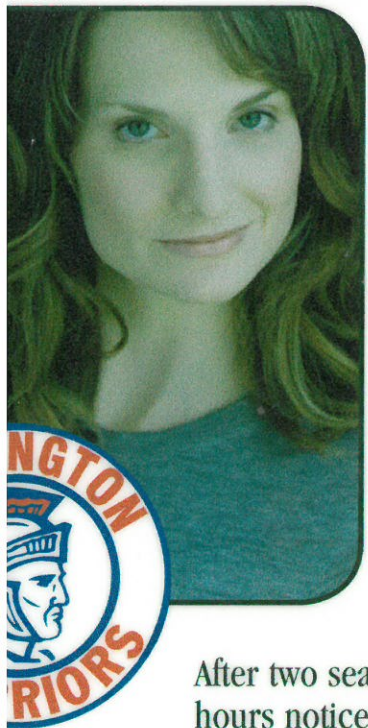


# Shelly Gossman

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2012



Shelly graduated from Washington High School in 1995. She then attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. While at St. Olaf she spent a semester at The National Theatre Institute (NTI), a theatre conservatory in Waterford ,CT that also includes a month of study in Moscow. NTI is where Shelly was introduced to improvisational comedy.

After college she moved to Chicago to study improv for "the summer," she ended up staying for ten years. Shelly immersed herself in Chicago's improv community. Studying and eventually teaching at The Second City Conservatory and Improv Olympic (I.O.). She toured with the Second City National Touring Company, spent a year performing on "The Strip" for Second City Las Vegas, taught at UNLV, and eventually landed her dream job back on the Second City Mainstage in Chicago. Shelly wrote and performed four shows on the Mainstage, where she was scouted by Lorne Michaels from Saturday Night Live. Shelly was offered a writing job for SNL, and moved to New York City (with one week's notice).

After two seasons on SNL, Shelly decided to try sitcom writing. She got a job writing for TBS and moved (this time with eight hours notice) to Hollywood. Shelly currently lives, writes, and performs in California.