RAP.

or singer-songwriters."

J: "I can stack about ten markers together and balance the tower of them in my palm for a long time!"

#### TELL US ABOUT GOOMOTHERED", IN WHICH YOU'RE BOTH SINGING AND ACTING! CAN YOU GIVEUS A LITTLE SNIPPET OF WHAT WE'RELOOK INGFORWARD TO?

J: "My character Jane sings and plays quitar, but she has godmother-in-training who shows up to help Jane's mother find her happily ever after, tries to help Jane avercome her problem. We find out in the holiday

J: "I am most inspired when I listen to alternative music

#### DO YOU HAVE ANY HIDDEN TALENTS?

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUR NEW SINGLE RELEASING SOON?! TELLUS THE INSPIRATION BEHIND "ALITTLE

musician and songwriter who one of my producers, Mikal Blue, introduced me to at his studio. Sarah and I sat down at the piano, and she storted playing a pretty chord progression. I came up with the first lyric, and the song just evolved from there. We loved how the raw acoustic sound of just piano and vocals matched the tone of the lyrics, so we decided to keep the production simple. Sarah also sings back-up vocals on the track. It will be released in January as part of my first album."

#### WE KNOW YOU'VE DEDICATED TIME TO BOTH NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY AND CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL. WHAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ARE YOU

J: "My friend Lilia and I started an organization called 'Strawberry Social Club' during quarantine. At first it was an Instagram platform to host virtual parties weekly during isolation due to COVID-19, but over time we started facusing on how we could make a difference and spread awareness for important causes. We've proceeds go towards a listed charity or organization We are passionate about using our platforms to help people in need!"

#### WHERE DO YOU SEE YOUR CAREER BLOSSOMING IN THE NEXT

It "As an actor I want to do more dramatic roles and make more movies. As a singer-songwriter, I hope to do some collaboration with other songwriters and maybe

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ar and writing my own music. Now my nfluences are singer-songwriters like Ed Sheeran, Shawn Mendes and Julia Michaels.

After appearances in a number of television series, you landed a leading role in "Godmothered." Why were you drawn to this film? What were some of the highlights of the production process?

Playing Jane in "Godmothered" was really a dream role for me. Acting in a Disney holiday movie was already a big draw, but the character also sings and plays guitar. Being shile to do three things I low in one project was an incredible opportunity, so I'll always be thankful to the director, producers and casting directors for choosing me to tell Jane's story.

SHOW.

The off the first things I got to do when I serviced in Boston for filming was to record rise the policy for the World? and "Hero" in the studio, so that was a highlight. Then, performing "Kise Up" with a choir behind me and a huge audience in front of me for the big concert scene was surread. One of the funniest memories on set involved a "newer" actor. We filmed a few scenes with a little piglet named hemy, who interrupted some of the takes the first properties of the scene was a challenge to get the scene done, but we launched alot at her and the scene town, but we launched alot at her and the scene done, but we launched alot at her and the scene done, but we launched alot at her and the scene done, but we launched alot at her and the scene done, but we launched alot at her and the scene done, but we launched alot at her and the scene done, but we launched alot at her and the scene done, but we launched alot at her and the scene done, but we launched alot at her and the scene done and the scene done are such as the scene done and the scene done are such as the scene done and the scene done are such as the scene done are such as

You sing two songs in "Godmothered" and have new music dropping in 2021. Talk a little about your music career. Where do you find the inspiration for the songs you write?

I started writing music a few years ago, and most of the time I find inspiration in the people or things happening around me. For example, I wrote my song "I don't know" while sitting in a parked car (that's the first line of the song) and my song "2021" as a response to our crazy year finally coming to an end. Other times, I just get ideas for melodies and certain kyrics pon into my head.

You're originally from Philadelphia. What was it like growing up here? Were there any people or organizations here that helped launch your career?

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I grew up in Malvern, which is such a cool, small town and close enough for my family to lump on the train or drive into the city for a Phillies game, a show at Walnut Street Theatre, or lunch at Reading Terminal Market. Our house is near the borough, so I have always lowed being able to walk with my friends to Wawa or Scoops 'N Smiles, my favorite ice ream place.

