

ARRESTING STYLE



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We love to see a smart, powerful woman who can kick some butt on primetime television. Northwestern University grad **Marina Squerciati** stars as Officer Kim Burgess on NBC's "Chicago P.D.," returning for its fourth season Sept. 21. We talked to Squerciati about the hit show, the home renovation she's currently working on and what it's like to film in Chicago.

When you signed up for "Chicago P.D.," did you realize you'd be entering this world that now involves three other Chicago shows plus "Law & Order: SVU?" I was just so excited, I didn't know what to think. My agent called me and was like "I think your life is about to change," and he told me I got the role and I was like "Do I leave my day job? What do I do?"

What do you love most about playing Kim Burgess? I like that she's not a total badass — she has some flaws, and also some geeky qualities. She's a well-rounded person — trained, sympathetic and tries to be a good cop but also makes mistakes and tries to do better the next time, much like we all do. She's not a superhero; she's a regular person.

What's your favorite episode? "Justice" when Dick [Wolf] calls me up and said for that episode, he wants to see a side of Burgess that we haven't seen before. He really cares about the show and he especially cared about that episode. That scene where the kid shoots Roman and I shoot the kid, Dick was out there until three in the morning watching it, giving notes, finessing that scene to make it exactly what he wanted. That was something really special — to work with your creator to make something great, I think was really exciting.

What is it like filming in Chicago nine months out of the year (including winter!)? In summer, I'm always wishing that our polyester uniforms were thinner and in winter wishing they were thicker. Just in a constant state of being unhappy with the thickness of my uniform.

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We hear you've recently bought and are renovating a new West Loop home. Tell us about that process. It's horrible. I hope everybody has a friend named **Sophia Bush**. The woman had to have been a designer in her past life. She's so good at it and has a passion for it ... I don't know what's wrong with me but I don't know what faucets to pick. It's all very confusing. I don't know what's good and what looks terrible. Sophia's like: "Oh, pick A not B." The woman knows her stuff.

I have this amazing architect [**Searl Lamaster Howe Architects**] that I hired and they are helping me because it's basically a gut renovation, which I thought it would be a lot easier. There are permits you need and apparently can't move every wall. I had no idea it would be so hard.

You're in amazing shape and play a very physical role on-screen. Tell us about your diet and fitness routine. I really love going to the gym because I have a ginormous sweet addiction. I have to keep that in check. I don't like training lightly, I like to train hard and put all my body into it. I want to lift heavy weights. I want to do what footballers do. I go to **Performance Training Systems** which a couple other cast members go to. It's an amazing training place.

Are there any philanthropic organizations you are involved with or support? The Chicago Debate Commission is the local Chicago urban debate league, and it is one of the oldest and biggest urban debate leagues in the country. I've seen firsthand how empowering this activity is for young people, particularly girls, and the statistics regarding increased chances to go to college and succeed later in life are astonishing. It's a great charity that immediately and meaningfully impacts kids in the neighborhoods we often portray on "Chicago PD." ■

Read the full interview with Squerciati at MAKEITBETTER.NET/CHICAGOPD

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McDonald

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Tom Ford Black Dress, \$1,990, Neiman
Marcus, 737 N Michigan Ave., Chicago,
neimanmarcus.com | Bez Ambar Diamond
Ring and Stephen Webster Green Agate
Pendant, Price upon request, Razny Jewelers,
1700 Greenbay Road, Highland Park, razny.com

p. 91 — Terrace of Cindy's

The Sandringham Trench Coat In Honey,
\$1795, Suede Ankle Boots, \$950, Burberry,
burberry.com | Tom Ford Black Skirt, \$1,250,
Neiman Marcus | Genice Sunglasses, \$155,
Kate Spade, 56 E. Oak St., Chicago, katespade.com
Razny Jewelers Custom Design Long
Diamond by the Yard Chain and Short Penny
Preville Diamond Chain, Price upon request,
Razny Jewelers

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Joaquin Crepe Jumpsuit, \$378, Juniper
Boutique, 1346 Shermer Road, Northbrook,
juniperboutique.com | Razny Jewelers
Custom Design 14 K Yellow Gold Cuff,
Price upon request, Razny Jewelers | Suede
Ankle Boots, \$950, Burberry

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Givenchy Long-Sleeve Draped Keyhole
Gown, \$2,990, Neiman Marcus | Stephen
Webster Black Bolt Ring, Price upon request,
Razny Jewelers | Priscilla Heels in Pale Taupe,
\$328, Kate Spade

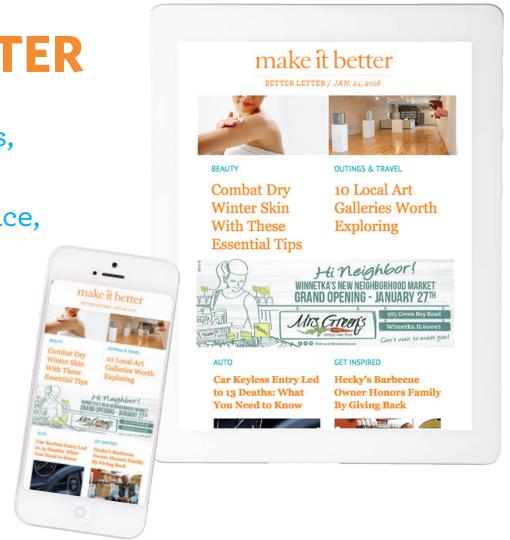
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Stella McCartney Short-Sleeve Handkerchief-
Hem Dress, \$995, Neiman Marcus | Everdene
Lane Margot \$798, Kate Spade | Freida
Rothman Hadlee Sunglasses, \$225, Vibrato
Boutique, 1515 Sheridan Road, Wilmette,
vibratoboutique.com | Magerit Gold Puma
Cuff, Price upon request, Razny Jewelers

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