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[Ruth Negga](#) was born in Addis Ababa on January 7, 1982 to an Irish mother and Ethiopian father. An only child, [Negga](#) was raised in Limerick, Ireland from the age of 4, and attended Trinity College in Dublin where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Acting.

Her body of work spans award-winning theatre productions, big-screen dramas, independent films, and innovative television series. She won the Irish Film & Television Academy (IFTA) Award for Best Actress for her portrayal of legendary singer Shirley Bassey in the telefilm *Shirley*.

Stateside, she joined the Marvel Universe as Raina on the hit show *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, for which she received an IFTA Award nomination. Currently, she co-stars as Tulip O'Hare opposite Dominic Cooper in the AMC series *Preacher*, an adaptation of the DC Comics graphic novel of the same name.

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Ruth Negga made her stage debut in "Lolita" at Dublin's Abbey Theatre. Her extensive theatre credits include "Duck" at London's Royal Court Theatre, for which she received an Olivier Award nomination; "Playboy of the Western World", at The Old Vic; "Hamlet", at the National Theatre; "Phaedra", also at the National Theatre, for which was honored with the Ian Charleson Award, given annually to young classical stage actors in Britain; "Oedipus Loves You", at the Peter Pan Theatre; "Lay Me Down Softly", "The Crucible", "The Bacchae", and "Burial" at Thebes, all at the Abbey Theatre; and, at the Project Theatre, "Titus Andronicus", for which she received the Irish Times Award for Best Actress.

Negga was named a Shooting Star at the 2006 Berlin International Film Festival. On the big screen, she's been featured in *World War Z*; *The Samaritan*, alongside Samuel L. Jackson; *Breathless on Pluto*

, for which she received an IFTA Award nomination;

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; and in the title role of Iona.

Here, Ruth Negga talks about her latest outing as Mildred Loving in *Loving*, the biopic/courtroom drama about the couple who took their challenge of the State of Virginia's law against [interracial marriage](#) all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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