

# Shin Eun-kyung

Shin Eun-kyung (b. February 15, 1973) made her television debut in 1986 on KBS TV. Throughout the late eighties and early nineties she acted in a great number of TV dramas and films, garnering fame for her warm screen presence. In 1997, however, she took on her most daring role as a prostitute in veteran director Im Kwon-taek's *Downfallen*. The film was a box-office success, leading her to star status.



## Partial filmography:

1. [Quiz King](#) (2005)
2. [Wedding Campaign](#) (2005)
3. [Bystanders](#) (2005)
4. [Blue](#) (2003)
5. [My Wife is a Gangster 2](#) (2003)
6. [Perfect Match, A](#) (2002)
7. [My Wife is a Gangster](#) (2001)
8. [Out of Justice - Gegen jedes Gesetz](#) (2001)
9. [Uzumaki](#) (2000)
10. [Mystery of a Cube, The](#) (1999)
11. [Ring](#) (1999)
12. [Downfall](#) (1997)
13. [Chang](#) (1997)
14. [Young Man, The](#) (1994)
15. [Love in the Rain](#) (1994)
16. [Lover on the Bicycle, The](#) (1991)
17. [Life Isn't a Multiple Choice Test](#) (1991)
18. [This Is the Beginning of Love](#) (1990)



In 1999 she starred in two films, including the Korean-Japanese coproduction of *The Ring Virus*, based on the novel by Suzuki Kozi. Her success in this role led to her being cast in a small role for a Japanese film, *Uzumaki*, directed by a man who calls himself Mr. Higuchinsky. Around this time Shin was also working as an MC for a television game show.



In 2002 Shin starred in her most famous role as a female gang boss in *My Wife is a Gangster*. The film drew more than 5 million spectators and became a strong hit throughout Asia. This would eventually lead to the far-less successful sequel *My Wife Is a Gangster 2*, in which her character gets hit in the head, suffers from amnesia, and gets a job in a Chinese restaurant. Other roles Shin starred in around this time were as a detective in *Out of Justice*, as a "couple manager" in the romantic comedy *A Perfect Match*, and as a naval officer in the box office bomb *Blue*.

Shin was married in 2004 and subsequently had a baby. She returned to acting in 2005, and is currently scheduled to appear in three upcoming films.