My career definitely started here although

had so teles then that it would is, easily become my career! Inst started taking musical theatre classes at the Music Training Center, which had a Mavern location at that time. I alter took voice lessons at the Music Workhad the control of the control of the control to the control of the control of the control he New School at Media Theatre. But my first beg' break' was when I was cast in an equity heater production, "The Holiday Panto," at Feople's Light Theatre Company in Malvern. The only child in cast of 12, 1 played "Flex" in their production of Cinderella, which ran for about three months. It was such a great experience, and I'll always feel like it was the one that started me on the professional part of my journey.

The following year, I portrayed Young Eponine in Media Theatre's production of "Les Misérables" during the holiday season. Just a few weeks later, I headed to Los Angeles for pilot season, and that's when I booked the series regular role on "Walk the Prank".

How have the pandemic and all of the closures impacted your career? How have you spent any downtime?

The entertainment industry was on hold for about six months because of the pandemic, so I spent a lot of that time working on music. I spent a lot of that time working on music. I spent a lot of that time working on music Plat spent working on with my productive spent of the part of the spent of the spe

Before the past election, you were one of the creators behind "It Counts," a film that provided education for young voters. Why was it important to you to be involved in a project like this?

In two been vocal about issues like equality the past few years. I turned it in September, so as a new voter [feft it was important to use my voteo to help encourage others to make their voteos heard - by voting. My friends and I made the short film to encourage teens to take an active role in determining the future of this country, if not in this election, then in future ones. The message is that every vote counts!

In addition to your professional career, you find time to give back, and are active with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Children International. How did you get involved with these organizations?

you get intoless a min enter organizations, and which we have been also upon the property and the property people with MS, in our area many years ago. Alo of my family members and I do the run every year, and my aunt is always here waiting for her muddy hugs at the end! My family also sponsored three kids through up, the age and genders of the kids miched those of my siblings and me. This organization helps children in impoverished communities get the health care, education, and support they need to make a lasting change in their lives. I hope to do even more to help in the property of the property

In addition to your new music, what's ahead for you? Any new acting projects you can share?

I have a few projects that might be coming up, but they are in the pre-production phase at this point. In the meantime, auditions are starting to come in again, so I hope to have more to report soon.



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"Elder daughter Jane (Disney TV star Jillian Shea Spaeder), who can raise the roof with her voice, suffers from stage fright since the death of her fellow musician father."

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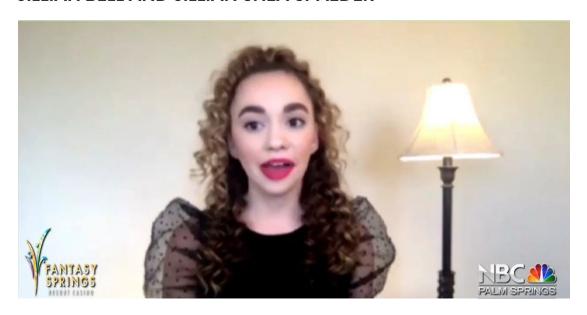


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## Jillian Bell, Isla Fisher & Jillian Shea Spaeder Interview: Godmothered

Stars Jillian Bell, Isla Fisher, and Jillian Shea Spaeder talk Disney tropes and family bonds in their new Disney+ film, Godmothered.

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## **ONLINE**

#### 'Godmothered's Jillian Shea Spaeder Proves There's Hope For The Next Generation Of Hollywood

While the young star might be familiar to those of you who've seen Disney XD's *Walk The Prank*, Jillian is more than just an actor and singer-songwriter — she's the future of Hollywood, proving that Gen Z has the drive, ambition, and desire to make real change in the world.







#### GET INSPIRED BY ACTRESS, SINGER JILLIAN SHEA SPAEDER



You are also an incredible singer, among many things! What is the inspiration behind your music? Also, what is the process like when it comes to writing a song?! Where can we catch your music?

Thank you! I grew up in a very musical and loving family. My dad and sister both play the piano, and my mom sings. (We suspect my brother can sing, but he always chose not to!) My parents have a band, and I started going up and doing a few songs with them when I was around 9. I taught myself guitar at 12 and started writing songs pretty soon, right after that. My inspiration comes from the people and things happening in the world. For example, I wrote my song "i don't know" while sitting in a car in a parking lot and making observations about life around me. Sometimes I get ideas for melodies, and specific lyrics pop into my head. And here's a fun fact: I wrote several of my songs pretty quickly! My dad likes to occasionally throw out a challenge for me to "write one song" while he and my mom go out to dinner or run an errand! My music is available on Spotify, Apple Music, iTunes, Soundcloud, and all digital platforms. Just look for my profile: Jillian Shea.



