

## **BRAGA, SONIA (1950– )**

Nominated for a Golden Globe award for best supporting actress for *Kiss of the Spider Woman* (1986), and for another for *Moon Over Parador* (1989), Sonia Braga has produced outstanding work in film, television and on the stage. She was born in Paraná, Brazil and as a young woman worked to support her mother and six siblings. At eighteen she appeared in the nude onstage in *Hair* causing a scandal, but that did not hinder her developing talent. She played lead roles in Brazilian soap operas and films, becoming an international sensation in *Dona Flor e seus dois maridos*. Crossing over to American films, Braga played the mother in *Angel Eyes* which starred another Latina performer, Jennifer López. Not afraid of taking risks, Braga played a lesbian in several episodes of *Sex and the City*, and an activist in *The Milagro Beanfield War*. In all, Braga has produced two films and appeared in more than twenty-five films and nineteen television series.