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Northville High alumna's comedy career thriving

The Actress-writer was recently in Michigan to promote her book, CD.

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NORTHVILLE - Kurt Kinde, a teacher at Northville High School, remembers 1992 alumna Kerri Pomarolli being very nervous when doing stand-up in his drama class.

"She was so afraid that she'd throw up and couldn't sleep the night before," Kinde said.

These days, Pomarolli, 30, of Redondo Beach, Calif., is making a living as an actress, a writer and a stand-up comic specializing in clean comedy.

"I really like being 30," she said. "As an actor, I've always been playing someone 5-7 years younger - always.

When I was 25, I was playing 17. I'm supposed to be this Christian performer, yet I'm lying about my age. Literally, this year, that was something I had to stop doing and it killed me. I was like I don't want to be 30 because 30's old.' I just started making jokes about it in my act and it's not a big deal, even though it once was. It was a very big deal.

Pomarolli was recently in Michigan, promoting her CD, "Comedy Without Compromise," and her book, "If I am Waiting On God, Then What Am I Doing On The Christian Chatroom?"

"We love that title because it needs to be every bit as funny as maybe some of the comics who think they need to be dirty. We need to be funnier," She said



Kerri Pomarolli, a Northville High and University of Michigan graduate, makes a living as an actress and stand-up comic.

The comic-actor

For information on Kerri Pomarolli, visit her Web site at www.kerripom.com.

of the CD. "It's a great piece of work. People can listen to it with their kids and still laugh."

Pomarolli has been performing ever since her mother, Barbara, enrolled her in dance classes at 2. However, she had spinal surgery at 11, so she tried acting.

Pomarolli received her bachelor's degree in musical theater from the University of Michigan, and additional training at the Stella Adier Conservatory in New York.

She has appeared on "The Tonight Show" more than 25 times, as well as "Port Charles," "The young and the

Restless," "All My Children," "General Hospital," "Operation: Style," "Ned & Stacy," "Don't Forget," and "Is It Written." She has starred in more than 75 theater productions.

"I need to be validated, so I like it when people tell me I'm funny. I think actors and comedians, we're just insecure," she said. "There's not a lot of women comics, and there's not a lot of clean woman comics, so I fill the void. To me, clean comedy really means all ages... I can walk up to a pulpit in a church and do the same act I do in a club. To me, that's clean comedy."

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