#### SWEETY HIGH

# How Jillian Shea Spaeder Put All of Her Unique Talents on Display in *Godmothered*



If you haven't set aside time yet to watch *Godmothered* on Disney+, you are missing out.

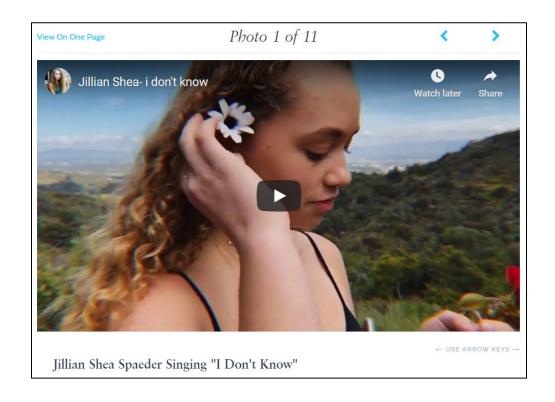
It's a hilarious and heartwarming modern take on the fairy godmother story starring Jillian Bell, Isla Fisher and one of our favorite young multi hyphenates in the business, Jillian Shea Spaeder. And she doesn't just act in the movie—she sings, too—appearing on two separate goosebump-inducing songs on the *Godmothered* soundtrack.

We love how involved Jillian was with this role, and we got to learn all about it through this recent interview with the star. Keep reading to discover everything she had to reveal about the movie.



#### POPSUGAR.

Singer Jillian Shea Spaeder's Been Showing Off Her Voice For Years Before Godmothered







## Jillian Shea Spaeder's Journey to Movie Magic

She discusses her role in Disney's "Godmothered" and has big plans for the future.









**Performance Worth Watching:** Fisher is the MVP here, but her as her older daughter Jane, Jillian Shea Spaeder quickly proves she's one to keep an eye on. The moody-teen-with-a-secret-gift trope may be overplayed in flicks like this, but Spaeder gives it whole heart, and she's totally believable. Her emotional journey hits hard, and her relationship with her mom – though rocky – is a big part of why the film works. Keep an eye out for Spaeder in the future. We have a feeling this isn't the last time she'll dazzle us.



## **GIRLS' LIFE**

# Jillian Shea Spaeder opens up about \*everything\* (but first, she wants you to go vote)



How does it feel to be a first-time voter? According to actor and singer **Jillian Shea Spaeder**, who just turned 18, it's pretty great. "I cast my vote last week and it was wonderful," Jillian tells *Girls' Life*. "I drove myself to the ballot drop-in box, cast my vote and was so happy. I wore my sticker all day. I was so excited. I got an extra sticker just to put on my guitar."

Voting is important to Jillian. She knows that, with her platform of over 500K Instagram followers, she can (and should) speak up and spread the word to other teens and their families. "Even if the person seeing my post is too young to vote, they may repost it where somebody else who *can* vote will see it," Jill explains. "Or, they'll get invested now, so that when it's their turn to vote they're excited and ready to use their voices." That's why she just directed and starred in **It Counts**, a short film emphasizing the value of just one vote, working together with her star-studded friend squad including **Lilia Buckingham**, **Jules LeBlanc** and **Emily Skinner**.







## Jules LeBlanc, Emily Skinner & More Star In New Voting PSA - Watch Now!

Also starring in the almost six minute long video are Luke Mullen, Emily Skinner, Jillian Shea Spaeder, Lilia Buckingham, Aliyah Moulden, Brandon Severs, Matt Sato, Jake Clark, Emily Faucret and Abigail Haley.

Here's a synopsis: Two students compete in a high school presidential election, and we see how one student's vote can change everything. This short film promotes the importance of voting and educates young viewers on how to participate in the upcoming 2020 election. This film is brought to you by young filmmakers who directed, produced, and wrote the project.

At the end of the video, the cast share why it's important that everyone who is of age, gets out there and makes their vote count. You can head to iwillvote.com to learn more about voting!





#### Who Is 'Godmothered' Star Jillian Shea Spaeder?

Jillian Shea stars in Disney+'s new movie 'Godmothered' and we have a feeling she's here to stay. Get to know her, facts about her career, and more.









#### Exclusive Interview: Pop-Culturalist Chats with Jillian Shea Spaeder About Godmothered

Jillian Shea Spaeder is creating magic in every facet of her career. Since bursting onto the scene, Jillian has captivated audiences in television and film with projects including *Walk the Plank*, *Nicky, Ricky, Dicky & Dawn, To the Beat!: Back 2 School* as well as through her music with singles like "i don't know" and "Worth My Time."

She can now be seen starring opposite Isla Fisher and Jillian Bell in Disney+'s *Godmothered*. It's the perfect film for the holiday and Jillian shines as Jane, a character she shares a lot in common with.



## CROOKES

## Jillian Shea Spaeder on Disney+ Original Movie Godmothered







#### Jillian Shea Spaeder On Magical Disney+ Original "Godmothered"



As COVID cases surge, we could all use a fairy godmother to come to the rescue. Disney+ just delivered a comparable dose of magic:

Godmothered is the spirited, at-home holiday delight we've all been searching for. The original fantasy film follows Eleanor (Jillian Bell), a fairy godmother-in-training that suddenly finds herself losing her profession during Christmastime. To keep her career, she must convince Mackenzie (Isla Fisher), a young woman whose wish was once ignored, that magic does indeed exist. Determined to keep the idea of happily ever after alive, Eleanor does whatever it takes to bring joy into Mackenzie's everyday (much to the single mom's disapproval). Below, Jillian Shea Spaeder—who plays Mackenzie's daughter, Jane—discusses the film and its ability to spread real-life magic as well.





#### Jillian Shea Spaeder Dishes on Godmothered and her Passion for Music

Jillian Shea Spaeder is making winter magic in the new Disney+ film, Godmothered!







# 'Godmothered' Star Jillian Shea Spaeder Reveals 10 Fun Facts With JJJ (Exclusive)



**Jillian Shea Spaeder** is opening up about herself with **JJJ**!

The 18-year-old actress can be seen starring in the new Disney+ movie *Godmothered*, alongside Isla Fisher, Jillian Bell and Willa Skye.

**Jillian** plays Jane, Mackenzie's oldest daughter, and she even gets to do something she loves!

"I was thrilled to be cast as Jane in *Godmothered*. It was a dream role for me, because I also got to sing and play guitar," she told us. "Most of my scenes were with Isla, Jillian [Bell], Mary Elizabeth [Ellis] and Willa, so we really felt like a family by the end. I know they will all be my friends for life."



## FILM DAILY



# Interview: Get to know actress and musician Jillian Shea Spaeder

Jillian Shea Spaeder is a young singer, songwriter, director, and actress. At the age of eighteen she's already had her directorial debut with the short film *It Counts*, acted in numerous projects from Nickelodeon to Netflix, and is currently working on a new music album.

Spaeder's most recent role is Jane in the Disney+ movie *Godmothered*.





#### Jillian Shea Spaeder – Godmothered





#### Black is the New AP Style

#### Chimneyside Chats with Jillian Shea Spaeder



I decided "Let It Snow" might work better with guitar, so I figured out some chords and came up with an arrangement. I played it a few times for my family, and they all thought it was a cool version of the song. When it came time for the audition, I was the only person in the waiting room holding a guitar. Other girls went in before me and all belted out a cappella versions of the songs. I started having second thoughts about performing my song in an understated singer/songwriter vibe with a guitar! After debating it with my mom, we decided I should just "do my thing" and hope they liked it. They did; I got a callback the following week, and I ended up booking the role a few weeks later.





# All The Magical Holiday Tunes & Original Songs In *Godmothered*

The movie features an original score by Oscar winner Rachel Portman, who previously worked on *Emma* and *The Cider House Rules*, and two songs performed by Jillian Shea Spaeder, who plays Jane, Mackenzie's teenage daughter.







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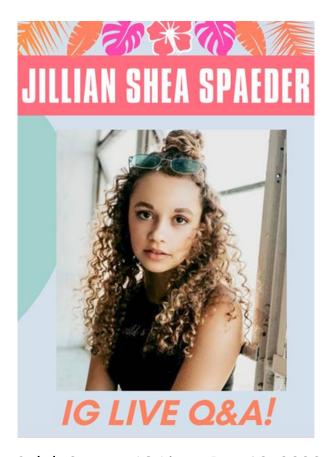


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